

## **Minutes**

**Gloucester Historical Commission**

**November 26, 2018 8:00 PM**

**Kyrouz Auditorium, City Hall**

**9 Dale Ave.**

**Gloucester, MA**

**Present:** Mary Ellen Lepionka, Sandy Barry, Jude Seminara, Bob Whitmarsh, Bill Remsen, David Rhinelander

**Absent:** Peter Lawrence

**Guests:** Eric Hutchins, Bryan Melanson, Cindy Dunn, Monica Lawton, James Ugone

### **Call to order at 8:02 PM**

#### **I. Discussion of joint meeting of the GHC and Planning and Development Committee**

Prior to the evening's GHC meeting, the GHC met with the Planning and Development committee. Mr. Ugone of the Rockport Historical Commission offered his observations of the meeting. The consensus is that people might be concerned about what will be the consequence of a national Register Designation. Misinformation impeded the Annisquam NRHP nomination, and plagues the Dogtown NRHP nomination. The MHC needs to give the benefits and consequences to the City Council so they're better able to make an informed decision. Mr. Hutchins noted that the opposition to the Dogtown nomination is based on one individual's opposition. The organized bodies of stakeholders in Dogtown are overwhelmingly supportive of it's nomination.

#### **II. Next steps for Dogtown NRHP nomination**

Bill asked if we should recommend the City Council review the Dogtown NRHP nomination. The consensus of the Commission is that we follow the proposed protocol discussed this evening at the joint GHC/P&D meeting.

#### **III. Status Reports**

##### **A. FY 2019 Survey and Planning Grant**

The Gloucester Historical Commission did not apply for the FY 2019 Survey and Planning Grant. This decision was made because the Commission members are unsure of what to expect based on the recent concerns.

##### **B. Stage Fort Park**

###### **i. DPW Response to Stage Fort park recommendations**

Mike Hale communicated to Mary Ellen that the DPW will notify the GHC of its plans

###### **ii. David Benjamin's inquiry**

Mr. Benjamin requested a reason why the GHC opposed the cannon carriage restoration. The GHC did not -- in fact, the GHC sent a letter of conditional support, including photo documentation. GHC responded to Mr. Benjamin and included a copy of the letter of conditional support.

###### **iii. UMass archaeology payment**

UMass has not been paid for their archaeological survey. The DPW may have this

money.

**C. New Business**

Mr. Melanson is the new owner of the 179 Atlantic Rd. property slated for demolition. He is conscientious of the historical significance of the property. One building (the Tudor style structure) will be preserved; others will be demolished. The GHC hopes to be able to document the interior of the stone facade building.

**IV. Acceptance of the minutes of October 29 GHC meeting**

Jude motioned to accept the minutes of the October 29 GHC meeting. Bill seconded. All in favor. The minutes of the October 29 GHC meeting were accepted.

David made a motion to adjourn. Jude seconded. All in favor. The GHC meeting adjourned at 9:00.

The next meeting of the Gloucester Historical Commission meeting will be held at 6:30 PM on January 28, 2019 in the third floor conference room at City Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jude Seminara