

**GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING**

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

**-MINUTES-**

**Present:** Chair, Councilor Steven LeBlanc; Vice Chair, Councilor Valerie Gilman.; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Jennifer Holmgren; Councilor John McCarthy; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara; Councilor Barry Pett

**Absent:** None.

**Also Present:** Mayor Sefatia Theken; Joanne M. Senos; Kenny Costa; John Dunn; Chip Payson; Chief of Police Edward Conley; Assistant Harbormaster Chad Johnson; Gregg Cademartori; Jill Cahill; Vanessa Krawczyk; Jonathan Pope; Superintendent, Dr. Richard Safier; Kathy Clancy

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. The Council President announced that this meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law.

**Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.**

**Council President LeBlanc** asked the Council without prejudice to take the matter of the Planning & Development Committee’s February 5 Committee Report, Memorandum from General Counsel re: request Article 97 Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to dispose of Mattos Playground for the combined school project first. Without objection from the Council, the Planning & Development Committee Report of February 5 was taken out of order.

**Planning & Development: February 5**

**Council President LeBlanc** announced under City Charter Sec.2-5 (c) Rules of Procedure, subsection (ii) that “Special meetings of the City Council shall be held at the call of the mayor, on the call of the president of the city council, or on the call of any three or more members...” and read the section in its entirety. The Council President he advised he would entertain motions to continue the matter Memorandum from General Counsel re: request Article 97 Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to dispose of Mattos Playground for the combined school project to the City Council’s regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> and to schedule a Special City Council meeting on Monday, Feb. 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Kyrouz Auditorium for the sole purpose of a public hearing on the matter of the Memorandum from General Counsel re: request Article 97 Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to dispose of Mattos Playground for the combined school project.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted unanimously to set the date of Monday, Feb. 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for a Special City Council meeting for the sole purpose of holding a public hearing on the matter of the request Article 97 Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to dispose of Mattos Playground for the combined school project.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the City Council voted unanimously to continue the matter of the Memorandum from General Counsel re: request Article 97 Petition to the Massachusetts Legislature to dispose of Mattos Playground for the combined school to the City Council’s regularly scheduled meeting of Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020 to be taken up under the heading of the P&D Committee Report.**

**Oral Communications:** None.

**Presentations/Commendations:** None.

**Confirmation of New Appointments:**

Dogtown Preservation Commission

Cindy Dunn

TTE 02/14/23

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor O’Hara, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint Cindy Dunn to the Dogtown Preservation Commission, TTE 02/14/23.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Gilman** conveyed that she has worked with Ms. Dunn for some time on the Dogtown Advisory Committee, acknowledging her experience as a valuable city volunteer who is also an attorney bringing a well of knowledge to the table. **Councilor Nolan** endorsed Ms. Dunn's appointment as someone who will work to preserve Dogtown, as did **Councilor Holmgren** who expressed her gratitude that Ms. Dunn she chose to use her talents to help preserve Dogtown. **Councilor O'Hara** also conveyed his endorsement of Ms. Dunn's appointment mentioning her previous work on the Dog Ad Hoc Committee saying he knew she'd continue her good work on behalf of the city.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint Cindy Dunn to the Dogtown Preservation Commission, TTE 02/14/23.**

**Consent Agenda:**

- **CONFIRMATION OF REAPPOINTMENTS**

1. *Management Reappointments*

Chief Financial Officer	John Dunn	(TTE 2/14/22)
Community Development Director	Jill Cahill	(TTE 2/14/22)

- Reappointments*

Open Space & Recreation Committee	Charles Crowley	(TTE 2/14/23)
Waterways Board	Peter Yung	(TTE 2/14/23)
Tourism Commission	Caitlin Pzenny	(TTE 2/14/23)

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. New Appointments

Tourism Commission (TTE 2/14/23)	Patricia Gates, Francesco Margiotta	(Refer O&A)
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2. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Fire Chief re: request acceptance of the FY20 Student Awareness of Fire Education Grant in the amount of \$4,565 and a Senior Safe Grant in the amount of \$2,552 for a combined total of \$7,117 (Refer B&F)
3. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Public Health Director re: request acceptance of the first installment of funding from Boston Medical Center for HEALing Communities Study in the amount of \$8,300.19 (Refer B&F)
4. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Auditor re: request acceptance of FEMA/ MEMA March 13-14, 2018 Snow Assistance Grant Reimbursement in the amount of \$252,679.94 (Refer B&F)
5. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (#2020-SA-21) from the CFO (Refer B&F)
6. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Auditor re: request acceptance of a FEMA/ MEMA March 2-3, 2018 Severe Winter Storm and Flooding Grant in the amount of \$197,318.94 (Refer B&F)
7. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Community Development Director re: Request acceptance of a Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant for the Gloucester Downtown "Harbortown" Cultural District in the amount of \$5,000 (Refer B&F)
8. Grant Application & Checklist from the Community Development Director re: request acceptance of A Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant for the Rocky Neck Cultural District, in the amount of \$6,000 (Refer B&F)
9. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (#2020-SA-22) from the CFO (Refer B&F)
10. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Fire Chief re: request acceptance of a Community Compact Cabinets Information Technology Grant in the amount of \$42,500 (Refer B&F)
11. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (#2020-SA-23) from the CFO (Refer B&F)
12. Response from the Mayor's Office to Oral Communications from the January 14, 2020 City Council Meeting (Info Only)
13. Response from the Mayor's Office to Oral Communications from the January 28, 2020 City Council Meeting (Info Only)
14. Copy of the letter recently sent out regarding the One Billion Rising Event on February 13, 2020 (Info Only)

- **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

- **INFORMATION ONLY**

- **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**

1. SCP2020-002: Essex Avenue #99A, Map 218, Lot 126, GZO Sec. 3.1.6(b) "Building Heights in Excess of 35 Feet;" Sec. 2.3.4(13) Marine related service, storage or repair, limited primarily in the MI District to commercial fishing vessels;" Sec. 5.5 "Lowland Business) District (Refer P&D)

2. Special Events Application: request to hold the Backshore 5 Mile Road Race on May 14, 2020 (Refer P&D)
3. Special Events Application: request to hold the Backshore 5K Road Race on May 14, 2020 (Refer P&D)
4. Special Events Application: request to hold the Fiesta 5K Road Race on June 25, 2020 (Refer P&D)
5. Special Events Application: request to hold the Community Safety Day on September 12, 2020 (Refer P&D)
- **COUNCILORS ORDERS**
1. CC2020-002 (LeBlanc): Amend GCO Ch. 2 “Administration,” Art. V “Boards, Commissions, Council & Committees,” be AMENDED by DELETING Div. 7 “Downtown Development Commission,” Secs. 2-491 through 2-495.-Reserved.” (Refer O&A)
- **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STADING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
1. City Council Meeting: 1/24/2020 (Approve/File)
2. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 2/6/2020 (under separate cover), O&A 2/3/2020, P&D 2/5/2020 (under separate cover) (Approve/File)

**Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:**

**Councilor Pett** asked to pull Item #2 under Approval of Minutes, P&D 2/5/2020 saying that on Page 2 in the last line the numeric, “\$1,000” needs to be struck and in its place should be the words, “thousands of dollars”. **By a unanimous vote of the Council the P&D Committee minutes of 2/5/2020 were amended as presented.**

**By unanimous vote of the Council the Consent Agenda was accepted as amended.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Budget & Finance: February 6**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a federal grant of an Overdose Data to Action Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health passed through the U.S. Center for Disease Control & Prevention, for \$100,000 per fiscal year over the next three years for a total of \$300,000 (FY20, FY21 & FY22) to amend existing Substance Abuse Prevention Program Grant Contract for a new grant award total of \$800,000, for the purpose of the Gloucester Health Department partnering with the Gloucester Police Department to enhance the Community Impact Policing Unit through financial support for a dedicated 1.0 FTE Community Health Navigator to serve as a liaison between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve quality and cultural competence of service delivery. The grant period is through June 30, 2022 and there’s no local match for this grant.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** explained that this is an increase to a grant previously awarded recounting that about 50 residents have been transported to treatment successfully through funding through other sources, and that this is to support efforts to alleviate substance abuse.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a federal grant of an Overdose Data to Action Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health passed through the U.S. Center for Disease Control & Prevention, for \$100,000 per fiscal year over the next three years for a total of \$300,000 (FY20, FY21 & FY22) to amend existing Substance Abuse Prevention Program Grant Contract for a new grant award total of \$800,000, for the purpose of the Gloucester Health Department partnering with the Gloucester Police Department to enhance the Community Impact Policing Unit through financial support for a dedicated 1.0 FTE Community Health Navigator to serve as a liaison between health/social services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve quality and cultural competence of service delivery. The grant period is through June 30, 2022 and there’s no local match for this grant.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Mass. Electric Vehicle Incentive Program (MassEVIP) Public Access Charging Grant for \$8,429.72 for the purpose of expanding opportunities for

citizens and visitors to charge electric vehicles by installing two new charging station ports at Gloucester High School, 32 Leslie O. Johnson Road. This grant expires January 10, 2021. A match for this grant will come from city energy efficiency incentive funding from past city projects.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Gilman** asked why this grant was important to the city. **Gregg Cademartori**, Planning Director, explained that this grant expands opportunities to charge electric vehicles in the city and is a program the city can continue to pursue. They will track utilization, he noted, saying that they continually get requests from citizens (for more charging stations). He mentioned that the city has electrified their fleet, pointing out that the High School Resource Officer's vehicle is also electric. He suggested that the charging station may be able to be used by staff and students at the High School.

**Councilor Pett** noted the location of the charging stations will be in the area by the High School's automotive shop so as to be away from the area that floods. **Mr. Cademartori** explained this project is designed to be located in an area with reduced risk (of flooding) than other areas on that site.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a FFY20 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for \$10,500 for the purpose of traffic enforcement in the city of Gloucester. The grant period is from January 6, 2020 through September 15, 2020 and there's no local match for this grant.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** advised that funds will cover department overtime costs for directed traffic enforcement patrols. There will be some hand-held device themes this year, with the police focusing on problem areas.

**Councilor Gilman** asked Chief of Police Edward Conley for his views on why this grant is important to the city. **Chief Conley** noted this grant comes out every year from the state, and that Lt. Gossom applied on behalf of the department. The state gives the department certain traffic enforcement themes throughout the year mentioning several. This (effort) coincides with some new equipment the department will purchase to give them good traffic and speed data especially in areas where they receive a lot of complaints. He pointed out they hope to use that data to better deploy the department's efforts, and this grant will handle the overtime to do so.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept under MGL c. 44, §53A, a FFY20 Traffic Enforcement Program Grant from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration through the Mass. Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for \$10,500 for the purpose of traffic enforcement in the city of Gloucester. The grant period is from January 6, 2020 through September 15, 2020 and there's no local match for this grant.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-16 in the amount of \$1,800.00 (One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Property Liability Insurance, Account #700052-574003 to fund the Harbormaster's Department insurance deductible and premium increase.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-16 in the amount of \$1,800.00 (One Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Property Liability Insurance, Account #700052-574003 to fund the Harbormaster’s Department insurance deductible and premium increase.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-17 in the amount of \$32,600.00 (Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Boat & Marine Equipment, Account #700058-585022 to fund the purchase of transient mooring balls and moorings, an outboard motor and vessel electronics.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** explained this appropriation of: \$6,800 is for new transient mooring balls which will be replaced in two phases; \$10,100 for a new Suzuki outboard motor and \$5,700 for new electronics on the 25’ Parker Patrol & Rescue craft.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-17 in the amount of \$32,600.00 (Thirty Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Boat & Marine Equipment, Account #700058-585022 to fund the purchase of transient mooring balls and moorings, an outboard motor and vessel electronics.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-18 in the amount of \$2,988.00 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Purchase of Services, Account #700052-520000 to fund the purchase of an online mooring reservation software package.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** advised that the \$2,988 appropriation is for the updated version of the DOCKWA software used for the city’s online transient mooring reservation system. She noted that last season was the most successful yet for reservations for transient moorings. This software update will also enable an electronic wait list as well as give the transient boater information about the city’s amenities.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-18 in the amount of \$2,988.00 (Two Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty Eight Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Purchase of Services, Account #700052-520000 to fund the purchase of an online mooring reservation software package.**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-19 in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings (“Free Cash”) Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Office Furniture, Account #700058-585013 to fund the purchase of office furniture for the renovated Harbormaster’s Office and Visiting Boater’s Center

**DISCUSSION:**

**Councilor Cox** confirmed that the total for the furniture for the renovated Visiting Boating Center and the Harbormaster's Office is \$40,800. This is a two-part appropriation for the purchase of furnishings through Office Solutions, delivered and assembled.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-19 in the amount of \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance-Retained Earnings ("Free Cash") Account #7000-359000 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Office Furniture, Account #700058-585013 to fund the purchase of office furniture for the renovated Harbormaster's Office and Visiting Boater's Center.**

**NOTE:** 2020-SA-20, the Supplemental Appropriation for the Harbormaster's Department is to take funds from the Waterways Stabilization Fund to the Waterways Enterprise Fund to complete the purchase of furniture for the renovated Harbormaster's facility.

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:** On a motion by Councilor Memhard, seconded by Councilor McCarthy, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-20 in the amount of \$30,800.00 (Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Stabilization Fund, Transfers to Enterprise Funds, Account #71505-596005 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Office Furniture, Account #700058-585013 to fund the purchase of office furniture for the renovated Harbormaster's Office and Visiting Boater's Center.

**DISCUSSION: None.**

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2020-SA-20 in the amount of \$30,800.00 (Thirty Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Waterways Enterprise Stabilization Fund, Transfers to Enterprise Funds, Account #71505-596005 to Waterways Enterprise Fund, Office Furniture, Account #700058-585013 to fund the purchase of office furniture for the renovated Harbormaster's Office and Visiting Boater's Center.**

**Council President LeBlanc** asked for an update on the renovations to the Harbormaster's facility. **Assistant Harbormaster Chad Johnson** reported the project was moving right along until last week when asbestos was found between the front walls of the building which slowed the renovations down. Upstairs (the location of the Harbormaster operations center) will be able to be open on time but the first floor, which is for the Visiting Boater's Center, will take longer to renovate now than anticipated.

**Ordinances & Administration: February 3**

There are no matters for Council action under this heading.

**Planning & Development: February 5 (taken as the first matter of the agenda)**

**Councilor Gilman** announced that there is a P&D Committee site visit Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. at 105 Wingersheek Road pursuant to a Special Council Permit application for Building Height in Excess of 35 ft. in the R-20 (Low/Medium) Density Residential District with a storm date of Tuesday, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m.

**Scheduled Public Hearings: None.**

**Other Business: None.**

**For Council Vote:**

1. **Motion for Reconsideration (Holmgren): City Council vote of 1/28/2020 re: Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Art. II, Div. 2 "Traffic Commission" re: number of members and membership**

**MOTIONS FROM JANUARY 28, 2020 CITY COUNCIL MEETING:**

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Gilman, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Art. II, Div. 2 "Traffic Commission," Sec. 22-32 "Composition; appointment; terms of members" by STRIKING the words "five members" and ADDING in its place as follows: "seven members comprised of a member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works and four resident members who shall be at-large members. These members shall be...."

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council, to Amend Sec. 22-32 "Composition; appointment; terms of members" by STRIKING the phrase, "seven members comprised of a member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public Works and four" and ADD as follows, "eight members comprised of an ex-officio member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public works and five..."**

AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION PASSES.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Nolan, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Art. II, Div. 2 "Traffic Commission," Sec. 22-32 "Composition; appointment; terms of members" the words "five members" and ADDING as follows: "eight members comprised of an ex-officio member of the Fire Department, Police Department, Department of Public works and five" resident members who shall be at-large members. These members shall be...."**

**Council President LeBlanc** thanked Councilor Holmgren for the reconsideration of vote saying that this matter would be brought back to the O&A Committee to better flesh out the ordinance amendment and then return it to the City Council for its consideration.

**MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Holmgren, seconded by Councilor O'Hara, the City Council voted unanimously to refer to the O&A Committee for further consideration the matter of the "City Council vote of 1/28/2020 re: Amend GCO Ch. 22 "Traffic and Motor Vehicles," Art. II, Div. 2 "Traffic Commission" re: number of members and membership."**

**Unfinished Business: None.**

**Individual Councilor's Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees:**

**1. Update of the Animal Advisory Committee by City Council Representative, Councilor Scott Memhard** who recounted that Committee now has a full quorum. Piping Plover season is coming up and the Committee will be working with the Conservation Agent and volunteer staff. Work is underway to review the city's ordinance on livestock. There is a concern about pest control and avoiding harming raptors and birds of prey being injured by pesticides that get into the bloodstream acting as anticoagulants. The Committee is seeking best practices. He also reminded the public it is coyote breeding season.

**Council President LeBlanc** expressed his thanks to the Animal Advisory Committee remarking that their work on Piping Plovers and the issue of rodenticides is important as it effects that entire animal food chain.

**Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:**

**Councilor Holmgren** announced the One Billion Rising ceremony which demands an end to domestic violence and sexual assault against women worldwide on Thursday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at City Hall at 5:00 p.m.

**Councilor Nolan** reminded the public that for the next three weeks there will be construction on the Magnolia Pier with some detours on Shore Road; the work should be finished by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Councilor O'Hara** requested that the Mayor through the School Committee to consider allowing the O'Maley Innovation Middle School property to be used on Friday and Saturday nights from June to Labor Day including holidays as a satellite parking area in the evening with CATA buses at no cost to the city ferrying people to the downtown as there is a shortage of parking. Such action would benefit the downtown merchants. He also requested that Mayor consider the reactivation of the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) mentioning that Chief of Police Conley is in support of this action.

**Councilor Memhard** thanked the Councilors and School Committee members who attended the Ward 1 meeting at the East Gloucester Elementary School recently advising that it was a good opportunity for listening to constituents making it a constructive experience.

**Councilor Gilman** offered her thanks to the Public Works Department for their oversight in the removal of dead trees from the dams at the Goose Cove reservoir, and the work of the contractor. She announced that the Dogtown Preservation Commission now has five appointed members in addition to DPW Director & Conservation Agent and are ready to start meeting.

**A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Dana C. Jorgenson*

**Clerk of Committees**

**DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING: None.**