

As approved at the meeting on 20 Sep 17

**GLOUCESTER COMMITTEE FOR THE ARTS**

**Minutes of Meeting Held on 6 June 2017  
Gloucester City Hall, First Floor Conference Room**

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GLOUCESTER, MA  
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**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Judith Hoglander, Chair  
Robert Haverkamp, Secretary  
Sinikka Nogelo, Treasurer

Rebecca Reynolds  
Catherine Ryan  
Chris Sicuranza, Mayor's Representative

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Judith at 5:00 pm.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE 24 APRIL 2017 MEETING**

A motion by Chris, seconded by Catherine, to approve the minutes, as corrected, of the meeting on 24 April 2017 was approved unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Sinikka noted that there are only two changes since the last (April) report: 1) the \$50 cash box (originally donated by former Committee member and Treasurer Dale Brown) now is included in the report, and 2) the expense of \$249 for "Poetry" ornaments. A motion by Robert, seconded by Rebecca, to approve the Treasurer's report of 6 June 2017 was approved unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**POET LAUREATE**

Judith reported that the deadline for applications is noon on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup>. As of now, there are no applications. Judith said that the Mayor is checking with the Superintendent of Schools to try to get a student for the remaining position on the selection panel. Catherine noted that the Committee should consider current community feedback the next time we make a call for applications. Robert agreed, noting that we need a policy as is called for in the draft outline. It was agreed that we need to review the process once this selection is made.

**MURAL RESTORATION**

Catherine said there is no update to report. The RFP is moving through the City approval process.

**CITY HALL ART REPAIRS**

Rebecca reported that Judith and she did a walk through at City Hall on 30 May to review art work needing repair. There are two Mayoral portraits by Charles Allan Winter that are badly flaking. They need to be taken down (with photo copies and an explanatory note replacing them) and safely and securely stored pending repair. The repair would be included in the

pending next phase of the City Hall Mural project. Catherine discussed this project with James Eves of Cape Ann Giclée, and he estimated a charge of \$380 to photograph both portraits and touch them up for display. The Committee agreed that we should get proposals for this work from Cape Ann Giclée. Judith is discussing storage of the portraits with Cape Ann Museum.

The bronze plaques in City Hall could greatly benefit from a reversible patination process to highlight the letters and make them more readable. Rebecca estimates \$400-\$500 each to do the four centrally located City Hall bronze plaques. Rebecca believes that we could get the four done for a total of not to exceed \$1,600. There is \$2,181 in the Tourism line item that could be used for these two projects. Chris asked about the issue of liability with respect to these projects, especially because the portraits are so fragile. It was agreed that we need assurances and protection with respect to liability in any contracts for this work. A motion by Rebecca, seconded by Chris, to proceed with these two projects as discussed with the total cost not to exceed \$2,181 was approved unanimously. Rebecca will follow up to get estimates from restorers for this work.

Judith also has talked with Maggie Rosa, Chair of the City Hall Restoration Commission, about the *Five Local Marines* painting to see if the Commission can work with the City to get the light fixed and take a look at the frame.

#### **CIVIL WAR ERA COAT**

Catherine reported on a number of recent awards and recognition for her sons, Charles and George King for their work raising funds and awareness for the preservation of the Civil War era coat. Awards and grants received include:

- 2017 Preservation Award from the Gloucester Historical Commission
- 2017 YMCA Mayor's Youth Exemplary Award
- \$6,620 grant from the Massachusetts State Historical Records Advisory Board
- \$1,000 Awesome Gloucester Grant.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **PARTICIPATION IN 2017 TRAILS AND SAILS**

Judith reported that she had checked with Cape Ann Museum and Maggie Rosa and both are interested in participating on the second weekend – but only on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September. Judith recommends that the Committee participate on that date as well. A motion by Robert, seconded by Judith, to approve Committee participation in Trails and Sails on Saturday 23 September was approved unanimously.

##### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Judith noted that there still is one vacancy on the Committee. She said she has a commitment from a Gloucester resident to join the Committee and that this person will contact the Mayor regarding appointment. After general discussion, it was the consensus of the Committee that we need to have an election of officers but that it would be best to wait until the vacancy is filled so that we are at full strength and be better able to judge which members might fill which positions.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion by Robert, seconded by Chris to adjourn was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Robert Haverkamp  
Secretary