

**Gloucester Committee for the Arts
June 30, 2010
Gloucester City Hall
Meeting Minutes**

Committee Members Present: Judith Hoglander, Dale Brown, Pam Tobey, Roger Armstrong

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 pm.

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the Meeting of May 25, 2010.

Action on the minutes was tabled, pending follow up from Dale to edit the statement referencing account balances in the Treasurer's Report.

2. Treasurer's Report

Dale Brown presented the Treasurer's Report. Current working balance in the Committee's account (including funds raised through postcard sales, donations, and SEarts/MCC grant funds) is \$2109.91. The \$2500 in grant funds from NEH, has been entirely committed to the work by the conservator and invoices have been paid. The available balance in the Committee for the Arts line item in the Tourism FY10 budget is \$450. There is no information yet on whether the Committee was included as a line item in the approved FY11 budget.

A motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved to accept the Treasurers report.

3. Old Business

A. Poet Laureate Selection Process

Dale distributed and presented the report from the Poet Laureate Selection Committee which included a unanimous recommendation to nominate Rufus Collinson as the next Gloucester Poet Laureate.

A motion was made and seconded and unanimously approved to accept the report and recommendation from the Poet Laureate Selection Committee and to forward them to the Mayor.

Dale will confirm with the Mayor's office regarding the next opportunity to include the recommendation in an upcoming Mayor's Report. Judith will forward the report to the Mayor's Office. Dale will contact all of the applicants, thanking them for their participation and informing them of the recommendation.

B. Preserving Gloucester Event – held May 27th

The Committee thanked Roger for making a presentation about the WPA mural projects, on behalf of the Committee. The subsequent open house event was sparsely attended.

However, the overall event was a good opportunity to learn about the many preservation projects ongoing in Gloucester. The Committee discussed the benefits of preparing a slide show presentation to be available to Committee members to describe our work and the murals. Pam can assist with this effort.

C. Grants

Dale reported that the actual work on the NEH grant is done. The final report needs to be submitted to NEH and the City needs to be reimbursed with the federal funds.

A purchase order is in place for grant writing for a future project. Two potential projects are pursuing funds for the grant restoration work identified in the conservator's report and the development of a website. These ideas need to be explored by the committee and with the grant writer.

D. NOAA Mural Publicity

Judith will follow up with the Mayor's Office concerning the newspaper story about the work to restore and display the mural formerly in the City Visitor's Center in the NOAA building.

E. New Members

The Committee discussed potential new members and agreed to follow up on some contacts.

F. Web Issues

No report.

G. Trails and Sails

The Committee will host the City Hall mural viewing tours on the second weekend, Sept 25 & 26. This date has been coordinated with Maggie Rosa and the Cape Ann Museum.

H. SeARTS City Hall School Sculpture Exhibit

Judith has not received any response to the Committee's recommendation to host the sculpture in City Hall.

4. New Business

A. Review Mural Condition Report to set priorities

Dale provided discs with the final condition report to Judith and to Roger. Committee members were asked to review the report prior to the next meeting. Dale will contact Marcia and Pam about getting copies to them. Dale will need to get the discs back from Judith and Roger to file with the City records.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is July 28, 2010.

The Committee discussed potentially changing the regular meeting time to a later time to accommodate members' schedules. Further discussion is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dale Brown