

**CITY HALL RESTORATION COMMISSION
SUMMARY OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY APRIL 5TH 2010**

Location: Third Floor Conference Room City Hall.

Present: J.J. Bell, Steve Dexter, Mary McCarl, Steve Pardee, Maggie Rosa

Meeting opened at 10:05 a.m.

Minutes of March 29th meeting

Steve Dexter made the motion, which was seconded by Mary, that the minutes of the March 29th meeting of CHRC be accepted as is. Unanimously accepted.

MPPF Round 16 Application

Maggie distributed copies of sections of the draft grant application for review.

CPA Funds

Bonding the Amount of Money Needed to Complete the Exterior Restoration of City Hall

J.J. reported that the CPC project leader, Matt Lustig, is working on the memo re the bonding issue discussed at the March 29th meeting.

Seeking Federal Funds

Steve Dexter contacted Bruce Tarr to ask him to attend a meeting of the CHRC to discuss how we might approach Senator Scott Brown for his assistance. This meeting has been set for April 26th at 10:30 a.m. Mary attempted to contact Roger Fisk but he no longer works for Senator Kerry and she has not been able to find contact information for Roger.

Clock/Bell Project Update

J.J. reported that he delayed contacting David Campbell regarding the start of work, in view of the email re the possibility that the falcons were nesting (not in the box) but on a ledge at the belfry level on the West elevation (Pleasant Street).

The CHRC decided that should the falcons actually nest and eggs are laid, the work on the bell/clock will be delayed, lest the wrath of the world's birding community descend upon us. Maggie to email Jim Barber (Cape Ann Birds) to tell him about the bell/clock project and the decision.

Auditorium Window

No update. It remains a concern to the CHRC.

May Preservation Month Events – Preserving Gloucester Event

Maggie booked City Hall – the rental fee was waived. Mark Cole sent an email saying that the custodian fee would be \$240. Mary McCarl made the motion, which was seconded by Steve Dexter, that the CHRC approve payment of up to \$240 for the custodian fee for the Preservation Month City Hall Open House event on Saturday, May 29th (10 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

National Historic Contiguous Landmark (“Gloucester Maritime History 1840-1945)

Mary reported that while both Harriet Webster (GMHC) and Iain Kerr (Paint Factory) are interested in participating in the application, she has not heard from them during the past week. They are going to contact Kevin Foster at NPS.

J.J. approached Billy Lynch (associated with Our Lady of Good Voyage) who has very close associations with the church. Due to Easter Mr. Lynch has not yet had the chance to speak to Father Alves about talking to the powers that be in Boston.

Meantime Mary will continue her research on more sites including the State Fish Pier. Deadline for application is November 1, 2010 which will be followed by a decision-making meeting in Washington, DC in May 2011.

Next Meetings; Monday April 12th and April 26th at 10:00 a.m. Bruce Tarr to attend on April 26th
Meeting closed at 11:45 a.m.