

CITY CLERK  
GLOUCESTER, MA

2019 OCT 29 PM 3: 00

**GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS**

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 15 May 2019  
Gloucester City Hall, Third Floor Conference Room**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken  
Judith Hoglander, Chair

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary  
Avery McNiff

**MEMBER ABSENT:**

Catherine Ryan

**GUEST:**

Linda Harvey, Executive Director, Hammond Castle Museum

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:05 pm.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON 20 FEBRUARY 2019**

A motion by the Mayor, seconded by Robert, to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 February 2019 was approved unanimously.

**TREASURE'S REPORT**

Judith stated that she will talk with Barry Pett of the Gloucester Fund about his handling the Committee's General Fund account.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF VETERANS**

Judith reported that the press release (attached) went out to the *Gloucester Daily Times* and will be sent to the *Cape Ann Beacon* and *Good Morning Gloucester*.

**GALLERY HANGING SYSTEM**

It was agreed that the Committee wants to pursue a hanging system to provide the most flexibility for use of the gallery. Judith will talk with Matthew Swift of Trident Gallery about the type of system he has suggested (information attached). Robert suggested that we need more information with regard to security issues.

On another gallery matter, Judith noted that the gallery does not have an official name, so the Committee needs to think about that. She suggested that perhaps a name in connection with the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration might be appropriate.

## **GLOUCESTER 400<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION**

Judith reported on the initial meetings of the new organization; they are starting to appoint committee heads. She said the group is very welcoming to all and that there will be a lot for everyone to do. There followed a general discussion about possible ideas, events, and involvement of the Committee in this undertaking.

## **BRONZE PROJECTS**

Judith reported that she now has a mockup and a price (\$533.00). She will get in touch with Rebecca with regard to the vendor and other details. A motion by Robert, seconded by the Mayor, to approve wording and look of the proposed plaque and its cost was approved unanimously (information attached).

The light above the painting has a new bulb, but Judith expressed concern about the frame. She wants someone to look at it to determine if it is historic, and if not to do some touch-up work. There was a short discussion about who had responsibility for framing issues. Judith will pursue this.

Judith reported that Rebecca has found someone to review the bronze plaque at Tablet Rock and recommend what conservation and cleaning efforts might be needed (if any). The Mayor said she had approved the use of a City cherry picker crane. So now they are just waiting for better weather.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **MURAL RESTORATION PROJECT**

Judith reported that Community Development Director Jill Cahill has requested a memorandum or report on the mural project. Judith suggested this item should be held over until she can talk with Jill about what the request entails. The Committee agreed.

### **EDUCATION/SCHOOL REPORT**

Avery reported on the Gloucester Public School Arts Festival the past week. She noted that art from the Festival now is being displayed in City Hall, Sawyer Library, and Cape Ann Museum. Avery wants to find ways to coordinate publicizing the numerous summer arts programs for students and young people. She also wants to explore the idea of having the schools bring in professional Gloucester artists to do school arts projects.

### **CITY ART INVENTORY**

Judith summarized previous work on the City's art inventory. She stated this work needs to be completed, including recording art that might be at other City locations, e.g., Baker Senior Center, Veterans Center, etc., and ensure a way for the inventory to be kept up to date. There was a general discussion about how best to secure one or more interns to work on this project. Avery mention someone she knows who has some type of on-line library system, and she will find out more about that.

**NEW MEMBERS FOR THE COMMITTEE**

There was a general discussion about the need for additional Committee members and resources and the skill sets desired (especially information technology and treasurer duties).

**CAPE ANN ART EXHIBIT AT THE STATE HOUSE**

The Mayor and Judith (who both attended) reported on this exhibit of Cape Ann artists at the State House earlier in May. The Mayor arranged for transportation and donuts for the ride to Boston, and she and Judith represented the Committee. The Exhibit was organized by Karen Tibbetts, a member of the Board of Directors of the Rocky Neck Art Colony.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Robert, seconded by the Mayor, to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp, Secretary