



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER
OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

October 14, 2020

4:00pm

Remote via Zoom

No Chairperson

MINUTES

Present Members: Dave Sargent, Noel Mann, Heidi Wakeman, Dan Morris

Absent Members:

Staff: Gregg Cademartori, Adrienne Lennon

I. BUSINESS

- Adrienne opened meeting with a role call in lieu of no assigned chairperson.
- Courtney Lewis from MAPC, part of North Shore Task Force assigned to help draft Open Space Plan. He is very busy but we need his help facilitating public forums in coming months.
- Dan inquired how meeting agenda is created. Adrienne responded that right now they are carrying old agenda forward until a chairperson is identified at which time draft agendas will be circulated ahead of time for review and consensus.
- Adrienne opened meeting for public comment. No persons asked to speak.
- Request made to approve minutes of March 28, 2019. Discussion took place on whether Dan could approve them as he was not a member at the time. Answer was that a member not present can help amend and approve minutes but must be a member at the time of which the meeting took place.
- Heidi gave a summary of her outreach efforts to expand group membership. Ie GDT article.
- Heidi volunteered to become the chair.
- Group discussion on gift ideas for Charles Crowley in accordance with gifting policy guidelines.
- Heidi wanted to acknowledge Mattos field situation and asked if group should weigh in. Guidance suggested by Adrienne was to remain neutral and would provide a repository of information for review so members can form their own opinion.
- Dave made a motion (Dan seconded) to appoint Heidi as chairperson. All in favor.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- Gregg provided a more detailed status of Courtney's progress with respect to the sections he's updating. Ie playgrounds, open space inventory parcels, mapping products used in the plan.
- Gregg shared his screen and showed several layers of mapping views and discussed how information is sourced and the challenges getting parcels identified. He described the goal to get protected open space identified from these various layers and promote ways to protect those parcels. He showed what was a combined layer (still a work in progress) and the challenges getting the 13,000+ parcels properly documented.
- Noel mentioned several parcels along the Rockport border as not being in the open space plan and some work has been done to identify ownership. Information has not been shared with the Assessors at this time. Some parcels owned by Rockport are in Gloucester and vice versa.

- Group discussion on next steps and timing of creation of open space plan with a goal towards a draft plan by spring of 2021.
- Dan reiterated Jennifer's desire to hold community meetings on Mass in Motion and summarized how a mapping tool (beta) could be used as input for gathering data as input to the plan. Suggestion made to add her to the agenda for November meeting.
- Adrienne mentioned having Essex County Greenbelt's prioritization parcel video on record as well as static map layers available on Google Drive.
- Noel brought up need for bike paths through Dogtown and addressing infrastructure issues.
- Dan inquired how recent firing range issue at Haskell relates to this group then broadened his inquiry to more on how this group works with other advisory boards. He felt like the firing range should have been something we were made aware of sooner. Adrienne responded with a suggestion we could invite other location based advisory boards to attend our meetings and share common goals. Dave suggested starting with Stage Fort Park and Dogtown committees as they are municipal committees.
- Dave suggested looking at open space through a more qualitative lens vs. the typical focus on quantity.

III. PUBLIC (HEARING OR MEETING)

No public statements made

IV. CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING or HEARING

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Outstanding Minutes – None

Motion to Approve Minutes for X was made by _____, seconded by _____ and unanimously approved.

B.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Member Wakeman , seconded by Member Morris , and unanimously approved.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting of the OSRC planned for November 11, 2020, December 9, 2020