



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

September 22, 2021

5:00pm

Remote via Zoom

Heidi Wakeman

MINUTES

Present Members: Dave Sargent, Noel Mann, Dan Morris, Liam Anastasia-Murphy

Absent Members: Heidi Wakeman, Mark Poulin

Staff: Adrienne Lennon, Gemma Wilkens

I. BUSINESS

- Future member Richard Quateman present as panelist. He indicated he has not received official communication from Mayor's office on his appointment.
- Adrienne read preamble as Dan Morris acted as chairman.

II. CONSENT AGENDA

- Committee reviewed 2010 goals and discussed ways to create a set of goals for future plan.
- Committee held working session to update 2021 goals. Adrienne summarized the draft list of goals with the theme being actionable and partnership focused. Dan envisioned an interactive website that you can click on locations or types of activities and the map points to the locations. Dave commented that after viewing the latest map set from Gemma that he noticed a lack of linkage to green spaces. Adrienne pointed out lack of language in former plan around maintenance. Dan proposed ways to increase user experiences at certain locations. Richard recommended that current English-only survey should be expanded to Spanish and Portuguese to address underserved representation in the survey. He mentioned how the quarries present both an opportunity and a challenge. Noel mentioned vandalism in the quarry areas to signage, etc. Gregg proposed adding encouraging stewardship groups in clean up efforts. Gateways to open space issues discussed at not only landings but other areas. ADA etc. Dave proposed Riverwalk expansion (Dunfugin to Stone pier). Group discussion around parcel ownership identification challenges in Dogtown. Title searches, 3rd party representation, etc. Gregg mentioned need for annual review of parcels. Liam raised concerns about fire safety-how east coast is ripe for forest fires with amount of fallen trees built up over the years.
- Adrienne showed Manchester- by- the -Sea 2020 open space plan.

III. PUBLIC (HEARING OR MEETING)

- Mary Ann Bouche spoke about how Swinson's field tennis courts were dismantled for nearby road repairs but never put back. She mentioned how a play structure erected at Parson's field caused the

girls softball to move to Fuller and later that closed so they moved to Mattos which is being removed.

- Jeff Brown spoke about how he believes social media plays a role in overcrowding of open spaces. He pointed out that Halibut Point State Park recently removed trees to expand parking.
- Patti Page asked that boating and sailing community programs be put in the plan. She questioned the mission of the group with respect to local vs. regional conservation efforts.
- Patti Amaral expressed concerns that grant money is used for rehab of parks and fields and then they get taken away or neglected. She appreciates the work this committee does and wishes us well.

IV. CONTINUED PUBLIC MEETING or HEARING

V. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Approval of Outstanding Minutes –none submitted.

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

B.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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

VII. NEXT MEETING

Next regular meeting of the OSRC planned for October 13, 2021