

Gloucester Community Preservation Committee

Minutes of August 18, 2012 meeting

Members Attending: J.J. Bell, Sandy Dahl-Ronan, Bill Dugan, Karen Gallagher, Tom O'Keefe, Charles Crowley, Stacy Randell, Scott Smith and Robert Gulla

Members absent: None

Staff Present: Deb Laurie, Senior Project Manager

Others Present: Ward 1 City Councilor Paul McGeary and Denton Crews Esq. representing FOGH

1. The meeting was brought to order by J.J. Bell at 6:00 pm. Ms. Dahl Ronan moved to adopt the minutes from the previous meeting of July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2012; Mr. O'Keefe seconded it. No corrections were suggested at meeting prior to the vote.
2. Ms. Laurie distributed documents to the board emailed previously. Distribution included agenda, minutes from previous meeting, Letter from Friends of Good Harbor (FOGH), Gloucester Times letter from Councilor Paul McGeary, Status sheets of 2010 and 2011 Awards, Progress letter from Cape Ann Museum, Mural Project Restoration and the City Hall Restoration.
3. J.J. Bell gave a brief description of how we got to where we are with FOGH and that the funding was denied by the City Council. Councilor McGeary gave a brief synopsis of what he felt occurred at City Council. He felt the main concern that lead to the denial of funds was related to the Council's concerns that any shortfall or remaining gap in the funding would be shouldered by the City. The state land grant should be awarded by October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. We will be told if the state does not approve the funds so our funds can be released.  
Mr. Crowley stated some concern or interest with new rules related to the inclusion of recreation and how this project may overlap with the Newell Stadium project.  
Mr. Denton Crew Esq. spoke for FOGH and reviewed the letter submitted from FOGH titled "Moving Forward on the Good Harbor Gateway Project" dated 8/2/2012, stating this is not a neighborhood issue, it is a community issue.  
Mr. Crowley asked Mr. Gulla where conservation stood on the project. Mr. Gulla stated that conservation was in support of the project, but in general would be in favor of general debris cleanup of the site but not restoration initially, as this would require a review of the pros and cons.  
FOGH Attorney Meredith Fine has authored the purchase and sale agreement in conjunction with the City.  
Ms. Randell stated that outreach to the community for these projects are important and suggested fliers for cars using the parking lot. Also recommended calling city councilors.  
Mr. Crowley stated how other projects might now be looking for recreation funds.

4. Webinar for CPC. Ms. Dahl-Ronan gave a brief summary of the webinar and listed some of the major bullets. It/She recommend we do a priority list annually. Fall of 2013 new funding applied. Recreation from 10% of the open space group or the general fund but no new group will be created. Annual review of CPC Charter. Regional projects are allowed. Housing support does include direct support to rental payments. Open space appropriate third party restriction. Historical structures must be in state register or (same as before) meet definitions of groups and classifications.
5. Ms. Laurie reviewed and updated us on the status 2010 and 2011 rounds of funding.
6. Mr. Bell stated that the North Shore Art Association wanted to review the façade restriction. Mr. Bell stated that the city attorney would review it as well.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion made to adjourn at 7:45pm.