



GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL  
**Ordinances & Administration Committee**  
Monday, June 2, 2014 – 6:00 p.m.  
**1<sup>st</sup> Fl. Council Committee Room – City Hall**  
**AGENDA**

(Items May be taken out of order at the discretion of the Committee)

**1. Continued Business:**

- A) CC2014-016 (Whynott) Whether the City Council should vote to consolidate the polling places for Wards 3 and 5 (Cont'd from 05/19/14)
- B) CC2014-017 (Verga/Cox) Request the O&A Standing Committee review an ordinance for Council Enactment re: that the City shall lease no property or structure unless funding is approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> Majority of the members of the City Council (Cont'd from 05/19/14)
- C) CC2014-018 (Cox) Amend GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-270 “Parking prohibited at all times” and Sec. 22-291 “Tow-away zones re: Fire Department Personnel Parking (Cont'd from 05/05/14)
- D) CC2041-021 (Hardy) Amend GCO Chapter 22, Sec. 22-269 “Stop intersections” re: intersection of River Road and Leonard Street (Cont'd from 05/19/14)
- E) CC0214-022 (Verga/Lundberg/LeBlanc) Amend GCO Chapter 15, by Deleting Sections 15-15 and 15-16 and Adding new Sections 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3 creating a Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee

COMMITTEE

**Councilor Robert Whynott, Chair**  
**Councilor Sefatia Theken, Vice Chair**  
**Councilor Jacqueline Hardy**

Back-up and Supporting Documentation all on file at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall

CC: Mayor Carolyn Kirk  
Linda T. Lowe  
Suzanne Egan  
Chief Leonard Campanello  
Robert Ryan/Larry Ingersoll  
Bill Sanborn

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2014**

**CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

**ORDER:** CC#2014-016  
**COUNCILLOR:** Robert Whynott, Paul McGeary

**DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL:** 04/22/14  
**REFERRED TO:** O&A & Board of Registrars  
**FOR COUNCIL VOTE:**

**ORDERED** that the City Council pursuant to MGL c.54 §24 should vote to consolidate the polling places for Ward 3 precincts 1 and 2 and Ward 5 precincts 1 and 2 to a single polling place located at the Gloucester High School Fieldhouse located on Leslie O. Johnson Road to become effective beginning with the State Primary Election to be held on September 9, 2014; and further

**ORDERED** that this matter shall be referred to Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee for review and recommendation, and to the Board of Registrars for recommendation.

Robert Whynott  
Councillor at Large

Paul McGeary  
Ward 1 Councillor



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**INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

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**TO:** COUNCILOR BOB WHYNOTT, CHAIRMAN, ORDINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE  
**FROM:** MICHAEL B. HALE, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS  
**SUBJECT:** PROPOSED PARKING AT WEST GLOUCESTER WATER TREATMENT PLANT, 372  
MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
**DATE:** MAY 20, 2014  
**CC:**

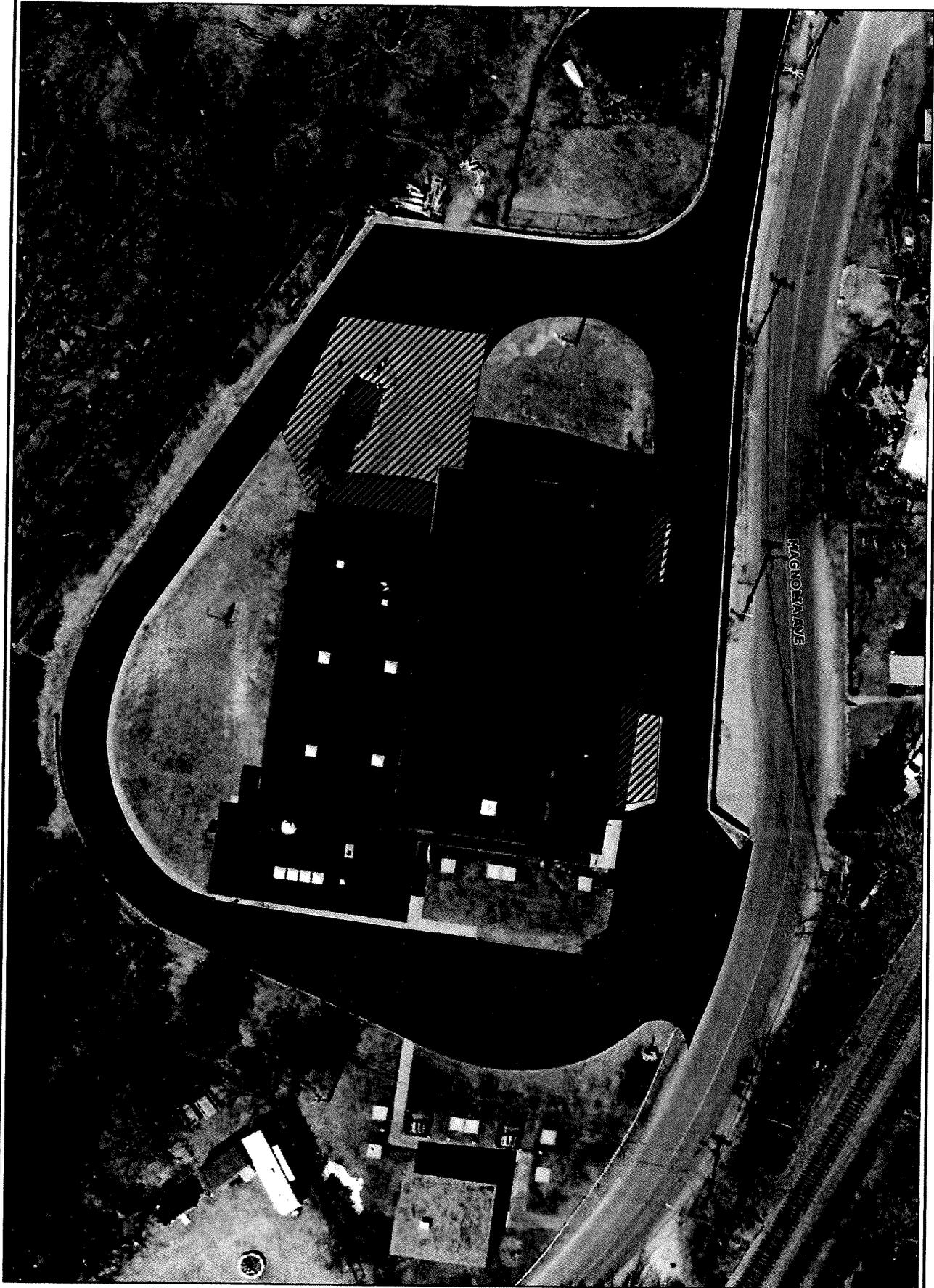
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Chairman Whynott:

The Department of Public Works has been asked to review a parking proposal related to moving the voting location of Ward 5-2 to Wellspring House on 302 Essex Avenue. Specifically, Public Works has been asked whether the West Gloucester Water Treatment Plant at 372 Magnolia Avenue could support parking during voting at the neighboring Wellspring House. The water plant has critical infrastructure (sedimentation chambers) buried under the paved surface area on the southerly side of the building. This area is restricted from parking at all times to visitors and employees. The facility has two loading zones that also need to be kept clear of parked vehicles at all times. The remaining paved surfaces at the facility are fire lanes or egresses that too need to be clear of parked vehicles. Unfortunately, this property can only support parking for staff and deliveries.

Should you have any questions relating to this issue, please feel free to contact my office.

# West Gloucester Water Treatment Plant



## Legend

-  Loading Zone
-  No Parking Zone

0 50 100 Feet

1 inch = 33 feet



**RE: Possible Ward 5 Polling Consolidation/Move to different venues**

Leonard Campanello

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 7:44 PM

**To:** Dana Jorgensson

O&A Committee Councilors,

As requested, I am responding to the query regarding Ward 5 Polling. From a Police perspective I will answer the questions posed. I know that Bob Ryan has also offered an opinion and, as always, his wisdom in these matters is best heeded.

1. There are always hazards whenever there are pedestrians interacting with motor vehicle traffic and it is enhanced by unexpected traffic such as a poll day. The Wellspring location offers the lesser hazard of the two options. To echo Mr. Ryan, quite simply it is more visible and has better entry and egress options, which is where the majority of hazardous traffic would likely occur.
2. I believe the parking and Wellspring and the adjacent area to be adequate for the amount of persons mentioned, considering that is a fluid number and voting generally takes less than ten minutes.
3. Weather conditions would affect ANY location and does not impact the hazard at a particular location either way. However, visibility is always a concern in weather and Wellspring, as stated above, is the more visible location.

If you should require further information please let me know.

Respectfully,

Leonard Campanello

*Chief of Police*

*City of Gloucester, MA*

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**From:** Dana Jorgensson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 4:56 PM  
**To:** Leonard Campanello  
**Subject:** FW: Possible Ward 5 Polling Consolidation/Move to different venues

For you.

*Dana C. Jorgensson*

*Clerk of Committees*

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**From:** Ryan Robert [RyanR@cantran.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 28, 2014 3:53 PM  
**To:** Dana Jorgensson; Leonard Campanello  
**Cc:** Robert Whynot; Sefatia Theken; SROME0@nhs-healthlink.org; William Fonvielle; Linda Lowe  
**Subject:** RE: Possible Ward 5 Polling Consolidation/Move to different venues

To All:

With respect to Ward 5 Polling Consolidation, the following are my suggestions, opinions and recommendations:

1. Of the two proposed alternate polling sites, I prefer **Wellspring House** at 302 Essex Avenue for the following reasons. First, it has the best visibility, and it is the **safer** of the two locations to **enter and exit**; secondly, the parking is adequate. The entrance lot can accommodate at least 8-10 vehicles, the front area, between the House and Water Treatment plant 6-8 vehicles, and it has on street parking for at least an additional 10-12 vehicles. The Wellspring House, in my opinion, has as much parking available as East Gloucester School where 1-1 voting takes place. Lastly, the Wellspring House is well know and is in **proximity** of the West Parish polling venue.
2. As I stated above, parking is adequate and Wellspring House is the better choice of the two venues. I would further suggest that perhaps, the poll workers be assigned parking on **Magnolia Avenue**, the westerly side, at its intersection with Essex Avenue.
3. Again, I choose Wellspring House because of its **visibility** and its location sitting back off of Essex Avenue.
4. I would strongly recommend that there be **Police** presence during polling hours, and perhaps, two **electronic signs** be placed on Rt.133 in the easterly and westerly direction reading: **Go Slow – Voting Poll Ahead**.

Lastly, I would like to state that if the polling venue is east of the Blynman Bridge then I would venture to say that

not even half of the 1,800 voters would participate in voting in either the Primary or in November's election as it would be an inconvenience. That is to say that it would be out of the way, consume more fuel and contribute more to air pollution.

Respectfully,

Bob

Robert B. Ryan

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**From:** Dana Jorgensson [mailto:[DJorgensson@gloucester-ma.gov](mailto:DJorgensson@gloucester-ma.gov)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 20, 2014 9:39 AM  
**To:** Leonard Campanello; Ryan Robert  
**Cc:** Robert Whycott; Sefatia Theken; [SROME0@nhs-healthlink.org](mailto:SROME0@nhs-healthlink.org); William Fonvielle; Linda Lowe  
**Subject:** Possible Ward 5 Polling Consolidation/Move to different venues

Gentlemen: At last evening's O&A Committee meeting during the discussion on the above, two proposed alternative polling sites to West Parish School are under consideration - Wellspring House's property at 302 Essex Avenue and the Trinitarian Congregational Church at 488 Essex Avenue. The Committee asked that you kindly respond to the following concerns in writing to be submitted by May 29 in order that the Committee can take your opinions under consideration at their June 2, 2014 meeting.

The questions relate directly to the days designated for voting - a primary in September and a general election date on the first Tuesday in November. This means that poll workers are at the polls starting at 5:45 p.m. and depart the polling locations about 10 p.m. In addition the voting public amounts to at least several hundred vehicles a day:

- 1) Do you consider the locations a hazard to voter pedestrian traffic day and night;
- 2) Is parking adequate for the eight poll workers and as many as 1,800 persons voting;
- 3) What about under adverse weather conditions re: rain, sleet, low visibility due to fog, etc.

Thank you.

*Dana C. Jorgenson*

*Clerk of Committees*

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## CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2014 CITY COUNCIL ORDER

**ORDER:** CC#2014-017  
**COUNCILLORS:** Greg Verga, Melissa Cox

**DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL:** 04/22/14  
**REFERRED TO:** O&A  
**FOR COUNCIL VOTE:**

**ORDERED** that the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee review an ordinance for council enactment providing substantially as follows:

The City shall lease no property or structure unless the funding for that lease is expressly approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the membership of the City Council; and further

**ORDERED** that this matter shall be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee for review and recommendation.

Greg Verga  
Councillor at Large

Melissa Cox  
Ward 2 Councillor

Amend GCO Sec. 2-52 as follows:

~~DELETE Sec. 2-52. Signing or approval of contracts, deeds, etc. [permanent link to this piece of content](#)~~

All agreements, contracts, deeds, indentures, instruments or leases that may be given or required to be executed by the city shall be signed or approved by the mayor and sealed with the seal of the city.

(Code 1970, § 2-92)

and REPLACE it with:

Sec. 2-52. Signing or approval of contracts, deeds, etc. [permanent link to this piece of content](#)

- (a) All agreements, contracts, deeds, indentures, instruments or leases that may be given or required to be executed by the city shall be signed or approved by the mayor and sealed with the seal of the city.
- (b) The council shall be notified in writing ~~Whenever~~ a request for proposals for a lease with a term which exceeds more than three years or the total cost is the city enters into negotiations for a lease of property the term of which shall be for more than three years or the total cost of which to the city is expected to exceed \$250,000, is issued. ~~The Mayor shall inform the Council in writing that the lease negotiations have been entered upon.~~
- (c) The notification shall conform to the requirements of the state Open Meeting Law. The Council may request additional detail in an executive session meeting as provided for in the state law.
- (d) ~~In the event the~~ that lease must be concluded before the Mayor is able to notify the Council ~~before the conclusion of lease terms~~ as provided in paragraph (b) above, the Mayor shall notify the Council as soon as possible of the lease agreement including a statement outlining the exigent circumstances that prevented notification of the Council as outlined in paragraph (b) above..

(Code 1970, § 2-92)



## CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2014

### CITY COUNCIL ORDER

<b>ORDER:</b>	<b>CC#2014-018</b>
<b>COUNCILLOR:</b>	<b>Melissa Cox, Sefatia Romeo Theken</b>

<b>DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL:</b>	<b>04/22/14</b>
<b>REFERRED TO:</b>	<b>O&amp;A &amp; TC</b>
<b>FOR COUNCIL VOTE:</b>	

**ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" be amended by **ADDING** School Street, westerly side, from a point 95' from its intersection with Middle Street for a distance of 40' in a northerly direction. (Removing Meters 1 & 2 and sign to read "No Parking - Fire Personnel Only"); and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" be amended by **ADDING** School Street, westerly side, from a point 95' from its intersection with Middle Street for a distance of 40' in a northerly direction. (Just before driveway to Trinity Church); and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" be amended by **ADDING** Proctor Street, southerly side, from a point 20' from its intersection with School Street for a distance of 40' in a westerly direction. (Sign to read "No Parking - Fire Personnel Only"); and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" be amended by **ADDING** Proctor Street, southerly side, from a point 20' from its intersection with School Street for a distance of 40' in a westerly direction. (Just before driveway at rear of Station); and further

**ORDERED** that this matter be referred to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendation, and to the Ordinances and Administration Committee for review and recommendation.

Melissa Cox  
Ward 2 Councillor

Sefatia Romeo Theken  
Councillor at Large



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2014  
CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

**ORDER: CC#2014-021**

**COUNCILLOR: Jackie Hardy**

**DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 05/13/14**  
**REFERRED TO: O&A & TC**  
**FOR COUNCIL VOTE:**

**ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Sec. 22-269 entitled "Stop intersections" be amended by **ADDING** a stop sign at the intersection of River Road and Leonard Street; and further

**ORDERED** that this matter be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Committee and to the Traffic Commission for review and recommendation.

Jackie Hardy  
Ward 4 Councillor



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2014  
CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

**ORDER:** CC#2014-022  
**COUNCILLOR:** Greg Verga, Paul Lundberg,  
Steve LeBlanc

**DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL:** 05/13/14  
**REFERRED TO:** O&A & P&D  
**FOR COUNCIL VOTE:**

**ORDERED** that the City Council amend the Code of Ordinances Chapter 15 "Parks and Recreation" by **DELETING** sections 15-15 and 15-16 concerning the Recreation Committee and by **ADDING** new sections 15-1, 15-2 and 15-3 creating a Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee as follows:

**Sec. 15-1. Stage Fort Park Committee – Purpose.**

(a) In recognition of the continuing need for oversight in the city's ownership, operation, and maintenance of Stage Fort park so its full recreational utilization can be sustainably realized and its integrity as a natural resource for the entire community can be fully protected, the Stage Fort park Advisory Committee is established.

(b) The committee shall undertake but not be limited to the following activities:

- (1) Recommend an overall and coordinated program for the use of the recreational and other facilities at Stage Fort Park that balances the needs of all parties seeking to use the Park.
- (2) Review and make recommendations upon plans for proposed maintenance or capital improvements to any of the facilities or property contained within the park and to provide advisory oversight to the execution of such plans.
- (3) Recommend programs and activities which can generate revenue streams that can be dedicated to the maintenance or improvement of the property or facilities within the Park.

**Sec. 15.2. Composition; requirements; tenure.**

(a) The Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee shall consist of \_\_\_\_ members; one of whom shall be the DPW Director or his designee; one of whom shall be a City Councillor appointed by the Council President. The remaining members shall be residents of the City who shall be appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Council under the City Charter to term of three years. One of the members shall be a resident of the neighborhood abutting the park. The other members shall represent the interest of recreation, sports, gardening, landscaping, and coastal environment protection.

**Sec. 15.2. Assistance of city officials, boards, and employees.**

The Committee shall receive regular support from the Dept. of Public Works, the Open Space and Recreation Committee, and the Conservation Commission staff, as well as other support as needed.

**FURTHER ORDERED** that this matter shall be referred to the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee and the Planning and Development Standing Committee for review and recommendations.

**Greg Verga  
Councillor at Large**

**Paul Lundberg  
Councillor at Large**

**Steve LeBlanc  
Ward 3 Councillor**

**MOTION: On motion by Councilor Lundberg, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Planning & Development Committee voted 2 in favor, 0 opposed 1 (LeBlanc) absent, to recommend that the City Council grant Energy North Inc. a License of Flammable and Combustible Liquids, Flammable Gases and Solids for the property at 73 Essex Avenue for the storage of 26,000 gallons of Combustible Liquids. Said applicant shall pay for the cost of advertising for public hearing and postage for legal notices to all abutters in accordance with Sec. 8-1 of the Code of Ordinances.**

This matter will be advertised for public hearing.

4. *CC2014-022(Verga/Lundberg/LeBlanc) Amend GCO Chapter 15, by deleting Sections 15-15 and 15-16 and adding new Sections 15-1, 15-2, and 15-3 creating a Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee*

**Councilor Verga** said Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee was a Council Order put forward by the Planning & Development Committee with the goal to set something up like the Magnolia Woods Oversight & Advisory Committee. The question before the Committee is what they want to have for membership. This matter was also on the O&A's agenda on Monday, and he requested a continuance because &D wanted to take this up also. There are also interested parties here who would be a fit for the membership. **Councilor Verga** asked for some information from **George Roark** and **David Dow** from the Friends of Stage Fort Park and **Steve Kaity** from the Rotary Club to speak briefly what their thoughts are on the Committee.

**George Roark**, 15 Beauport Avenue, Gloucester said he thought to have this Committee is a way to have the people affiliated with the park directly or indirectly down there to have input as far as maintenance to the park and improvements to the park going forward. There are numerous people involved, besides the Friends of Stage Fort Park, the Dog Park, and listed the other groups.

**Steve Kaity**, 5 Viking Street he is in agreement with **Mr. Roark** that there are numerous entities, stakeholders, and volunteers that have raised a lot of money. The Rotary Club just donated the money to redo the railings on the Gazebo, which they have been the stewards of for the past 20 years, along with the playground. Mr. Kaity said that it would make sense to him to gather some of the stakeholders, hopefully come up with the master plan and not just for one area. With an overall plan, he thought the synergy between all of the stakeholders would be amazing and they could really get things done. **Councilor Lundberg** commented that when they talked about this in previous sessions, they have been honored by the energetic presence of a lot of different groups and what **Mr. Kaity** said is a great goal but sense of ownership to the park and making it better and help not only with the current maintenance and be advocates for that but also have some kind of master plan as it is a unique facility, have everyone come together and make them work together is a noble goal, and we should support them as much as we can. **Councilor Verga** said that we have a goal line that could be used, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and we should strive for that.

**Councilor LeBlanc** said he would like to see this start sooner than later. Why wait until we are up against that goal line? **Mr. Roark** said he would like to mention a couple of other key people who he forgot to mention are David Benjamin, who has been involved in the Bandstand for thirty years, and Bob Ryan regarding Cressy Beach. **Tom Daniel**, Community Development Director reiterated what he said previously in that whatever is done it is important to look at sustainability, the funding mechanism and strategy and that can be a year term maintenance things as well as a longer term maintenance piece. It is critical that this goes hand and hand. He thought it was tremendous of the amount of care, enthusiasm, and dedication everyone here and others have for the park. Facilitating the work of a committee, generally a committee works better when there is a connection to staff, but that is work that needs to be sorted through in terms of asking the DPW to take on that role as well. Having stakeholders engaged is really valuable, looking at the funding strategies and mechanism and organizational structure and internally the connection back to the City needs to be looked at as well.

**Councilor Lundberg** agreed with **Mr. Daniel** but he said it is important not to let those concerns get in the way of the vision. The fact is that along of people in Gloucester had a vision for Newell Stadium and that was accomplished. **Councilor Lundberg** would like to get the vision up first and see what it takes and it does not necessary need to be just the City's budget. It could be a public/private partnership that worked so well with Newell Stadium. **Mr. Daniel** wanted to be clear that he is not saying no, but wanted to make sure of having a mechanism that you can be sure you can implement.

**Councilor Verga** said that we have roughly nine years to reach the goal line. We need to work backwards in terms of everyone throws out the ideas of what they want for the ultimate. Instead of just saying, well we will be lucky if we maintain it, so let's not plan it. We need to say instead what do we need to do to get to this and it becomes a public/private partnership because the City financially, even if everyone was on board, cannot pump millions of dollars into it. If we have a plan, we have a number to reach the plan, He reiterated that it is just a means

of getting all of the stakeholders together, coming up with a vision and working with the City on a major goal, which we are looking at in roughly nine years. **Councilor Verga** said this ordinance needs to be referred back to O&A for finalization. What they need to be clear on is that a Chair and Vice Chair be elected members from non-staff. The Planning & Development subcommittee recommendation to O&A is that Board is not to exceed nine members and with the possibility of up to two alternate members. Entities that should be considered and not limited to the Little League, Rotary Club, Garden Park, Dog Park, Farmer's Market, Friends of Stage Fort Park, representative from the DPW, representative from Community Development, City Council Member appointed by the President, At Large members appointed from the community, and possibility of up to two alternate members.

**Councilor Verga** requested information on whether there still existed an organized bandstand group or committee.

*7. Memorandum from Community Development Director re: Fuller Site dated May 5, 2014*

**Councilor Verga** said he pulled the memorandum from the consent agenda to have a discussion on where exactly the city is going with Fuller site, and try to bring it into the public eye before it becomes a finished product. **Tom Daniel, Community Development Director** said the purpose of the memorandum was just an update. He proceeded to explain the Land Disposition process and gave the standing committee an estimated timeline. **Mr. Daniel** said that part of land at the Fuller site is Land Court, and they are getting a survey done so that they can get a legal description from the Land Court. He said that they survey will not be done until July.

There was a discussion between **Councilor Lundberg** and **Mr. Daniel** regarding Land Disposition Process and the Response Time Analysis and what the outcomes would be if the public safety center is not feasible at the Fuller Site. There was a discussion between **Councilor Lundberg** with Planning Director, **Gregg Cademartori** regarding the Gloucester Crossing Development phases and the easements.

There was a discussion between **Councilor LeBlanc** and **Mr. Daniel** regarding the Land Disposition Committee process after they review the additional information requested from the YMCA and the public safety analysis. There was a discussion regarding municipal offices at the Fuller site. **Councilor Verga** said he will not support selling the building at all. However, he said if we are going to sell it, why are we limiting our options to (1) nonprofit and why are they given special treatment? (2) If the Fuller site is going to be sold, why not to the highest bidder? (3) Why are we even considering a lease back of our property? **Councilor Verga** asked **Mr. Daniel** why the City didn't have a master plan. Even if the municipal offices at City Hall are kept, we spend about \$600,000 a year for rental of three locations and now we are talking about selling off a piece of property, and didn't see the logic to that.

**Councilor Verga** continued to say why wasn't there a master plan to see what is needed, and what the City's desires to see, instead of asking what someone else's desires are. He said that the taxpayers should be considered first. The city is leasing a school because the Fuller School was purposely allowed to fall into disrepair so that it is no longer usable, and along with a second lease for the School's Administration Department. He pointed out that when he was Chairman of the School Committee they were talking about this and seven years later, it is still being talking about with no answers in the offing. He said that he pulled this off the consent agenda, because the YMCA is given more input than the City Council at this point, which was very concerning. He wanted to know what the plan is to get this out to the public realm before the consultant's report telling the public about the finished project. Why let the YMCA go to that extent and have the Council vote it down, why don't we talk about it and why aren't we talking about options for our use? Why is there not a movement to look at how we can do this to get city offices out of Pond Road, to get out the former Charter School, and not be in the poor position where a former catholic school must be leased while a public school is renovated? **Mr. Daniel** reiterated that the YMCA submitted a request, and the Administration has to respond, and that is why they are going through this process now. The public safety center is on its own track. In terms of the City Hall/municipal operations and offices, he didn't know what that looked like as the facilities plan was done several years ago. **Councilor Verga** interjected that when the Mass Development Plan was put forward, a municipal option wasn't even considered. They considered the YMCA option only. **Mr. Daniel** said the regarding the municipal offices and spaces, the square footage that would be needed and what offices would be where, that work that needs to be done in knowing what that number is and what it looks like. **Councilor Verga** responded that the report that was done six years ago and **Mr. Daniel** responded that the report needed to be updated. At the end of the Land Disposition process from the YMCA's request, they make a recommendation to the Mayor on what would need to be retained. First and foremost is the public safety center, the other piece is some configuration of City Hall. **Councilor Verga** told **Mr. Daniel** if no one is looking at the municipal piece, what does the Land Disposition Committee have to consider other than the YMCA and the safety center? **Councilor Verga**

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER  
TRAFFIC COMMISSION**

CITY CLERK  
GLOUCESTER, MA  
14 MAY 23 AM 8:55

**A meeting was held on Thursday May 22nd, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.  
in the third floor Conference Room  
at Gloucester City Hall**

**The meeting was opened at 6:02 p.m. by Chairman Robert Ryan. Also attending were members Anthony Bertolino, Larry Ingersoll, Robert Francis, Fire Chief Eric Smith, Evan Moses and Dimitra Lavrakas.**

***AGENDA***

*The minutes from our previous meeting (3-27-14) were approved and accepted.*

**ORDER #CC2014-018 (Councilors Cox & Theken) ORDERED** that the Gloucester Code of Ordinances Chapter 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" be amended by **ADDING** School Street, westerly side, from a point 95' from its intersection with Middle Street for a distance of 40' in a northerly direction. (Removing Meters 1 & 2 and sign to read "No Parking - Fire Personnel Only"); and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" be amended by **ADDING** School Street, westerly side, from a point 95' from its intersection with Middle Street for a distance of 40' in a northerly direction. (Just before driveway to Trinity Church); and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-270 "Parking prohibited at all times" be amended by **ADDING** Proctor Street, southerly side, from a point 20' from its intersection with School Street for a distance of 40' in a westerly direction. (Sign to read "No Parking - Fire Personnel Only"); and further

**ORDERED** that Sec. 22-291 "Tow-away zones" be amended by **ADDING** Proctor Street, southerly side, from a point 20' from its intersection with School Street for a distance of 40' in a westerly direction. (Just before driveway at rear of Station).

*After a discussion, a MOTION was made seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. Suggested signage to read 'Reserved for Fire Dept. Only - Tow Zone'.*

*A MOTION was also made, seconded and PASSED to RECOMEND that a line in Sec. 22-278 (Same-Between Certain Hours) be deleted that refers to two parking spaces on Proctor Street being set aside for exclusive use of the Fire Department from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.*

*The TC learned that the Library lot is 'owned' by the Trustees and they oversee its operation. The TC feels that the Library should be able to work with the Fire Department to allow some use of space in their lot. The Fire Department currently pays for some spaces in the Trinity Church lot for employee parking.*

**ORDER #CC2014-021 (Councilor Hardy)** Ordered that the GCO Ch. 22 Sec. 22-269 (Stop Intersections) be amended by ADDING:

Stop sign at the intersection of River Road and Leonard Street

*After a discussion, a MOTION was made, seconded and PASSED to APPROVE the order. Sign should be placed on the northeast corner of River Road at its intersection with Leonard Street.*

For informational purposes, the City Council has deleted the following handicapped parking spaces:

Pine Street in front of #20

Milliet Street between #32 and #34

*Although not on the Agenda, the TC allowed Evan Moses to speak about his petition requesting speed bumps on Friend Street. He read the wording on his petition (that has 130 names listed) which also requests speed limit signs be placed on the street. The TC has previously done a speed study on Friend Street and will obtain the results to share with Mr. Moses. It was explained that normal procedure for TC recommendation is to go through the ward councilor, who submits an order to the council which then refers it out to the TC and the O&A Committee. Historically, speed bumps have been discussed before and it was understood they were prohibited on public ways. The DPW Director was asked to research the actual wording and get back to the TC. The TC spoke to Evan at length and he explained that he also has looked into the use of 'humps' instead of 'bumps' which generally cross the width of the road. He has also researched removable speed bumps that can be removed during bad weather.*

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.**

**ROBERT B. RYAN, Chairman**

**LARRY INGERSOLL, Secretary**