

CITY OF GLOUCESTER

Historic District Commission
Meeting of October 29, 2020

N.B. Because of Covid restrictions, this meeting was held remotely by Zoom following the Governor's procedures.

Members attending: (role-call) P. Fish, C. Gorga, A. Pett, D. Porper (Chair). Also attending: Jenifer Hocherman ,architect; Deborah Eliason, Atty for the "Y"; and Tom Flaherty and Tara Mizahi, consultant.

The meeting was called to order at 2 p.m. by chairman, David Porper, who read the Governor's orders.

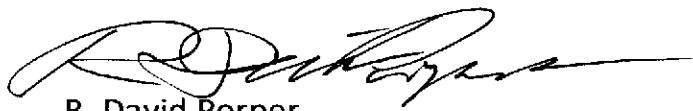
The sole topic of this meeting was to hear further information on the plan of the Cape Ann YMCA to demolish its present building at 72 Middle St. and replace it with a new building. Since this plan has been file as a comprehensive permit to the Board of Appeals, the HDC will not be voting for a Certificate of Appropriateness. Rather we can make a recommendation to this board either positive or negative.

Jen Hocherman made the presentation. Showing several drawings, she noted that the height of the building will be slightly lower than the Patillo Building next door. Dormers will be made of non-combustible material. The windows will be fiberglass clad 2 over 2. A small storefront-like area by the entrance will have "store-front" windows. The two over two windows were chosen to match those of the Patillo Building. When asked about the disposal of demolition material, Jen opined that some would be used onsite as fill.

The commission, by roll-call vote, unanimously agreed that a positive recommendation to the Board of appeals was in order.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous roll-call vote at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



R. David Porper
Secretary pro tem