

Gloucester Historical Commission

Gloucester City Hall, 3rd floor conference room

March 28, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Commission – Mary Ellen Lepionka, Jeff Crawford, David Rhineland, Jude Seminara, Sandy Barry

Visitors – Zenas Seppala, Peter Parsons, Lillian Olmsted, Linda Lowe, Stanley Stone, Henry Ferrini

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Assoc – Julie Nicaastro, Adam Kururu, Harry Peter Tysver, Kathy Melanson, Michael Rocha, John Nicaastro, Jeffrey Gray, Mary-Kathryn Gray, Sally Weike, Karl Frank

1. Minutes approved from the February 28 meeting.
2. Welcoming of guests.
3. Presentations and voting on eligibility of remaining CPA grant applications.
 - a. Wheeler School/GFD Riverdale Hose Co. No 2 at 6 Stanwood. Stanley Stone distributed a booklet on the history of the house and answered several questions. Stan gave David and Sandy a tour of the building March 12. GHC deemed the building historic.
 - b. Mount Pleasant Cemetery Civil War Monument. A large group of supports from the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery Assoc attended the meeting in a show of support. David, Jeff, and Sandy visited the monument March 19. GHC deemed the monument historic.
 - c. City Clerk's Archival project. Linda Lowe answered several questions about the archival needs of the City Clerk's office. GHC deemed the project historic.
 - d. Gloucester Writers Center, preserving and cataloging the Maud / Olson Library. Henry Farrini gave an interesting history about scholar Charles Olson. Charles Olson wanted to save the house where the YMCA went. Mass Historic Commission wants Charles Olson house in national register, it now plaque on the house in the fort. They open their doors June 18 at 108 East Main Street. GHC deemed the project historic.
4. Nominations, voting, and action plan for the 2016 Preservation Awards which will be presented May 7, 2016 at 2 PM at the Cape Ann Museum.
 - a. House on 45 Langsford (Jeff)
 - b. Book The Cellar Speaks by Mark Carlotto (Mary Ellen)
 - c. Mark Carlotto for Poles Hill Archaeology (Mary Ellen)
 - d. Book Phoenix of the Seas: Ernestina-Morrissey: State Ship of Massachusetts by Chester A. Brigham
 - e. Book Cape Ann Granite (Images of America) by Paul St. Germain (Mary Ellen)
 - f. Martin Ray – Blog <http://halibutpointnotes.blogspot.com/> history
 - g. Gloucester Community Quilts by Juni Van Dyke (Sandy)

- h. Helen McCabe – Public landing at Browns Mill. She’s done the plaques in the past and was a member of the Historic Burial Grounds Committee.
Public stewardship
 - i. House 31 or 33 Pleasant (yellow like davis, Somes Family) mixed media granite block. (Jeff)
 - j. House 159 Essex Ave (Sandy)
 - k. Sarah Dunlop and Jane Walsh– (Jeff), life time achievement awards
 - l. Robert Trott restored “Rebellion” memorial in Gloucester's Riverdale section, saluting this area's Civil War veterans - (Jude)
http://www.gloucestertimes.com/news/local_news/a-monumental-project/article_76f12a2f-7cc9-53ab-be38-39afbb32c709.html
 - m. Unknown status - T.S. Eliot House 18 Edgemoor Road
 - n. Jason Grow WWII Veterans –
<http://www.jasongrow.com/PORTFOLIO/WWII-VETERANS/1> (Jude)
 - o. Lanes Cove Fish Shack, Lanesville Historical Society (Jeff)
5. Progress report of the GHC web site and archives committee.
6. Items not on the agenda and new business.
- a. Sandy visited the Sawyer Free library to inspect the two crates of GHC documents. The reference librarian suggested there isn’t room at the library for the boxes.
 - b. Mary Ellen has written a letter for the newly forming Cemetery Committee. She will give to the mayor on March 30.
 - c. Discussed at what point should GHC receive CPC forms; as they come in or in one full batch. The form is a single page and if they check off the box “Historic” then we prefer 1) send to the CPC, 2) then route to GHC rather than a full stack.
 - d. Awesome Gloucester – Sandy get list of historical winners in the last 2 years

Next Meeting date: **Monday, April 25, 2016**, 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, City Hall.