

**CITY OF GLOUCESTER**  
**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION**  
Minutes, Meeting of March 27, 2012

Members present: D. Porper, chair, N. Goodick, R. Wolsfelt, S. Miller

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the chairman. (The delay in starting was due to the confirmation vote on a new member, Robert Wolsfelt, at the City Council Meeting.)

The first item was the request for a Certificate of Appropriateness for the phase II work on the City hall by the City Hall Restoration Commission represented by Margaret Rosa, chair. The presentation was made by Douglas L. Manley of McGinley Kalsow and Associates, Inc. He first presented a letter from Mass. Historical Commission indicating their approval of the work plan. Also distributed was a well- detailed booklet of drawings of the Phase II project. Mr. Manley briefly outlined the plans. The most significant work will include the completion of the restoration of the tower from below the already restored clock section to the base and everything above the cornices. This includes the four ventilating towers and replacement of slate shingles as needed. Wood will be restored when possible with epoxy compound or replaced in kind using South American mahogany. Copper will be replaced with 20 oz. red copper. Baluster top and bottom rails will be replaced. The copper gutters, replaced about 10 years ago, are still in good shape and will remain. Some windows will be replaced in kind as funds permit. The south and west (front) porticos will be restored. Due to limited funds, some masonry issues will be left undone and the entrance doors on all sides will also be left for a future project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Robert Wolsfelt and seconded by Nancy Goodick to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to the City Hall Restoration Commission, City of Gloucester for Phase II restoration work on the Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, as outlined in the prepared brochure.

Unanimously approved

The second item of business was a request for a Certificate of Appropriateness by Foghorn Properties for 63 Middle St., John and Cynthia Bjorlie, owners, for replacement of certain windows, viz. the front (north) elevation and Center St (east) side, plus one other window in jog. Mr. Bjorlie was present but his contractor, Andrew Stevens, made the presentation. The Marvin all- wood windows have already been used on part of the west side of the building and approved by the HDC. The abutters present all favored this project.

MOTION: A motion was made by Robert Wolsfelt and seconded by Steve Miller to grant a Certificate of Appropriateness to Fog Horn Properties for replacement of windows on the front and center St. side elevations, as specified on application, at 63 Middle St.

Unanimously approved

MINUTES: There being no corrections, the minutes of the meeting of March 14, 2012 (already distributed by e-mail) were declared accepted by the chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

R. David Porper  
Secretary pro tem