

GHC meeting Feb 29, 2016

Attendance – Mary Ellen Lepionka, David Rhineland, Tom O’Keefe, Jeff Crawford, Michelle Mustone, Sandy Barry

Visitors - Pru Fish, Zenas Seppala, Lillian Olmsted, Holly Clay Smith, Councilor Melissa Cox, Debbie Laurie CPA Project Manager.

1. Accepted Minutes of the January 25 meeting, posted to the website.
2. Welcoming of guests and Q&A on our proposed demolition delay ordinance. Demolition Delay – Mayor Safathia in agreement told Mary Ellen to give the ordinance to Steve LeBlanc.
  - a. GHC members continue to talk to your councilors about Demo Delay.
  - b. Councilor Melissa Cox would like to leave landscaping to the Tree Warden and not include it in the Demo Delay.
3. Requests for GHC letters of support for CPA grant applications.
  - a. Discussed and received clarification on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) between GHC and CPA.
  - b. Radio Club building (Wheeler Schoolhouse) on Stanwood.
    - i. The club has begun siding the front in shingle. After looking at an early photograph it seems like that siding was clapboard.
    - ii. David has arranged a viewing Saturday March 12 at 11 AM.
    - iii. David will invite them to the next meeting.
  - c. Will not give Ten Pound Island a letter of support. Michelle will contact Steve Douglas to let him know. This is covered on <https://goodmorninggloucester.wordpress.com/2016/02/28/developing-ten-pound-island-for-the-betterment-of-our-community-and-wildlife/>
  - d. Linda Lowe – ask her for further clarification on what she wants to archive, this requires follow-up. The Post Office files have to do with Historic Preservation.
4. Progress report of the GHC web site and Archives committee
  - a. Training meeting Friday March 4 with James Pope, Sandy and Mary Ellen.
  - b. We like how the Ipswich Historical Commission is setup. <http://www.ipswichma.gov/412/Historical-Commission> has a link out to their website <http://www.historicipswich.org/>
  - c. Cape Ann museum – has a link outs to pictures which we wouldn’t want to duplicate. <http://www.capeannmuseum.org/>
  - d. Historic Burial Grounds section of the website – cemetery subcommittee (Rachel, Sandy, Josh, Matt) will provide material.
  - e. Archives – sorting two boxes of paper documents in Mary Ellen possession. Once we have established the categories we will move on to the physical files in the library. We will make the list available to library as a Finding Aid. Sandy to combine and index with Mary Ellen’s box .

- f. David – Cape Ann Museum for the archives. Question where will the archives go? Post office, Library, the firehouse?
5. Discussion and planning for the *Land Marks* publication and grant.
    - a. Mary Ellen will send us a copy of her prototype book.
    - b. Wendy not at tonight's meeting, she has a stake in this.
    - c. Pru asked if a new book too ambitious? Use more of Wendy's to get it out faster?
    - d. Pru, drive around and get potential addresses
    - e. All people take pictures of houses
    - f. Gloucester Has Style poster, can someone find a copy? Pru make a new one.
    - g. Book cost estimate are for color, ask for grant for \$XYZ. Mary Ellen will get a Cricket Press quote.
    - h. Stake Holders –
      - i. Michelle will ask social studies, schools, at what grade do they talk about houses and architecture. Create a survey?
      - ii. Real Estate people
      - iii. Who else?
  6. Possible candidates for the 2016 Preservation Awards and action plan Mayor will allocate funds
    - a. Date May 7, May is Preservation Month
    - b. If you put in plastic windows you're disqualified. Need more guidelines on windows.
    - c. 159 Essex Ave renovation, used Jeld-Wen windows
    - d. Per Tom – If Kirk creates 10 Awards it only takes 1 day
    - e. David Contact for award - Cape Ann Granite book
    - f. Jeff check on the windows first - White house 45 Langsford St., Kathleen Fitzpatrick, owner, and 55 Langsford St., Debra and Mark Lucy, owners.
    - g. Pru – check on these 1135 or 1137 Washington street (windows)
    - h. Everyone check - The blog “Notes from Halibit Point” by Martin Ray <http://halibutpointnotes.blogspot.com/> (Mary Ellen)
    - i. Quilts Juni Van Dyke *Gloucester: A Community of Neighborhoods*. Are they in the senior center or museum? <http://www.capeannmuseum.org/events/neighborhood-quilt-project-talk/>
    - j. 10 Eastern Point Blvd
    - k. Harbormaster Jim Caulkett Landing at Brown's Mill aware to Helen McCabe.
    - l. Civil War memorial at landing
  7. Thanks to Leon and discussion of GHC membership rules and needs.
  8. Closure on Meetinghouse Green signage done, Mary Ellen will send Sandy the hardcopy to post.
  9. Items not on the agenda and new business
    - a. Cemetery commission needs a least three members – we have two; Matthew Murray and Sandy Barry. Holly Clay Smith at

[claytabletslearning@gmail.com](mailto:claytabletslearning@gmail.com) may be interested in Cemetery Commission. Sandy contact.

- b. Submitted an Ad in the paper for alternates, sent to Joann and Christina. Sandy check when they will publish.
- c. Mayor has approved hiring a part time archivist
- d. Lillian Olmsted resident on Eastern Point Boulevard discussed her February 22 Letter to Planning Board regarding 4-6 EPB Subdivision

Next Meeting date: **Monday, March 28, 2016**, 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, City Hall.