

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Open Space and Recreation Committee

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Meeting Minutes July 17, 2014

Members Present: Stephen Winslow, Noel Mann, Patti Amaral, Jerry Goulart, Susan Hedman, and John McIlhenny Guests: Ted Tarr, Joe Grace, and Lucinda Seigel
Meeting held at Stagefort Park

PUBLIC ACCESS - Mike Hale of the DPW can create trail head parking, but we need to determine where this should be and coordinate signage. Steve suggested a Trailhead access study which would create a step by step program to improve parking and signage. It was noted that the city is not invested in public access to our open spaces and that our committee needs to promote this concept. To promote this we need higher visibility in the community. Letters to the editor and tables at public gatherings like the block party were suggested

Joe Grace was at the meeting to complain about recent changes in parking access at many sites. Lily Pond and Fernwood Lake were two main sites. The Fernwood Lake parcel has signage inviting the public to use the space, yet the State DOT recently put signs up on RT 133 that prohibit parking by Fernwood Lake. In a similar case, a small parking area at the end of Lily Pond in West Gloucester now has boulders blocking access. Bond Hill is also getting no parking signs. Woodbury St. and Thompson Street were also mentioned as needing access.

It was also suggested that we need to work with Cape Ann Trails Stewards to accomplish this.

CPA Grants recommendations Light Up Mattos Field , Burnhams Backstop and fence

Newell Stadium Public Access There is a seniors striders walking group forming.

Gloucester Civic and Garden Club It was suggested that we also reach out to work with the Gloucester Civic and Garden Club to improve open spaces. They did recently add a tree to the Burnhams Field project and improve the rotary at Washington St with plantings.

Next Meeting Thursday August 28th 7:00pm at City Hall

Minutes submitted by Susan Hedman