

**Minutes Gloucester Historical Commission
Monday, March 25, 2019 6:30 PM, City Hall,
3rd floor conference room, 9 Dale Ave. Gloucester, MA 01930**

Present: Mary Ellen Lepionka, Bill Remsen, Jude Seminara, Sandy Barry, David Rhineland, Bob Whitmarsh **Guests:** Alicia Pensarosa, Susan Morreale, JD MacEachern

Called to order 6:30PM

I. Acceptance of minutes of February 25 meeting. Mary Ellen motioned to accept the minutes of the GHC meeting of February 25. Bill seconded. All in favor.

II. Results of the March 13 meeting with P&D and Community Development. Meeting held to review GHC strategic plan. Demo Review proposal will go to committee. This is major progress for the Demo Review initiative. Slide presentation on changing character of the city due to demolitions and new construction will be produced for the Mayor and City Council. The P&D Committee and Community Development Dept. seemed to approve of the strategic plan, though the GHC still remains handicapped in the process of obtaining state funding because of the City's Council's restrictive new approval process. Community Development will share a list of historically significant municipal properties with the GHC. Community Development would like the GHC's input into the 400th celebrations. We explained that the GHC can no longer remain a Certified Local Government as a result of the lack of support from the City. (CLG status requires annual National Register nomination and collaboration with the Historic District Commission.)

III. Business not on the Agenda Alicia Pensarosa from Ocean Alliance shared plans for the reconstruction of demolished sections of the Paint Factory now occupied by their organization. Very interesting concepts were shared and the adaptive reuse is to be commended. The GHC will write a letter in support of Ocean Alliance. Alicia will send Mary Ellen pertinent information.

IV. Dogtown NR nomination Discussed Dogtown public meeting strategies. Development of slide presentation for the meeting. Public meeting date will be set at tomorrow night's City Council meeting. Bill noted that the Sportsmen's club isn't really impacted by the nomination and so could be omitted from presentation to focus solely on the NR nomination. Also discussed the 2019 Preservation Awards. GHC will have an extra mid-month meeting in April to deal with Preservation Award matters.

Mary Ellen moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill seconded. All in favor. Meeting Adjourned at 8:55.

The next meeting of the GHC will be at 6:30 PM on April 8 in the 3rd Floor Conference Room of City Hall.

Respectfully Submitted, Jude Seminara