

Mr. Gustaferra said that the Senior Center roof is in very poor shape. He expressed his concern that the roof needs to be replaced as soon as possible to prevent any further damage to the facility. He also said the Friends of the Council on Aging have contributed generously to improve the facility to provide many of the amenities enjoyed by the seniors who use it. He noted that the city recently purchased a new dishwasher for the senior center's kitchen.

Both **Councilor Stewart** and **Councilor Ciolino** said this Council wants to do better in maintaining the senior center building along with other city facilities.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to reappoint Fred Cowan to the Council on Aging, TTE 02/14/18.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to reappoint Barry McKay to the Council on Aging, TTE 02/14/18.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to reappoint Jay Gustaferra to the Council on Aging, TTE 02/14/18.

The Committee acknowledged Lee Harty's 26 years as a volunteer member of the Council on Aging who had recently submitted her letter of resignation. **Mr. Destino** remarked that a commendation would be forthcoming from the Mayor's Office for Ms. Harty's years of service on behalf of the city's seniors. The Committee asked that a letter commending Ms. Harty's years of service on the Council for Aging be forwarded on the Council's behalf.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept the withdrawal by the Mayor of the reappointment of Lee Harty to the Council on Aging.

Councilor Verga commented that it will be interesting to see what the next census reveals in terms of the number of the city's senior population. He suggested that with the aging of the baby boomers, there would be an even greater need for the city's senior center services, and that an expansion not only of their programs but of the facility may need to be considered.

Downtown Development Commission Suzanne Silveira TTE 02/14/18 (Cont'd from 03/02 to 05/04)

Open Space & Recreation Committee Patricia Amaral, TTE 02/14/18 (Cont'd to 05/04)
Noel Mann, TTE 02/14/18 (Cont'd from 03/02)

Ms. Mann discussed with the Committee her desire to continue to volunteer with the Open Space & Recreation Committee and offered several insights on the recent efforts work of the Committee.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to reappoint Noel Mann to the Open Space & Recreation Committee, TTE 02/14/18.

Tourism Commission Pauline Bresnahan, Paul Frontiero TTE 02/14/18 (Cont'd from 03/02)

Ms. Bresnahan briefly described for the Committee some of the outreach efforts the Tourism Commission is in the midst of developing to further the branding of the city and to attract that many more tourists to the city not only during the summer season but on a year round basis. She and **Mr. Frontiero** also highlighted the Commission's work on developing a five-year plan and indicated their enthusiasm for continuing to serve as members of the Commission.

Councilor Ciolino endorsed Ms. Bresnahan's and Mr. Frontiero's reappointment as did **Councilor Verga** who said that the Tourism Commission, as these two reappointees show, is doing a great job.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to reappoint Pauline Bresnahan to the Tourism Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to reappoint Paul Frontiero to the Tourism Commission, TTE 02/14/18.

Traffic Commission Robert Francis TTE 02/14/18 (Cont'd from 03/02 to 05/04)

Zoning Board of Appeals Michael Nimon TTE 02/14/18 (Cont'd from 03/16)

Mr. Nimon said he was pleased to be able to continue to volunteer on the Zoning Board of Appeals finding the work to be very rewarding. He noted that Councilor Stewart was a mentor of his during the Councilor's tenure on the ZBA. He and **Councilor Stewart** briefly discussed possible improvements on the Zoning Ordinance.

Councilor Ciolino said that the ZBA is one of those city boards that can be intimidating to applicants and asked that Mr. Nimon be mindful of that fact, and try to make the process seem less daunting and more user-friendly. **Mr. Nimon** said that the Board is very good to work with and enjoys his commitment to the Board. When someone needs aid and empathy it is provided by the Board, he said, and that there was an encouraging and helpful atmosphere about the ZBA. **Councilor Whynott** added that he knew the work of the Board well. **Councilor Stewart** also added that the Chair, Mr. Movalli runs a very fair meeting. He also said that when he had been a member of the ZBA, the Board gave applicants a great deal of leeway when it was warranted. **Mr. Nimon** said that he takes his position on the ZBA very seriously, and thinks carefully about the responsibility that membership on the Board entails.

Councilor Verga advised that the P&D Committee is looking to get some outside assistance to undertake a review of the city's Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to reappoint Michael Nimon to the Zoning Board of Appeals, TTE 02/14/18.

New Appointment:

Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee Steve Kaity, David Benjamin, Louise Grindrod TTE 02/14/18

Mr. Benjamin said that he has had abiding interest in Stage Fort Park and wanted to see that the park is improved and maintained as a city asset. He said that there is an active, interested group to ensure the improvement and preservation of Stage Fort Park.

Mr. Kaity said that as he is a member of the Gloucester Rotary Club, a service organization who has invested its funds and members' volunteer efforts to the improvement and maintenance of Stage Fort Park. He said the new Committee being formed is about development of a continuing maintenance plan, and with the 400th anniversary of the city in eight years knowing that many activities will be held at the park, the Committee and the city needs to focus on this important public space.

Councilor Ciolino recalled that he had helped push for the establishment of the Stage Fort Park Committee. He said this is about setting up a five-year plan, and spoke about the need to renovate the bathrooms at the Visitors Center, suggesting there was a city funding source available to do the job. He also said that the Council would back suggestions from the Stage Fort Park Committee for the park's improvement. He, too, noted that the Rotary Club has spent a good deal of money and effort for the park's improvement and said that organization would continue to do so.

Mr. Destino said that Mike Hale, DPW Director, or his designee and a City Councilor are also a part of the Committee and by ordinance are voting members. He noted that there have been very few letters of interest sent to the Mayor's office. He also discussed with the Committee other possible members to come forward.

Councilor Verga said the annual Cyclo-Cross event held at Stage Fort Park highlighted some of the issues facing the park. He said P&D intended that the Stage Fort Park Committee would think big and then work back from that vision to seek funding through the city and through grants to make that vision a reality. He, too, highlighted the upcoming 400th anniversary of the city as a precipitating factor for the park's improvement.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Steven Kaity to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/18.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint David Benjamin to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee, TTE 02/14/18.

Councilor Stewart advised that the Mayor has requested the withdrawal of Ms. Grindrod's name for appointment to the SFPAC at Ms. Grindrod's request. **Mr. Destino** said that the Council should expect the name of another member of the Dog Park board to be put forward for membership in the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee soon. He also said that the Gloucester Dog Park will become a city committee rather than be an independent organization in order for the Dog Park to come under the umbrella of the city's liability insurance. He said the Administration would forward a request to the Council shortly on the matter.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept the withdrawal by the Mayor of the reappointment of Louise Grindrod to the Stage Fort Park Advisory Committee.

- 2. Development of an advisory ballot question under City Charter Sec. 9-7 for the November 2015 election as to whether the city should discontinue fluoridation of its public water supply and that whether under City Charter Sec. 9-7 the Council should submit a Home Rule Petition to the State Legislature for a Special Act authorizing the discontinuance of fluoridation notwithstanding MGL c.111, §8C (Cont'd from 03/02/15)*

Councilor Stewart said that the draft language of a non-binding advisory ballot question regarding fluoridation of the city's public water supply in the agenda is not the draft language that the Committee started with. He said **Councilor Whynott** has proposed draft language as follows: "Shall the City Council request the city's legislative delegation to file a Home Rule Petition allowing the City of Gloucester to exempt the city from the requirement of fluoridation of the city's public water supply for domestic use."

Councilor Whynott said he would rather remove the word "domestic" from the draft language as it was restrictive and the Committee agreed to remove the word.

Tracey Ritchie, 47 River Road, noting MGL Chapter 111, §8C, said she had emailed the Committee suggested draft language for a non-binding advisory ballot question regarding whether the city should continue to fluoridate its public water supply which she touted as a simpler version and suggested that gives voters a simple yes or no question. **Councilor Stewart** said that the with Committee's proposed language that a no vote would say that the Council shouldn't request the legislative delegation to introduce a Home Rule Petition, and that stopping fluoridation of the city's public water supply can't be accomplished without a Home Rule Petition. **Ms. Ritchie** indicated her understanding but urged that the language regarding a Home Rule Petition be excluded from the draft language and that if the voters' advice that they want the public water supply to not continue to be fluoridated then the Council would vote to initiate a Home Rule Petition. **Councilor Whynott** said the city doesn't have the authority to stop fluoridation of its public water supply, and it can only be done through a Home Rule Petition.

Ms. Lowe said that MGL Chapter 111, §8C which Ms. Ritchie referred to is only if there is no fluoride in the public water supply and the city wished to initiate that process which is not the case with Gloucester so that it would be incorrect to make any reference to that General Law. She also said if the Council didn't put in language advising voters that it is an advisory question may not discern the nature of the question. She said the language offered now by the Committee makes the issue as clear as possible that this is a two-step process. The first step is seeking the opinion of the voters, and then it is a vote of the Council to accept that advice and vote to forward a Home Rule Petition to the city's legislative delegation, **Councilor Stewart** said. **Ms. Ritchie** said that the draft language she had offered the Committee was from a ballot question from the Town of Amesbury. **Ms. Lowe** said that she checked with officials in Amesbury and that Amesbury is not a comparable situation to Gloucester at all.

Councilor Verga offered his endorsement of the Committee's language saying it was simple and clear.

Dr. Richard Sagall, Chair of city's Board of Health, saying he was not speaking for that Board. He said he was in favor of continuing the fluoridation of the city's public water supply with supplemental fluoridation. The issue is saying the city is going to take fluoride out of the water is not completely true, he said. He explained that

there is the fact of stopping fluoride supplementation of the public water supply, but he said there is 0.3 to 0.4 parts per million naturally occurring in the city's water supply according to Larry Durkin, the city's Environmental Engineer. He said that the supplementation brings the fluoridation level of the city's public water supply to 0.7 to 1.0 parts per million. He said that if the city is talking about de-fluoridating the public water supply it is at a cost of \$3 to \$4 million to set it up the equipment to add into the water filtration plants to handle that process, and then it would cost the city \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year to continue de-fluoridation moving forward.

Councilor Whynott said the language doesn't indicate complete eradication of fluoride from the public water supply but means what the city is adding to it. **Mr. Sagall** said that adding the word "supplemental" would make the language clearer. **Councilor Stewart** and **Councilor Whynott** both agreed by adding "supplemental" would just further confuse the issue. They both endorsed the proposed draft language as it stood. **Ms. Lowe** added that kind of information would be appropriate for those people making their case pro or con on the fluoridation issue, but that it didn't belong in a non-binding advisory ballot question. She said that advisory questions under the City Charter are much simpler and don't require a long discourse either pro or con on the ballot.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council place on the November 3, 2015 municipal ballot a Non-Binding Advisory Question pursuant to City Charter Sec. 9-7 and notwithstanding MGL c.111, §8C as follows:

"Shall the City Council request the city's legislative delegation to file a Home Rule Petition allowing the City of Gloucester to exempt the city from the requirement of fluoridation of the city's public water supply? ___ Yes ___ No"

3. *CC2015-006 (Fonvielle) Request O&A & Traffic Commission review existing parking restrictions in GCO Sections 22-270 & 22-291 for Kondelin Road from its intersection with Magnolia Avenue for its entire length And to review existing signage for consistency with GCO Chapter 22 (TBC 05/04/15)*

This matter is continued to the May 4 pending the results of a Traffic Commission study and recommendation.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.