

# CITY of GLOUCESTER

## Historic District Commission

September 23, 2020

NB: Because of Covid restrictions, this meeting was held remotely by Zoom following the governor's procedures.

Members attending: (role-call) C. Gorga, A. Pett, S. Goodick, C. Nazarian, C. Pooler, B. Lambert, P. Fish, R. Chandler, D. Porper (Chair).

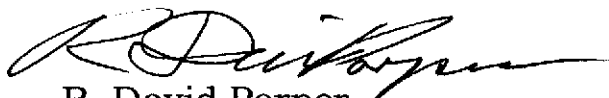
The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by the chairman, David Porper, and a roll call of attendees was made. Greg Cademartori assisted with this new form of meeting and read the Governor's Covid procedures.

The meeting was called to ask the HDC for advice and support to the Y.M.C.A. concerning the building at 71 Middle Street which they would like to replace with senior housing. Tim Flaherty, Executive Director of the Cape Ann Y.M.C.A.; Deborah Eliason, Atty; Jen Hocherman, architect; Stephanie Kiefer and Tara Mizrahi, consultants attended representing the YMCA and Jen Hocherman presented the plan. The present building would be demolished and a new building providing for senior housing would be built. Several illustrations of the proposed design were presented. The commission members asked a few questions and made some suggestions. They will return with a final plan.

The "Y" is seeking a tax credit from Mass. Historical Commission. The HDC members agreed this was an appropriate use for the property and voted by roll-call to unanimously endorse it. The chairman will write a letter in support of the Y.M.C.A. project to M.H.C. (attached)

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



R. David Porper  
Secretary pro tem

Brona Simon, Executive Director & SHPO  
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RE: MHRTC Application, 67 Middle Street, Gloucester, MA

October 8, 2020

Dear Ms Simon:

Please accept this letter of support for the 67 Middle Street renovation project in Gloucester and their request for Massachusetts Historical Rehabilitation Tax Credit allocation.

The Pattillo Building was constructed in 1889 in the Victorian Eclectic style and was originally a furniture store. It is in our local historic district and we are pleased to hear that the renovations will bring the building back closer to its original roots.

The Owner of the building, the YMCA of the North Shore, manages the 22-unit building of single-room occupancy units, helping those that are coming out of homelessness. We support their mission and look forward to working with them on a renovation project that provides improvement living units for the low-income residents while upgrading the building in a manner consistent with the Secretary of Interior Standards for Rehabilitation.

Thank you for your support and consideration of this impactful application.

Sincerely,  
R. David Porper  
Chairman

Gloucester Historic District Commission