

25 April 2016 GHC Meeting Minutes

Gloucester Historical Commission

Agenda, Gloucester City Hall, 3rd floor conference room

April 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m.

Attendees – Mary Ellen Lepionka, Tom O'Keefe, Bob Whitmarsh, David Rhinelander, Holly Clay-Smith, Jude Seminara, Sandy Barry

Visitors – Peter Parsons

1. Minutes of the April 11th Interim Meeting accepted.
2. Final confirmation of final list of recipients of Preservation Awards.
 - Mayor – will speak for 10 minutes
 - Tom and Kurt for the certificates
 - Leon for 100 copies of the program
 - Contact CATV
 - All print media
 - Contact all online media
3. Review of slide show for the Preservation Awards ceremony.
 1. Introductions
 2. Talk and show Slides
 3. Certificate presented

Introduced by -

Mary Ellen – 5) Mark C 8) Martin Ray
Holly – 1) Chester Brigham Phoenix of the Seas
Jude - 9) Jason Grow
David – 6) Paul Germain
Sandy – 4) Juni Van Dyke, 7) Ken Breen
Bob – 2) Robert Trott and 3) Craig Anderson
Tom – 10) Fish Shack & Lane's Cove fish shack

- Update slide of GHC members. Add slide on specialties we need on the GHC. Corrections were made to the program.
- Anniversary of the national preservation act and of Charles Olson's efforts to save old houses – Mary Ellen added slides on these anniversaries.
- Mary Ellen will bring Kurt's W9 and invoice to the Mayor's office so a purchase order can be made. Holly will review the certificates with Kurt Bradley/Tom.

4. Update on developments with the 2015 and 2016 Survey & Planning Grants.

Rocky Neck National Historical District. A discussion will be held May 2 at 7 PM at **The Cultural Center at Rocky Neck** at 6 Wonson Street. Meeting with us from Mass Historical Commission; Betsy Friedberg, Director, National Register Program. Michael Steinitz, Director of Preservation Planning.

May 5 at 5:30 PM City Hall - Budget and Finance Committee, Grant Application & Checklist from the GHC re: 2016 Survey & Grant from Mass Historical Commission (MHC) & the Dusky Foundation in the amount of \$30,000. <http://gloucester-ma.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/5852>

5. Update on status of Certified Local Government (CLG) application. Holly will help gather the remaining resumes from Historic District Commission. We will check if the HDC is in compliance with their ordinance regarding expertise in their membership.

6. Planning for follow up on Demolition Delay and Land Marks.

- Bob call Steve LeBlanc on where Demo Delay sits in O&A
- Kirk Noyes wants Wendy Frontiero to be the Land Marks Author, and there will be two publications, one for tourists with maps for walks and one for residents on how to preserve the historical integrity of their property.

7. Items not on the agenda and new business.

- Letter to Anne Forbes from the MHC.
- Sergeant Robinson house will be considered for National Register of Historic Places.
- Holly brought two very interesting historic books to the meeting; Know Cape Ann by Edward Vassar Ambler, North Shore Press 1937 and Along The Old Roads of Cape Ann , Gloucester, Mass. : Cape Ann Scientific and Literary Association, 1923
<https://archive.org/details/alongoldroadsfc00glou>

Next Regular Meeting: **Monday, June 27, 2016**, 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd floor conference room, City Hall.