

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, November 27, 2012 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Vice Chair, Councilor Sefatia Theken; Councilor Joseph Ciolino; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Steve LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Paul McGeary; Councilor Greg Verga; Councilor Robert Whynott

Absent: Councilor Hardy; Councilor Tobey

Also Present: Linda T. Lowe; Kenny Costa; Jeff Towne; Mike Hale; Deborah Laurie; Jim Hafey; Stephen Winslow; J. J. Bell; Sandra Dahl-Ronan; Tony Gross; Cate Banks; Peter Bent; Capt. Phil Cusamano; Tom Hovey; Patti Page

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence: Led by Cub Scout Pack 56 from Riverdale.

Amanda Kesterson, 293 Washington Street and Cub Scout leader introduced Cub Scout Pack 56 to the Council advising them that the boys were learning about national, state and local government and appreciated the opportunity to show them their local government in action. The Cub Scouts present were: Anthony Russo, Marcus Silva, Jackson Lowe, Matthew Lopes and Alex Kesterson. **Councilor Whynott** added his thanks, noting his son was a member of the same Pack 56 and become an Eagle Scout. He said he hoped the boys stayed with scouting to all become Eagle Scouts too.

Oral Communications:

Susannah Altenberger 66 Atlantic Street thanked the Council for the lighting improvement in Kyrouz Auditorium. She also thanked Councilors who visited the boat building project which the City, the U.S. Navy and the State have co-sponsored, a project she heads; and said the Council's engagement in that process to understand what the project entails and their visit gives Gloucester citizens a sense of caring by their actions.

Presentations/Commendations: None.**Confirmation of New Appointments: None.****Consent Agenda:**

- **MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 1. Memorandum from Mayor requesting Supplemental FY13 Appropriation for the Fire Department (Refer B&F)
- 2. Gloucester Hazard Mitigation Plan and Resolution for City Council approval and adoption (Refer P&D)
- 3. Memorandum from Principal Assessor and Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request (#2013-SA-15) (Refer B&F)
- 4. Memorandum from Principal Assessor and Special Budgetary Transfer Request (#2013-SBT-11) (Refer B&F)
- 5. Special Budgetary Request (#2013-SBT-12) from the Department of Public Works (Refer B&F)
- 6. Special Budgetary Request (#2013-SBT-13) from the Department of Public Works (Refer B&F)
- 7. Memorandum from IT Director requesting permission to pay invoices incurred in FY2012 with FY2013 funds (Refer B&F)
- 8. Memorandum from Fire Chief re: request for a revolving training account (Refer B&F)
- 9. New Appointment: Conservation Commission (TTE 02/14/2015) Robert Sherman (Refer O&A)
 - **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**
 - 1. Letter from Executive Director of PERAC re: Appropriation for Fiscal Year 2014 (Refer B&F)
 - **INFORMATION ONLY**
 - **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**
 - **COUNCILORS ORDERS**
 - **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
- 1. City Council Meeting: 11/13/12 (Approve/File)
- 2. Special City Council Meeting: 11/19/12 (Approve/File)
- 3. Standing Committee Meetings: Special B&F 11/15/12 O&A 11/19/12 P&D 11/21/12 (no meeting) (Approve/File)

Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:

By unanimous consent the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: Special B&F Meeting of November 15, 2012

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to accept the B&F Consent Agenda related to Supplemental Appropriations 2013-SA-7, 2013-SA-8 and 2013-SA-14 as represented on B&F Unanimous Consent Agenda No. 1 dated 11/27/12.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that \$3,000.00 (Three Thousand Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-7) from ES-AP Conservation Fees Transfer Out, Account #295030.10.991.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Conservation fees other charges and expenses #1010000.10.181.57100.0000.00.000.00.057.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that \$67,166.00 (Sixty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Six Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-8) from ES-AP Conservation Fees Transfer Out, Account #295030.10.991.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Conservation fees salary-wages, Account #1010000.10.181.51000.0000.00.000.00.051.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate (2013-SA-14) \$1,500.00 (One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars) from OSR-Planning Board Sub Div Review Fees, Contractual, Account #295006.10.991.59600.0000.00.000.00.059 to Witness Fee/Litigation Support, Account #101000.10.151.53800.0000.00.000.00.052 to pay for the cost of an appraisal for settlement of outstanding litigation.

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(NOTE: Supplemental Appropriation 2013-SA-14 from the Planning Department was originally introduced as a special budgetary transfer (#2013-SBT-11)

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to accept the B&F Consent Agenda related to Special Budgetary Transfers 2013-SBT-8, 2013-SBT-9, and 2013-SBT-10 as represented on B&F Unanimous Consent Agenda No. 2 dated 11/27/12.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer (2013-SBT-9) \$18,000.00 from Legal

Consultants, Account #101000.10.151.53140.0000.00.000.00.052 to Sal/Wage-PT Position, Account #101000.10.151.51250.0000.00.000.00.051 to pay salary for Assistant Attorney for the Legal Department.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer (2013-SBT-10) \$10,000.00 from Civil Defense, Sal/Wage-Perm Pos, Account #101000.10.291.51100.0000.00.000.00.051 to Civil Defense Contractual Services, Account #101000.10.291.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to continue funding the position of the Assistant to the Emergency Management Director to June 30, 2013.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to transfer (2013-SBT-10) \$10,000.00 from Civil Defense, Sal/Wage-Perm Pos, Account #101000.10.291.51100.0000.00.000.00.051 to Civil Defense Contractual Services, Account #101000.10.291.52000.0000.00.000.00.052 to continue funding the position of the Assistant to the Emergency Management Director to June 30, 2013.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to transfer (2013-SBT-8) \$3,800.00 from Police Harbors, Sal/Wage Overtime, Account #101000.10.216.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 to Police-Harbors, Boat/Marine Maintenance, Infinite Visions Account #101000.10.216.52520.0000.00.000.00.052 for cleaning, sanding and painting the bottom of the Police Boat and to apply primer of TRIUX33 to bottom of boat.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to pay an invoice #012976 dated 7/27/12 by Cameron Office Products, Nashua, NH, for \$399.80 to be paid from the FY13 DPW Department budget without a purchase order in place.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44 Section 64, to pay an invoice #012976 dated 7/27/12 by Cameron Office Products, Nashua, NH, for \$399.80 for services provided in the prior fiscal year with funds from the current FY13 DPW Department budget.

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Budget & Finance Committee Report: Cont'd from November 19, 2012 Special City Council Meeting:

Councilor Cox stepped away from the dais.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-10) from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance (“Free Cash”) to Facilities Salaries-Overtime, Account #1010000.10.472.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 for the purpose to fund additional overtime in the DPW Facilities department.

Councilor Cox returned to the dais.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated this money would be used to make whole the DPW overtime budget which was used extensively over the first several months of FY13 in order to prepare the schools for opening and subsequent repairs. The work had to be done outside of school hours and normal business hours which at times entailed weekend work, creating overtime. **Councilor Verga** expressed although he was not opposed to the need for this money, he was concerned that based on the last City Council meeting there was a compromise where the Council voted for emergency items related to the schools, their boilers, and safety. But the Council was looking for a comprehensive plan from the Administration before free cash was allotted “piecemeal.” He recollected this was one of the items that was pushed back and asked why it has come forward now. **Councilor McGeary** stated the actual motion at the Council’s special meeting of November 19th was only to continue action on this matter, and the one to follow it, to this week’s regularly scheduled Council meeting for whatever action the Council would choose to take. He understood the comprehensive look at all of the free cash allocation would not be available until January.

Councilor Ciolino pointed out that at the last City Council meeting they approved free cash to be used to do emergency repairs at the schools, but much of these repairs have to be carried out by the Facilities Department on the weekends and off hours when the children are not in the schools. This funding will facilitate that work, and makes funding available to pay the DPW workers the necessary overtime. He did not see the need to hold the money back. **Councilor Whynott** expressed his understanding they’re trying to do a full report for free cash allocation but asked when the Council would have a “ballpark” plan.

Jeff Towne, CFO explained his goal is to put together the policies for fund balance retention/stabilization balances and then work towards what is available for free cash so the Council can make whatever decision they wish with the Mayor on how to spend what is available based on their retention policies. They want to put together a comprehensive plan as they have another large borrowing going out in February 2013 for over \$17 million and want to be sure they hit all the stabilization reserves. He said he will get a broad overview to the Council as soon as he can; and then come through B&F with the policies and procedures for fund balance stabilization, reserve details, so the Council can understand everything they have built up to now for rating agencies, to stabilize the City financially, which is happening all at once. As the State has just announced [tax] revenues are down again and that there may be mid-year budget cuts; and they may need some of the free cash to stabilize the City’s FY13 budget. He expressed his hope to have the broad overview to the Council by December 11th.

Councilor Whynott expressed concern spending free cash for recurring items although he said he was willing to do so in order to open fire stations but made clear his intention not to vote for further free cash allotments until he has seen an allotment plan. **Mr. Towne** commented the Administration has committed to make sure before they bring forward any additional requests, with the exception of funds to open fire stations, the Council gets to see the “big picture” plan. **Councilor Verga** confirmed with Councilor McGeary that there was one more motion for free cash allocation beyond the discussion on the present motion and stated he would support tonight’s allocation, but there was a need for a comprehensive free cash allotment plan and would not be willing to vote for further free cash allocations beyond these two motions. **Councilor Cox** expressed support for this use of free cash and the next motion as well. The Council approved the use of free cash for school improvements, but did not wish to give the DPW the tools they need to make those repairs. She said it was important they have the overtime funding. The second motion for use of free cash is to give the DPW a safe, heated place to do the improvements. **Councilor Ciolino** asked the DPW Director to further explain what the money is being used for the Facilities Department and the repairs to the DPW facilities.

Mike Hale, DPW Director explained at the last B&F meeting they described some necessary improvements to heating and ventilation systems within some of the City’s school facilities. Part of that work is contract work, and some of it is materials. The \$20,000 would likely be \$40,000 had they outsourced this work through a contract; but he said his department has very competent trades people on staff who can install many of these components. As a result, the \$20,000 would be used to facilitate the City’s electrician, plumber and HVAC specialist to install many of

these pieces of equipment after school hours and on weekends. They can't take any systems down doing a regular work day which is 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. The work must be done during off hours through the late evening and on weekends. They often work in tandem with contractors, making their electrician available to a plumbing vendor who is installing a new boiler or boiler controls rather than hire separate electricians at a premium by using their own staff electrician. The \$20,000 is an estimate based on what they have asked to do for the repairs over four to six weeks. **Councilor Theken** asked how they came to the \$20,000 figure; and what happens if they go over this amount. **Mr. Hale** noted it is an estimate based on what it would cost to get these components installed in the next four to six weeks. The intention is to not go over the \$20,000 for overtime. They try to work within their budgets. The condition of the schools wasn't unknown to them, but the depth of the schools' decay was surprising. A lot of these items are on a capital plan three, four years out; but the disrepair dictated they had to do these things now. **Councilor McGeary** commenting no one argued with the necessity of these repairs. He asked could they wait another month for approval for this money so it could be approved as part of an overall package of free cash. Further, was there money the DPW Director could transfer within his department's accounts to cover the required overtime and make it back later? If they had to go another month to start the project what are the consequences of waiting. **Mr. Hale** responded many items are ready to go or will be ready to go in the next few weeks. They're coming up on the first winter break for the schools which would be a great opportunity to have four work days where they can get into the schools during their regular working hours. He noted there is a "fair amount" of work to be done. By pushing it off a month, they have some of the tools, but not all to do the work. Some of this is out to bid now. Because of the votes taken at the Special Council meeting a week ago, they have to act a number of components on their list of needs. A month creates a risk where there could be buildings with insufficient or intermittent heat or no heat at all throughout the school district. They are trying to manage that risk now by addressing it before it gets further into the winter season. They did a significant amount of work in the first four months of the fiscal year in these buildings and went through a lot of their budget because of it. Any transfer within his departmental accounts would require Council action. He couldn't spend it now without transfer money into a personnel account. **Councilor McGeary** said the question is can they cover the spending now to make it up later. He expressed there was a real issue about the Council wanting to see the entire package. They went with the schools because they were persuaded there was an urgent matter with the heating season arriving and didn't wish to "hold the schools hostage." It is within Mr. Hale's administrative power to request a special budgetary transfer with the Council's approval without touching free cash. There is a risk of the DPW running a deficit. The point is that they want to see as much as possible within the context of a total free cash allocation. Noting Mr. Hale as being caught in the middle he said the Council has institutional responsibilities to oversee the City's finances. What the Council agreed on last week was that they wanted to see the total picture. If the Council voted no and continued this matter to January would this project be placed on hold or could they started now given that much has already been appropriated for the schools. **Mr. Hale** stated the first appropriation for contract services is only for their outside HVAC vendors. The second appropriation was materials oriented. He could get some of that work done during a normal 40 hour work week. But there are certain things they can't do without the overtime. He could transfer possibly from other departments within the DPW, but they have gone through significant funds to do the work they've had to do so far this year. He said he would manage because he would have to. **Councilor Theken** stated she would vote for this free cash allocation because teachers and students cannot be without heat and wishes to see the project begun; but she, too, wanted to see something that they can all work together on beginning with the overview on the allocation process.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, that \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-10) from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Facilities Salaries-Overtime, Account #1010000.10.472.51300.0000.00.000.00.051 for the purpose to fund additional overtime in the DPW Facilities department.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council that \$60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-12) from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance ("Free Cash") to Facilities Building Maintenance, Account #1010000.10.472.52410.0000.00.000.00.052 for the purpose of making critical improvements to wiring and HVAC at the DPW facilities building on Poplar Street; and to replace overhead doors at the DPW Facilities Building.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained this is HVAC and door repairs at the DPW facilities on Poplar Street. Damaged garage doors being left open frequently, heating the outside much of the time. **Councilor Ciolino** noted a key word in this motion is “critical”. They need to ensure the City employees are comfortable in their workplace regardless of whether they are teachers, students or DPW workers. If it was their own home and their garage door wouldn’t close, and they were heating the outdoors, they would call someone immediately to repair the situation. He stated he would vote in favor of the allocation. **Councilor Verga** agreed with Councilor Ciolino and reiterated his call for a comprehensive Free Cash allocation plan before any further allocations beyond this meeting. **Councilor McGeary** reiterated that it is the Administration’s intention, other than what is in this Council packet, to not request to allocate any more free cash until there is a comprehensive plan put forward.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, that \$60,000.00 (Sixty Thousand Dollars) be appropriated (2013-SA-12) from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance (“Free Cash”) to Facilities Building Maintenance, Account #1010000.10.472.52410.0000.00.000.00.052 for the purpose of making critical improvements to wiring and HVAC at the DPW facilities building on Poplar Street; and to replace overhead doors at the DPW Facilities Building.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to the City Council to institute fees for certain Police Department services to the public as follows:

911 Tape Fee	\$45.00
Insurance Company Accident Report Copies Fee	\$ 5.00
Photos Fee	\$ 1.00 per page
Cruiser Detail Fee	\$10.00 per hour

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated Chief Campanello informed B&F these requested administrative fees are in line with what other communities charge for these services. They had received a ruling from the City Solicitor that these fees are not set by ordinance and did not have to go to O&A. The B&F Committee did approve them. **Councilor Theken** asked how these fees would be collected – through the Treasurer’s office, the City Clerk’s office. **Mr. Towne** stated these fees will be collected as they do with other fees, such as at the Fire Department. They will be collected during regular business hours at the Police Department or arrangements can be made to make payment by mail. **Councilor Theken** asked about photo fees which **Councilor McGeary** said were accident scene photos. **Councilor Ciolino** expressed he had previously been concerned about the cruiser detail fee that there is a \$10 per hour additional charge to have the cruiser accompany the police officer. There is no minimum of, say, four hours; the charge is by the hour only. The Chief explained there is wear and tear on the cruisers and maintenance, and the cruisers do provide an element of safety. As this is an additional charge, the Council will need to see how this goes and perhaps may need to revisit this to see how it is working; however, but would support the administrative fees. **Councilor Verga** noted the Chief’s memo indicated these fees were comparable to other communities. **Councilor Cox** pointed out the comparables was provided by the Chief to the B&F Committee (on file); and that Gloucester will be the first community on Cape Ann to cover their costs for these requests. **Councilor Theken** asked if the cruiser detail fee was it for funerals, parades, etc. **Councilor Ciolino** stated the department doesn’t charge for a police detail for funerals. **Mr. Towne** clarified the cruiser fee is only for vendors. **Councilor Theken** stated she would support the fees.

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MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to the City Council to accept a Water Conservation Grant under MGL c. 44, §53A for \$50,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained that this was a grant originally awarded in 2010, but the DPW Director could find no record of it having been accepted by the Council. The money is used for water conservation, leak detection and repairs and requires a 25 percent match (\$12,500) which can be in-kind such as City workers working on leak detection and repairs. On inquiry by **Councilor Theken, Mr. Hale** confirmed the match is met by in-kind services. On further inquiry by **Councilor Ciolino, Mr. Hale** explained about unaccounted for water (UAW) is water the City produces but is not recovered through meters. There is a certain percentage used by the Fire Department for fighting fires, the street sweeper, but the majority is unaccounted for through leaks in pipes in people's water services. Gloucester has a very high UAW volume, as much as 24 percent of the City's produced water, which is a significant amount of lost revenue and water. Leak detection is done late at night (or during the day when possible) to identify a small leak in a big pipe which can leak for many years and go undetected. Grants like this helps to find pipes leaking and prevent water loss. Part of the grant is to look to buying their own leak detection units. The DPW crews are capable of doing this work, but they now outsource it to a specialized vendor. Two to three years of leak detection would likely cover the cost of the units versus spending that money with a contractor. They could put the equipment to work for many years, noting there is over 100 miles of water main lines in the City.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to accept a Water Conservation Grant under MGL c. 44, §53A for \$50,000 from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend to the City Council to appropriate \$85,000 (Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the City of Gloucester Newell Stadium Building Committee to fund athletic field lights, a red track surface and walking track lights as part of the overall Newell Stadium renovation project. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded by up to \$85,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund Capital Projects – Open Space Projects Fund #340001; AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate \$85,000 (Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for the purpose of the City of Gloucester Newell Stadium Building Committee to fund athletic field lights, a red track surface and walking track lights as part of the overall Newell Stadium renovation project. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded by up to \$85,000 from Unreserved Fund Balance in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund Capital Projects – Open Space Projects Fund #340001; AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council the following loan order:

ORDERED: That \$213,000 (Two Hundred, Thirteen Thousand Dollars) is appropriated for the purpose of funding a portion of the following Newell Stadium Renovation project expenses: athletic field lights, a red track surface and walking track lights; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$213,000 under G.L. c.44B (the Community Preservation Act) or pursuant to any other enabling legislation; that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and that the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all of the bonds authorized by this order and to provide such

information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes; AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

DISCUSSION:

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, the following loan order:

ORDERED: That \$213,000 (Two Hundred, Thirteen Thousand Dollars) is appropriated for the purpose of funding a portion of the following Newell Stadium Renovation project expenses: athletic field lights, a red track surface and walking track lights; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow \$213,000 under G.L. c.44B (the Community Preservation Act) or pursuant to any other enabling legislation; that the Mayor is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Mayor, with the approval of the City Council, is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; and that the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all of the bonds authorized by this order and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes; AND FURTHER TO ADVERTISE FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

Ordinances & Administration: November 19, 2012

There were no matters for action for the City Council from this meeting.

Planning & Development: No meeting the week of November 21, 2012.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. PH2012-084: Amend GCO c. 22, Sec. 22-287 (Disabled Veteran, Handicapped Parking) re: Pearl Street #13

This public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled Veteran, handicapped parking) BY ADDING one (1) handicapped space in front of or across from Pearl Street #13.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Whynott explained that the Traffic Commission had approved the creation of the new handicapped parking space. **Councilor Cox** noted the requestor attended the Traffic Commission and O&A meetings but was unable to attend this evening due to illness. There is very limited parking on Pearl Street. The requestor understands this space is for use by anyone who has a current handicapped placard and is not for his sole use.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-287 (Disabled Veteran, handicapped parking) BY ADDING one (1) handicapped space in front of or across from Pearl Street #13.

2. PH2012-063: Amend GCO c. 22, Sec. 22-289 (Parking meter zones-On streets) re: Main Street (Cont'd from 10/23/12)

This public hearing is opened.

Vice Chair, Councilor Theken stated this matter be continued to the December 11, 2012 City Council meeting.

The matter of amending GCO c. 22, Sec. 22-289 re: Main Street is continued to December 11, 2012.

3. PH2012-085: Amend GCO c. 22, Sec. 22-270 (Parking Prohibited At All Times) re: Lincoln Avenue

4. PH2012-086: Amend GCO c. 22, Sec. 22-291 (Tow-Away Zone) re: Lincoln Avenue

These public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

These public hearing are closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-270 (Parking prohibited at all Times) BY ADDING Lincoln Avenue from its intersection with Blynman Avenue for a distance of 385 feet on the westerly side to a point across from #15 Lincoln Avenue.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor LeBlanc stated a Traffic Commission meeting this evening for the Tow Away Zone which was approved unanimously. **Councilor Whynott** would support this motion but had an objection to having house numbers in ordinance language as sometime streets are renumbered and would prefer measurements from intersections.

Councilor LeBlanc noted the measurement was in the motion from the corner, although it referenced a house number. **Councilor Theken** confirmed at O&A they had asked for measurements versus house numbers as such. Through friendly amendment by Councilor LeBlanc, the Council assented to the phrase "to a point across from #15 Lincoln Avenue" was eliminated from the motion. **Councilor LeBlanc** noted in an email from Traffic Commission Chair, Robert Ryan, there was reference to pole number #394 and asked also by friendly amendment it be inserted in this motion as well as that of the motion for the Tow-Away Zone, to which the Council assented to as well.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-270 (Parking prohibited at all Times) BY ADDING Lincoln Avenue from its intersection with Blynman Avenue for a distance of 385 feet (Pole #394) on the westerly side.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-291 (Tow-away Zone) BY ADDING Lincoln Avenue from its intersection with Blynman Avenue for a distance of 385 feet on the westerly side to a point across from #15 Lincoln Avenue.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-291 (Tow-away Zone) BY ADDING Lincoln Avenue from its intersection with Blynman Avenue for a distance of 385 feet (Pole #394) on the westerly side.

5. PH2012-087: Amend GCO c. 22, Sec. 22-270 "Parking Prohibited at all Times" Re: Rowe Square

6. PH2012-088: Amend GCO c. 22, Sec. 22-291 "Two Away Zone" Re: Rowe Square

These public hearings are opened.

Those speaking in favor: None.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

These public hearings are closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-270 (Parking prohibited at all Times) BY ADDING Rowe Square, easterly (even numbered) side, from its intersection with Main Street in a southerly direction for its entire length.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Ciolino stated he was approached by Bruce Horne of Gorton's Inc., with Americold and Cruiseport about this situation, and in turn he had contacted Councilor Cox in whose ward this fell, and they came to an agreement for the strip of roadway where there are always traffic cones on the easterly side of the street to prevent vehicle parking in Rowe Square which interferes with the passage of trucks. Despite the traffic cones, vehicle parking has continued along Rowe Square's easterly side resulting in trucks unable to turn because of the parked cars which then back traffic up onto Main Street.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor LeBlanc, the City Council voted ROLL CALL VOTE 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-270 (Parking prohibited at all Times) BY ADDING Rowe Square, easterly (even numbered) side, from its intersection with Main Street in a southerly direction for its entire length.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Verga, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-291 (Tow-away Zone) BY ADDING Rowe Square, easterly (even numbered) side, from its intersection with Main Street in a southerly direction for its entire length.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor , the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to AMEND GCO Sec. 22-291 (Tow-away Zone) BY ADDING Rowe Square, easterly (even numbered) side, from its intersection with Main Street in a southerly direction for its entire length.

7. PH2012-089: Amend GCO c. 10 Waterways Administration, Sec. 10-51(e) "Fees" re: proposed increase of mooring fees

This public hearing is opened.

Those speaking in favor:

Tony Gross, 18 Nashua Avenue and Waterways Board Chair explained that the Board is asking for a mooring fee increase because of an increase in expenditures due to needs identified by the City. Through good fiscal guidance of the CFO and City Auditor they have put their books in order to see where they gain revenue and how their money is spent. The moorings have not been "carrying their [financial] weight," and needs to be addressed. With the last fiscal year's close they almost completely balanced their books, spending everything they took in. Due to public demand and basic need, the Harbormaster's office needs to expand. The Annisquam River has become hazardous daily during the summer boating season. They have complaints about speeding and unsafe conditions. They plan to hire another Assistant Harbormaster and obtaining an appropriate boat for patrols on the river throughout the summer season to help address this situation. That is an additional \$12,000 for payroll alone. They are also proposing to start a launch service to and from moorings. During the first several years of operation the Waterways Board will have to carry it financially until it is well established. This will be a service to the moorings that are in the harbor. They are also looking at all the mooring areas. They attempted to regrid the harbor in-house, and found it was more than they could do. It cost \$4,900 to have a regridding done; and is an expense as they grow the harbor. **Peter Bent**, Waterways Board member stated he and four other members of the Board present in favor of the mooring fee increase.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council AMEND GCO Chapter 10, Waterways Board, Sec. 10-51(e) Fees, that the Fees for personal moorings shall be charged by length of vessel at the rate increasing from four dollars (\$4.00) to six dollars (\$6.00) per foot for Gloucester residents and taxpayers, and increase the rate of six dollars (\$6.00) per foot for non-residents to eight dollars (\$8.00) per foot.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained he took a ride up the river last summer with the Harbormaster and noted at the prevailing speed limit it takes 45 minutes from the harbor to Wingersheek Beach. To have another patrol boat on the river during high traffic months is a good use of the money. B&F recommended the fee increase based on that and for instituting the launch service. **Councilor Theken** noted the O&A Committee passed this unanimously also. **Councilor Ciolino** commented he would support this tonight. The fees are comparable to other communities. The Waterways Board may have to add another boat and increasing personnel part time to patrol the river expressing that it has become a dangerous place in the summer. Also, when the launch boat moves forward, these mooring fees will add additional income to the City. He said the Board is working hard to solve many issues and creating more moorings. He thanked them for their hard work.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Whynott, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to AMEND GCO Chapter 10, Waterways Board, Sec. 10-51(e) Fees, that the Fees for personal moorings shall be charged by length of vessel at the rate increasing from four dollars (\$4.00) to six dollars (\$6.00) per foot for Gloucester residents and taxpayers, and increase the rate of six dollars (\$6.00) per foot for non-residents to eight dollars (\$8.00) per foot.

8. PH2012-090: Home Rule Petition eliminating parcel located at 65 Rogers Street, Gloucester from the Designated Port Area

This public hearing is opened.

Vice Chair, Councilor Theken stated this matter is to be continued to the December 11, 2012 City Council meeting.

The matter of a Home Rule Petition eliminating parcel located at 65 Rogers Street Gloucester from the Designated Port Area is continued to December 11, 2012.

9. PH2012-091: Recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for Round 3, FY2012

These public hearings are opened.

Sandra Dahl-Ronan, Co-Chair explained the Community Preservation Act (CPA) was adopted by Gloucester voters in 2008 with a 1 percent surcharge on real estate taxes. She noted this is the third round of applications since the CPA fund inception to fund projects to preserve and restore historic buildings and artifacts; create and preserve affordable housing; and acquire and preserve open space. Due to the State's new expanded CPA legislation, funds can now be used to invest in public recreation areas including restoring existing playgrounds and ball fields. The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) was formed in 2009. The CPC is comprised of four at-large members: J. J. Bell, Stacy Randall, Scott Smith and she. Other members are Karen Gallagher represents the Planning Board; Charles Crowley represents the Open Space & Recreation Committee; Robert Gulla representing the Conservation Commission; Thomas O'Keefe representing the Historic Commission; and Bill Dugan representing the Gloucester Housing Authority. Eleven applications were submitted to the CPC for this funding round totaling \$617,715. Through careful review including site visits, the CPC, mindful of creating a balance between the categories, and to keep a balance of CPA funds for the next round of applications, voted to recommend eight projects totaling \$260,715. These were forwarded to the Mayor and City Council for consideration. Of the eight applications, six fall under the historic preservation category, and two in the open space category. There were no community housing applications. B&F voted to recommend all eight applications. She thanked the citizens of Gloucester for voting the

CPA into existence. The fourth round of funding begins in February 2013, and anticipates about October 2013 the project awards will take place.

1. *North Shore Art Association: Window Replacement \$15,000*

Ms. Ronan introduced the North Shore Art Association window replacement application which falls under the historic preservation category. The project estimated total is \$36,500; and the CPC recommended funding \$15,000. This is to replace 22 failing original windows in the historic Thomas E. Reed building located on Pirates Lane on Wonson's Wharf. The 22 windows admit light into various areas of the building where natural light is desirable and necessary for office work and for viewing paintings hung on the walls. Many windows appear to be original to the building; are six-over-six double-hung wood frame construction; and are well beyond their service life, leaking, have extensive rot and cannot be repaired.

Those speaking in favor:

Kathy Moore, Co-Vice President of the North Shore Art Association (NSAA) noted there was a site visit by City Councilors. The windows are very unstable and are original to the building. Their hope is to replace them with the same look and feel of windows. They have gotten estimates which vary in range depending on the brand of window used. They had to completely replace the Reed building roof; the cost of which was self-funded. They will raise the rest of the money for this project themselves. She expressed the belief they can cover the balance. This would allow extending their season some; they are now open May through October. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$365,000.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the North Shore Art Association Window Replacement Project at the Thomas E. Reed Building located in Gloucester's Inner Harbor in Gloucester, Massachusetts, in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275011.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Ciolino thanked the CPC for another outstanding job. He said he was pleased this money is available for projects such as this that may have not received funding from the City otherwise. He looked forward to another year of CPC recommendations. This building at the NSAA is beautiful, and they have done a "tremendous" job. Saying this money is well spent for historic preservation, he supported funding for the project.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$15,000.00 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the North Shore Art Association Window Replacement Project at the Thomas E. Reed Building located in Gloucester's Inner Harbor in Gloucester, Massachusetts, in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275011.

2. *Lanes Cove Fish Shack Building Committee Fish Shack Restoration \$20,000*

J.J. Bell, CPC Co-Chair explained the CPC recommends an appropriation of \$20,000 for preservation and restoration of this historical asset. This is to restore historical resources. The Fish Shack at Lanes Cove had fallen into disrepair. The property is a public landing owned by the City as is the shack. Historical use is storage and work space for commercial fisherman; and is the subject of many paintings and photographs. It will continue to be used

as such after its restoration. He noted the building's restoration is almost 80 percent complete, and is a grass roots project. The total budget is \$80,000, much of which is in-kind labor and donated in-kind materials.

Those speaking in favor:

Jim Hafey, City Facilities Manager and Lanes Cove Fish Shack Committee member speaking on behalf of the Lanes Cove Fish Shack Building Committee reiterated they worked [on the fish shack] every Saturday since March. He confirmed they are about at 80 percent complete. They are starting to buy materials that add up quickly for doors, windows and flooring which is why they are asking for this \$20,000. They will work through the winter to complete the project and are readying the structure for the winter now.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor Theken asked if this \$20,000 will complete the project; and will there be funds to maintain it. **Mr. Hafey** said it will and that they are receiving donations and hopes to use that money for future maintenance of the building through their S.O.S. fund.

This portion of the public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the City of Gloucester, Building Committee for Lanes Cove Fish Shack, Lanes Cove Fish Shack Renovation in order to restore a historic resource located in Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275012.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated this is a wonderful project and was impressed with the community aspect of this project. He expressed his endorsement. **Councilor Ciolino** acknowledged the hard work by Council President Hardy on this project knowing it is "near and dear" to her heart. He wanted to see the project completed. **Councilor Theken** noted that all the projects coming before the Council this evening are remarkable. Thanking the CPC for their work, she noted when a piece of their taxes go to projects like these in the community, it serves the public good.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$20,000.00 (Twenty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the City of Gloucester, Building Committee for Lanes Cove Fish Shack, Lanes Cove Fish Shack Renovation in order to restore a historic resource located in Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275012.**

3. *Cape Ann Museum*

*Preservation & Digitization of Phillips
& Holloran Architectural Plans*

\$10,000

Ms. Ronan explained this project is the preservation and digitization of Phillips & Holloran Architectural Plans. The total estimated project cost is \$120,000. The CPC recommended \$10,000. She noted JJ. Bell is a member of the board of the Cape Ann Museum and had recused himself from any votes taken by the CPC on matters that may affect the funding for this organization. In 2011 the Cape Ann Museum received a collection of more than 300 rolls of architectural plans of Gloucester businesses, municipal buildings and private homes from the estate of Robert Holloran, who was the last partner in the architectural firm of Phillip & Holloran. These plans had been stored, tightly rolled for over fifty years. It was requested that the funds be given be focused on the public buildings and that the public is aware of the availability of these plans.

Those speaking in favor:

Stephanie Buck, Librarian and Archivist of the Cape Ann Museum, explained the Cape Ann Museum was committed to preserving the legacy of Gloucester's history. In 2011 they received the 300 rolls of architectural plans and more have just arrived. They are plans of municipal buildings and private buildings as well. These plans

had been stored, tightly rolled, for over fifty years. She gave a brief history of the Phillips & Holloran architectural firm in relation to the City. In addition to designing the Empire store on Main Street, the firm designed Gloucester High School and the Magnolia Fire Station, to name a few local municipal buildings. Interest in the plans is “lively.” The original 1870 plans for City Hall, obtained by Phillips & Holloran, have been especially helpful to the City Hall Restoration Committee, as have many others to date. After conservation and digitization, the plans will be stored appropriately in climate controlled areas.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor asked

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of The Cape Ann Museum Preservation and Digitization of the Collection of Phillips & Holloran Architectural Plans 1894-1960 in order to restore an historic resource located in Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275013.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox requested that on all future funding for CPA projects, since it is the citizens of Gloucester’s taxpayer dollars funding these projects, as she had said at B&F, she would like to see organization awarded CPA funding be required to be open to the public at least two times per year free of charge to Gloucester residents. It is the appropriate thing to do so that the citizens of Gloucester can see how their tax dollars are used. **Councilor Theken** acknowledged the Council understands many projects already do open to the public at no charge, like the Fish Shack, the North Shore Art Association, the Cape Ann Museum (in January each year).

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$10,000.00 (Ten Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of The Cape Ann Museum Preservation and Digitization of the Collection of Phillips & Holloran Architectural Plans 1894-1960 in order to restore an historic resource located in Gloucester, Massachusetts. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275013.**

4. *Magnolia Historical Society*

Archives Manager

\$ 5,000

Mr. Bell stated the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$5,000 to the Magnolia Historical Society (MHS) for the purpose of restoring historic archives by hiring a qualified archives manager to scan and identify individual pieces of their collection into the Past Perfect program and be stored on a hard drive which will allow for future educational displays and ease of access for ancestral and educational research. The CPA spending purpose is to restore historic resources. An all-in-one printer/scanner/copier and materials have been purchased with prior CPA funds; and this funding builds on that. In order to utilize this printer/scanner/copier, the MHS needs to hire a qualified archives manager who would be able to use the program and equipment properly in order to preserve their collection. The total of the project is about \$18,000. He said the CPC is continually impressed with the MHS, citing it as, “the little engine that could.”

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Magnolia Historical Society-Magnolia Historical Museum Archive Digitization in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded up to \$2,802 from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000 and funded by up to \$2,198 from the Unreserved Fund Balance in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275014.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Ciolino endorsed the MHS funding.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$5,000.00 (Five Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Magnolia Historical Society-Magnolia Historical Museum Archive Digitization in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded up to \$2,802 from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000 and funded by up to \$2,198 from the Unreserved Fund Balance in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275014.**

5. *Maritime Gloucester* *Restoration of Marine Railways & Mill Bldg.* \$20,300

Ms. Ronan stated the CPC recommends the appropriation of \$20,300 for historic preservation. The total estimated project cost is \$27,300. The railway at Maritime Gloucester is the oldest continuously operated working marine railway in the United States. It has been used since 1850 to haul and repair historic wooden vessels up to 350 tons. The machinery for running the railway is housed in the brick Mill Building. It includes an operational 46-inch saw mill, planer, and other traditional woodworking equipment and railway machinery from the 19th century. Maritime Gloucester wishes to restore and preserve the building, creating an exhibit within the Mill Building showcasing the saw mill and machinery.

Those speaking in favor:

Tom Balf, Executive Director of Maritime Gloucester stated this is different than most buildings on the harbor from an architectural standpoint. The arched ceiling in the basement will be able to be opened up and exposed. When the railway was built in 1849 it was run by steam. Much of Duncan Point was built from wood milled in this building. It is hoped this unique project will be completed by May. He invited the Council to visit and see what they have done to date. This would be part of the public phase of Maritime Gloucester and will be open to the public.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$20,300.00 (Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of Maritime Gloucester's Preservation and Restoration of Marine Railway Mill Building at Maritime Gloucester in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275015.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Whynott made note of Harriet Webster, former City Councilor, and her involvement in Maritime Gloucester; and dedicated his vote to her. **Councilor Theken** added her assent to Councilor Whynott's comments.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Whynott, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$20,300.00 (Twenty Thousand, Three Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of Maritime Gloucester's Preservation and Restoration of Marine Railway Mill Building at Maritime Gloucester in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275015.

6. *Phyllis A. Marine Assoc., Inc.*

Restoration of Stanchions, Planking & Cap Rail \$25,415

Mr. Bell explained the CPC recommended the appropriation of \$25,415 to restore the stanchions, planking and cap rail of the Phyllis A. This appropriation is to restore an historic asset. The Phyllis A. is a 60 ft. gill net fishing vessel built in 1925 by Captain Albert Arnold. He was the leader of a group who brought the gill net fishermen from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic East Coast starting in 1910; a fishing industry that still exists today. This work will enable the reattachment of metal posts and rope lines to the rail cap to bring the rail height to 42 inches which the Coast Guard requires for dock side attraction vessel. This will allow for on-board tours. The total cost is estimated at \$35,415.

Those speaking in favor:

Doug Parsons, President of the Phyllis A. Marine Association stated their first CPA funding of \$20,000 allowed them to keep the Phyllis A. afloat at the Marine Railways. This funding will allow the vessel to get to the point where the Coast Guard would allow the vessel to be used for an "attraction vessel." They still have to raise the funds to come up with an egress from where the vessel is now; but this will allow them to get to that point.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions: None.

This portion of the public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino, seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$25,415 (Twenty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifteen Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Phyllis A. Marine Association, Inc., to restore the Phyllis A. which is a Historical vessel berthed in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to use the funds towards the rebuilding of stanchions, planking and rail caps from waterline in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded up to \$25,172 from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300 and up to \$243 from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275016.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox disclosed her husband was a member of the Phyllis A. Marine Assoc., Inc. board and said he will not financially benefit from this vote, and does not influence her vote on this matter.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$25,415 (Twenty-Five Thousand, Four Hundred and Fifteen Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Phyllis A. Marine Association, Inc., to restore the Phyllis A. which is a Historical vessel berthed in Gloucester, Massachusetts, to use the funds towards the rebuilding of stanchions, planking and rail caps from waterline in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded up to \$25,172 from Historic Preservation Reserves in Fund #270300 and up to \$243 from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #275016.

7. *Friends of Good Harbor*

Preservation of 70-74 Thatcher Road

\$150,000

Ms. Ronan explained this project falls under the open space category for the preservation of 70-74 Thatcher Road. The total estimated project cost is \$750,000, and the CPC recommended \$150,000. The Friends of Good Harbor (FOGH) hope to preserve about 6 acres of filled land on Thatcher Road across from Good Harbor Beach to restore it as a salt marsh and for public access, appreciation and education. The current owners had intended to develop the property under MGL c. 40B. The FOGH and the owners, Briernack Realty have reached an agreement of a purchase price of \$720,000 (the overall budget is \$750,000). The intended tripartite funding is comprised of CPA funds; a LAND Grant from the State; and from general fundraising from private foundations and individuals. The CPC recommended this project as a catalyst to resolving a decades-old issue. They realize it is dependent on some outstanding issues such as the signing of a P&S agreement and receipt of the LAND Grant, as well as agreements with the City.

Councilor McGeary stated he has been working with the Friends of Good Harbor (FOGH) as an interested citizen and will not recuse himself on any votes on this matter. The project's loan authorization failed at City Council on August 14th.

Those speaking in favor:

Denton Crews, 45 Old Nugent Farm and representing FOGH, noted Chris Egan and Dolores Mack, members of FOGH and their Attorney Meredith Fine were present also. He submitted a current project summary dated November 27, 2012 (received and placed on file) to the Council which **Councilor Theken** expressed should have been submitted in advance of that evening and made a part of the Council agenda packet. **Mr. Crews** explained this has been a 40 year attempt to acquire this property for the purpose of open space rather than private development, calling this purchase an "intervention" on the part of a community group, FOGH. To date they have an agreement by the owners to sell the property at an appraised price of \$720,000 and to contribute \$125,000 towards the sale price (17 percent of the total cost). The Purchase & Sale Agreement (P&S) has been signed. There are commitments of \$75,000 with another \$25,000 to be raised between now and early 2013. The CPA funding would contribute \$150,000; and the LAND Grant from the State's Department of Energy, applied for by the Conservation Commission, and is still pending. They have learned the award announcement will be any day. The total comes to \$750,000. He noted additional developments: An interim loan has been secured by the FOGH and through a private party. At the request of Councilor Tobey, the FOGH have worked on a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the maintenance and restoration of the property. The Essex County Greenbelt Association Board of Directors has voted and agreed to assume the role of holding a conservation restriction on the property once acquired so in perpetuity it must be kept as open space. That cost is \$15,000 which is their standard endowment to hold the stewardship. The FOGH is committed to that \$15,000 as well. They have tried to determine if there is any evidence of hazardous waste on the property in City or State EPA records. There is no evidence of hazardous waste in those records or an expectation by the DEP requiring a 21E report on the site. In response to the question raised about the project being solely a neighborhood project; the FOGH has expanded their membership beyond their immediate vicinity, 39 people have signed up to receive their newsletter and 41 other persons have actually joined the FOGH. He expressed they are poised for closure with the CPA funding will making it possible.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor LeBlanc asked if the Council had received the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the property's maintenance as he has not viewed it. **Mr. Crews** stated it is only in draft form. It would need to be signed by the City and FOGH and includes the Essex County Greenbelt Association as well encompassing the role of the FOGH, the City and its departments. **Councilor LeBlanc** asked if the FOGH will be financially responsible for the maintenance of the property. **Attorney Meredith Fine** stated the City Solicitor still has the document under review. The maintenance of the land will not cost any more than the City is already spending today, for example, to cut the brush back along the roadway. **Councilor Ciolino** noted he received a three page email saying Ed Parks will be assessing the project's scope, and what is in the fill, and come up with an action plan. He expressed his confidence in Mr. Parks' abilities. **Councilor Verga** confirmed the City still has some protection. They are voting ahead of the MOU. Ultimately the Council has to vote to accept the gift of the land. He asked what happens to this grant from the CPA should the State LAND Grant not come through. **Mr. Bell** responded that this award has a "shelf life" of June 30, 2013 or the expiration of the P&S agreement just signed. They also recognize the LAND Grant is a large part of this project's funding. If they are turned down, the CPC would want to meet with the FOGH to discuss where they would go from there. **Councilor McGeary** noted the money is contingent on the deal going forward, and the money would revert to the CPA fund, which **Mr. Bell** confirmed. **Councilor Theken** noted this is just for \$150,000 of CPA funds also agreeing if the FOGH doesn't get the LAND Grant this money goes back to the CPA fund.

This portion of the public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council appropriate up to \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Friends of Good Harbor, Inc. acquiring approximately six (6) acres of property located at 70-74 Thatcher Road, Gloucester, Massachusetts, upon the condition that the expiration of the Award shall be June 30, 2013, or at the expiration of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, whichever occurs first. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded up to \$42,472 from the Open Space Reserves in Fund #270100, and funded up to \$107,528 from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. This project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271003.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary stated as the Ward Councilor he has been working closely with the FOGH to bring this project to fruition; and as an interested citizen he expressed his belief in the project, but has no financial interest in it and has no issue in voting for it which he intended to do. Many of the issues raised at the August hearing have been answered. The loan is now being undertaken by a private individual; the City will not even bear the cost on the interest on a loan. As to whether there is hazardous waste on the property, there is none. There is no record that any of them could find. It is not listed on the State DEP map as an area of concern. The question both Council President Hardy and Councilor Tobey raised was the issue of would the City be stuck maintaining this property in perpetuity. He further expressed the belief the MOU and Ed Parks' involvement goes a long way to addressing that. This calls for no municipal expenditures; and any work done by the City would be paid for by the FOGH through private fundraising or grants. He recommended the Council vote in favor of this funding. **Councilor Ciolino** stated the \$150,000 will help to enable this property to be maintained as open space. The property is a gateway to Good Harbor Beach in need of protection. Most of it is marsh, and so there is not a lot to maintain, although they have to restore the filled area. He urged the Council to vote for this project. **Councilor Verga** still had reservations on the project, but that the City was not putting up any money thanks to a private benefactor, and that there will be an MOU also. There is a potential of \$150,000 giving a good investment for the City; but if something goes awry, the Council can reserve their vote when it comes time to accept the property. **Councilor Theken** expressed she still had a few concerns when some of these folks fall away, looking to be sure there will be a financial and maintenance plan in place for now and the future. She will want to know who will have the responsibility and the liability. Noting the work Councilor McGeary has done to assist this project; she was pleased the FOGH didn't give up believing in this project coming up with alternative funding. She supported the project's funding. **Councilor LeBlanc** expressed he still had questions; that there were other areas of the City that could better utilize this funding, noting there are acres of fields and parks needing attention. He said the Council needs to discourage people purchasing and donating land to the City to prevent its development. He would not support this project's funding.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor Ciolino, the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 6** in favor, 1 (LeBlanc) opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$150,000 (One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of the Friends of Good Harbor, Inc. acquiring approximately six (6) acres of property located at 70-74 Thatcher Road, Gloucester, Massachusetts, upon the condition that the expiration of the Award shall be June 30, 2013, or at the expiration of the Purchase and Sale Agreement, whichever occurs first. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded up to \$42,472 from the Open Space Reserves in Fund #270100, and funded up to \$107,528 from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #270000. This project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271003.

8. *Community Development Department N. Gloucester Woods Appraiser & Surveyors* \$15,000

Mr. Bell stated the CPC recommends an appropriation of \$15,000 for the purpose of hiring certified appraisers and surveyors to determine fair market value of private properties or easements critical to the preservation of the continuous open trail system to preserve open space in Gloucester's North Woods. The CPA spending purpose is to preserve open space. The North Gloucester Woods preservation plan was created by the first round of CPA funding. That plan proposes the City establishing a North Gloucester Woods reservation and recreation area and for the City

to take action to support the acquisition of privately owned parcels deemed critical to ensuring a preservation of a continuous trail system and open space area. Any acquisitions require appraisals, surveys and a draft acquisition auction documents. The total cost is \$20,000.

Those speaking in favor:

Stephen Winslow, Project Manager with the Community Development Department noted Noel Mann; member of the Open Space & Recreation Committee was in attendance with him also. He explained this area is north of Dogtown (pointing to an MIS map of the area), an historic quarrying area. It is a patchwork of private parcels; parcels owned by the Greenbelt Association and Forestry Foundation, as well as City conservation land. The community uses the trails. As part of the study, they identified what trails are actively used, and identified ownership of the properties. There were three public meetings, and he noted Council President Hardy attended all three, along with 20-30 people from the Lanesville area. People said the network of trails is important to the quality of life there. As property ownership changes, sometimes the new owners cut off access to the trails; and they end up with a disconnected system of the trails, a concerning trend. There was also a concern expressed as to the extent of City involvement. One of the recommendations was to establish a private trail association so private land owners would work with them to provide access. As a result, Cape Ann Trails Association now exists and private landowners can work with them. Near Dogtown there are wood lots that over time have come to the City either through purchase by the Conservation Commission or through tax takings because they are undevelopable (mostly in is the southern part). Along the spine of Rockport there is a narrow 75-acre parcel of which the ownership is unknown. They have identified four privately-owned parcels critical to maintaining the trail network. Up to the very north there is an old railway which is a popular trail running through to Rockport which is on private land. They are looking to get an easement. There is an old path to Annisquam that is over privately owned land and through several wood lots. They are looking to have the resources to negotiate with private land owners in order to minimize land acquisition.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Questions:

Councilor asked

This public hearing is closed.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor Ciolino , seconded by Councilor Cox, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend to the City Council to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of hiring certified appraisers and surveyors to determine fair market value of privately-owned properties or easements deemed critical to the preservation of continuous trail system and open space area in Gloucester's North Woods area prior to acquisition as required by law. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded from the Open Space Reserves in Fund #270100. This project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271004.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor McGeary explained that this is a strategic acquisition having identified crucial parcels, and this is a first step to get appraisals so they can approach the owners to negotiate. **Councilor Ciolino** stated any money the City spends on preserving open space is well spent and urged the Council to vote in favor.

MOTION: On motion by Councilor McGeary, seconded by Councilor , the City Council voted **BY ROLL CALL 7 in favor, 0 opposed, 2 (Hardy, Tobey) absent, to appropriate up to \$15,000 (Fifteen Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of hiring certified appraisers and surveyors to determine fair market value of privately-owned properties or easements deemed critical to the preservation of continuous trail system and open space area in Gloucester's North Woods area prior to acquisition as required by law. The appropriation will be allocated to the Open Space category and funded from the Open Space Reserves in Fund #270100. This project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Open Space Projects Fund #271004.**

This public hearing is closed.

For Council Vote: None.

Unfinished Business: None.

Individual Councilor's Discussion including Reports by Appointed Councilors to Committees:

Councilor Theken asked Councilor Cox, the Council's representative to the Tourism Commission to inform the Council of their most recent meetings as she has received complaints there has not been much progress and that there are still members needed to fill open spots. **Councilor Cox** said she was not able to report yet as she will not attend a meeting of the Tourism Commission until January. She would report back at that time.

Councilor McGeary stated the Harbor Planning Committee had its first meeting last week, and are currently reviewing the Harbor Plan to see if there are any changes they want to offer.

Councilor Verga noted the Magnolia Woods Committee is meeting, and that they will be requesting money to officially close the Magnolia landfill. As to the Fisheries Commission, the survey is out, and they're waiting to get back responses from landowners. The response has been good from vessel owners. They will meet the following afternoon starting at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Whynott stated in view of the fact they put a lot of CPA money into fixing the outside of City Hall ;and that there is some Free Cash for one time purchases, they should use some of that money into a heating system for City Hall that has more than its current one zone. The heating system in City Hall is the oldest in the City's municipal buildings.

Councilor Cox asked that the auditorium clock's time be corrected.

Councilor Verga asked again for the reconstitution of a Planting Committee as well as the Cemetery Advisory Committee. The Clerk of Committees would see to the resubmission of the Councilor's request.

Councilor McGeary noted thanked the City's voters for approving the CPA several years ago. They are seeing the real and permanent good their tax dollars are doing through funding these projects.

Councilor Ciolino thanked those who participated in the Christmas Parade. It was very successful. He also noted Rudi Macchi has volunteered for 27 years and does a wonderful job as Santa.

Councilor Theken thanked Councilor Ciolino for the parade bringing people downtown with a wonderful turnout. Since the Christmas tree comes from Canada brought back by Ringo Tarr and Joe Novello, and all the volunteers; Cindy and Bob Francis who decorate it, the next time they go up to get the tree they will send with them 25 lbs. of Sicilian cookies to say thanks to the City's "neighbors." She also noted for seniors that open enrollment closes December 7th.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgenson
Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Good Harbor Gateway Project, Presentation to the Gloucester City Council, November 27, 2012 submitted by Denton Crews, Friends of Good Harbor Beach**