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CITY COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEE
Ordinances & Administration
Monday, October 17, 2011 – 7:00 p.m.
1st Fl. Council Conference Rm. – City Hall
AGENDA

(Items May be taken out of order at the discretion of the Committee)

1. Old Business:

- A) CC2011-042 (Verga) Revisit of 4-way stop signs at intersection of Magnolia Avenue, Shore Road and Raymond Street

2. Continued Business:

- A) Discussion on Noise Factor at Stage Fort Park (Cont'd from 10/03/11)
- B) CC2011-049 (Mulcahey) Set speed limit re: Taylor Street (Cont'd from 10/03/11)
- C) CC2011-050 (Mulcahey) Set speed limit re: Friend Street (Cont'd from 10/03/11)

3. Report of the activities of the Archives Committee

4. CC2011-051 (Verga) Review "island" at the entrance of Beechbrook Cemetery

COMMITTEE
Councilor Sefatia Theken, Chair
Councilor Ann Mulcahey, Vice Chair
Councilor Bruce Tobey

Committee members – Please bring relevant documentation

Back-up and Supporting Documentation all on file at the City Clerk's Office, City Hall

CC: Mayor Carolyn Kirk
Jim Duggan
Linda T. Lowe
Robert Ryan/Larry Ingersoll
Mike Hale/Mark Cole

The listing of matters is those reasonably anticipated by the Chair which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2011
CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

ORDER:	#CC2011-042
Councillor	Greg Verga

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL:	09/13/11
REFERRED TO:	O&A & TC
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:	

ORDERED that the Ordinances and Administration direct the Traffic Commission to revisit the recently installed 4-way stop signs at the intersection of Magnolia Avenue, Shore Road and Raymond Street to determine if additional signage, painted stop signs and/or "STOP" painted on roadway are required; and, if necessary, reversion back to amend GCO Sec. 22-269 "Stop Intersections" and/or Sec. 22.269.1 "Yield Intersections", to reflect the results of the Traffic Commission's recommendations to the Ordinances and Administration Committee.

Greg Verga
Ward 5 Councillor



**CITY OF GLOUCESTER 2011
CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

ORDER: #CC2011-033
Councillor Ann Mulcahey

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 08/09/11
REFERRED TO: O&A, TC & Police Dept

ORDERED that the Traffic Commission and the Police Department conduct a Radar Recorder study on Taylor Street and Friend Street regarding speeding issues and report their recommendations to the Ordinances and Administration.

Councillor Ann Mulcahey
Ward 2



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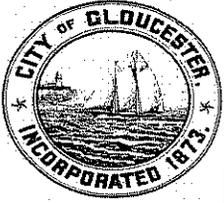
ORDER:	#CC2011-049
Councillor	Ann Mulcahey

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL:	09/27/11
REFERRED TO:	TC &O&A
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:	

ORDERED that, after reviewing the speed study (Councillor Mulcahey's Order 2011-033), a speed limit for the entire length of Taylor Street be set at 20 mph; and further

ORDERED that the Traffic Commission review the speed study and report their recommendations to the City Council through the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee and direct the City Clerk to submit the proper documentation to the Department of Transportation for approval.

Ann Mulcahey
Ward 2 Councillor



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ORDER:	#CC2011-050
Councillor	Ann Mulcahey

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL:	09/27/11
REFERRED TO:	TC &O&A
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:	

ORDERED that, after reviewing the speed study (Councillor Mulcahey's Order 2011-033), a speed limit for the entire length of Friend Street be set at 20 mph; and further

ORDERED that the Traffic Commission review the speed study and report their recommendations to the City Council through the Ordinances and Administration Standing Committee and direct the City Clerk to submit the proper documentation to the Department of Transportation for approval.

Ann Mulcahey
Ward 2 Councillor

For the O&A meeting October 17, 2011

Archives Committee: activities of the past year.

For 24 years, since 1987, the Archives Committee has organized, preserved, maintained and researched the early documents and maps of Gloucester. Every morning from about 8:30 until after 12, we are available to the public and the various departments of the City to find answers to their questions: who their ancestors were, when their houses were built, where someone lived, where someone is buried, what businesses existed and when, where sewer lines were laid, when streets were laid out, what zoning ordinances were in effect when, and many other subjects.

Jane Walsh and Sarah Dunlap show up just about every day of the year. Other volunteers come in to help once or twice a week. We now have a crew of about seven or eight regular volunteers.

In 2010, we answered 579 requests for information that came to us by email, telephone call, personal visit, or letter. Requests came from the Legal, Clerk's Assessor's, DPW, Mayors offices; from NPR and other news agencies; from professional writers and academic researchers, from Australia, Poland, Iceland, England, Canada, and many states.

So far in 2011, we have answered over 400 inquiries.

Other current ongoing projects:

- Transcribing Births, Marriages and Deaths onto a database, to facilitate finding causes of death, all members of families, maiden names, places of birth, etc. So far, all up to 1884 have been completed, and this year we are slowly working to complete all up to 1894
- Arranging for the scanning and printing and binding of 20th c. Vital Records, and thereby preserving the original heavy and fragile ledgers.
- Making a complete inventory and outline of all Zoning Ordinances from the first in 1927 until the present.
- Indexing Police Records of the 19th c.
- Making a complete study of all the early mills in town.
- Finding early photographs and plans for use in the renovations of City Hall.

Our most pressing need is space: atmospherically-controlled space for storage of records; space to spread out maps and plans; and space to install scanners and new computers that could be connected to the City computer system and make early documents available on line. We have donations that could be used to buy the equipment. We have initial architectural plans for such a space in the northeast corner of the basement of City Hall, and even for the expansion of the basement of City Hall – we hope that with the renovations of City Hall, these plans will be incorporated.

Sarah Dunlap and Jane Walsh,
Co-Chairs, Gloucester Archives Committee



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CITY COUNCIL ORDER**

ORDER: #CC2011-051
Councillor Greg Verga

DATE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL: 10/11/11
REFERRED TO: O&A & TC
FOR COUNCIL VOTE:

ORDERED that the Ordinances and Administration direct the Traffic Commission to review the “island” at the entrance of Beechbrook Cemetery and report their safety recommendations, i.e. “keep right”, “STOP” or other signage or markings on the road surface as needed now to the Ordinances and Administration; and further

ORDERED to amend the Gloucester Code of Ordinances, if required, to reflect the results of the Traffic Commission’s recommendations; and further

ORDERED that a follow-up review of the “island” be conducted after the completion of the new Cape Ann Animal Shelter site as required and report back to the Ordinances and Administration of any changes to their first recommendation.

Greg Verga
Ward 5 Councillor