

Gloucester Historical Commission Meeting Minutes

Gloucester City Hall, 3rd floor conference room
July 25, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

Attendees – Mary Ellen Lepionka, David Rhinelander, Jude Seminara, Sandy Barry, Bob Whitmarsh

Visitors – Zenas Seppala, Peter Parsons, Stephen Harris, and David Teele

1. The June 27 meeting minutes were accepted.

2. Update on FY2015 and FY2016 Survey and Planning grant –

- FY2015 Phase III (Rocky Neck) and Phase IV (final report) deadlines extended to September 1.
- The mayor has signed a contract with the MHC for the FY2016 grant and RFPs have gone out.
- FY2016 need RFP proposals by August 7; selection committee to review them by September 1. Mary Ellen, Bob W, and David will serve.

3. Certified local government

- We have gathered all the Historic District Commission minutes and agendas, July 1, 2015 through July 1, 2016.
- We need to meet with the Historic District Commission at least once a year as a group.
- At least one of our members needs to attend their meeting. Bob Whitmarsh will to attend their July 26 meeting at 7 PM.

4. Demo Delay

The demo delay hasn't been on Steve LeBlanc's O&A agenda. Bob Whitmarsh will contact him to see when it will be scheduled so we can all attend. All GHC members should read the demo delay ordinance before we go to O&A

5. Cemetery Advisory Committee (CAC)

- Once the CAC is established, we will invite them to our GHC meeting.
- Sandy Barry will contact Melissa Cox about the Cemetery Advisory Committee status.
- Rachel Meyer has established a contact for the ground penetrating radar and will use FPBG training ground for their group.

- Jude Seminara can provide technical assistance when we rent the radar after the training.
- We can apply for a federal grant because First Parish is a National Historic site.
- Unitarian Universalists church cemetery needs to be inventory and there may be records at the church.
- Peter Parson's said Howard Curtis (brother Roger Curtis) thought FPBG was laid out on celestial lines. Peter Parson's offered to contact them.

6. Walking Tours

Mary Ellen and Holly met with Ronda Faloon of the Cape Ann Museum and they are open to us suggesting tours they would lead.

7. Land Marks

Mary Ellen talked with Kurt Noyes about the book but he now has a higher priority at this time. We need look for another funding source. Check to see if the Gloucester Education Fund could be a possible funding source.

Our book will be geared towards visitors and residents. We will re-visit the book in sometime in October and November.

The Student/Teachers/Resident book will be free.

8. Rocky Neck and Annisquam National Register Nominations.

The National Register Director Betsy Friedberg is scheduled to give a two informational slideshows as well as answer questions.

- August 15 at 7 PM to the Rocky Neck residents.
- August 17 at 7:30 PM to the Annisquam residents.

Stephen Harris and David Teele had concerns about how the Annisquam residents will be notified about the meeting. We told them there wouldn't be any voting so we're not required to notify the residents.

We will send Stephen Harris and David Teele an email describing the talk. Mary Ellen will get a copy of the PowerPoint ahead of time.

There were questions about how residents would opt out of the National Historic Register. Betsy will answer all their questions during the residents on August 17.

Mary Ellen will send a meeting notice to ward councilor Val Gilman. She may be able to help notify some of various Annisquam Groups -

- Village Hall
- Village Players
- Good Neighbors
- Sewing Circle
- Annisquam yacht Club

Next Regular Meeting: **Monday, August 29, 2016**, 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, City Hall.