



Open Space and Recreation Committee  
Meeting Minutes November 18, 2010

Kyrouz Auditorium  
9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA

Members in Attendance: Dan Morris, , Charles Crowley, Patti Amaral, John McElhenny, Noel Mann, Susan Hedman and Dean Murray.

Guests in Attendance: Larry Durkin, City of Gloucester Environmental Engineer  
Gregg Cademartori and Stephen Winslow, Community Development Department

**I. Intro /Administrative**

**Minutes:** Minutes for the October 21, 2010 meeting were reviewed but not approved.

**Status of Memberships Administrative Issues:** None to report.

**II. Grant /Assistance Opportunities Update:**

Recreational Trails Grant

No grant submission

PARCS Grant

Burnham's Field grant application has been reviewed but not approved. Grant officials suggested resubmitting the plan to include more landscape/water design detail for future consideration.

National Park Service

Did not receive technical assistance grant but was encouraged to re-apply.

**III. Plan Implementation**

North Gloucester Woods – Noel Mann updated OSRC on meeting with representatives from a local Lanesville community taskforce group. Issues regarding parking and lack of signs were discussed.

Gloucester's Woods and Watersheds – Stewardship strategies for the future – Larry Durkin, City Environmental Engineer

After briefing the OSRC on his background and qualifications, Larry Durkin discussed some of the issues facing the city as they pertain to North Gloucester Woods, Goose Cove Reservoir etc. Larry believes the most important issue is the wise use and protection (I.e. fire protection) of Water Shed areas within the city. Other issues discussed included:

- Lack of defined trails in North Gloucester Woods
- Lack of adequate signs
- Need for community policing
- Proliferation of ATV use and lack of controls
- City Council approved list of ordinances
- Need to bring together user groups (Mass Mudders, runners, walkers, bikers etc.) to focus attention on problems and possible resolutions.

Larry also emphasized the value of a Stewardship program (possibly in conjunction with Essex) and use of available grant funds to purchase watershed lands.

**Action Items:**

Noel Mann: Will keep OSRC up to date on progress of task force.

Charlie/ Dan: Will confer with Steve Winslow in connecting with Larry Durkin and following up on his comments.

John /Patti – Will continue to follow up on the Burnham’s Field project

Dean: Will meet with Mark Cole and begin to work on short and long term plans for new and existing recreational fields.

**Next Meeting:** Thursday December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Pond Road

**Meeting Adjourned**