

GLOUCESTER CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday, December 11, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Kyrouz Auditorium – City Hall

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Present: Chair, Councilor Paul Lundberg; Vice Chair, Councilor Steven LeBlanc, Jr.; Councilor Melissa Cox; Councilor Valerie Gilman; Councilor Kenneth Hecht; Councilor Jennifer Holmgren; Councilor Scott Memhard; Councilor Sean Nolan; Councilor James O’Hara

Absent: None.

Also Present: Grace Poirier; Jim Destino; Kenny Costa; John Dunn; Mike Hale; Harbormaster T.J. Ciarametaro; Assistant Fire Chief Joseph Aiello

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. The Council President announced that this meeting is recorded by video and audio in accordance with state Open Meeting Law.

Flag Salute & Moment of Silence.**Oral Communications:**

Name: Marjorie Grace

Address: 14 Hawthorne Road

Subject: Renewed her review of issues surrounding residents on private ways who want the city to take those roads as public ways with the financial burden placed upon those residents from her appearance before the Council on November 27. She reiterated her concern that repairs to her private way and many others in the city were financially out of reach for most homeowners in bringing their private way up to the level it must be for the city to take it public. She questioned the inequity between private way abutters versus public way abutters when all pay their taxes to the city. Written statement placed on file.

Name: James Gigliotti

Address: 15 Saville Road

Subject: Spoke about a water line break on his private road saying at that time he wasn’t aware that the city wouldn’t assist him or his neighbors -- the DPW had advised him it was not their responsibility to repair a private way’s water line. He expressed concern that the city didn’t seek adequate planning for that road’s infrastructure when it was created and asked why it was the abutters’ responsibility for the water line repair. He reported the expense to his neighbors to repair the water line was over \$4,000, calling it “unacceptable.” He pointed out that a water main broke on Hawthorne Road, and he indicated that the city fixed it. He asked why Saville Road’s water line couldn’t be repaired by the city.

Name: Jim Muldowney

Address: 40R Englewood Road

Subject: Expressed agreement with Ms. Grace and Mr. Gigliotti’s comments and reported that his neighbors are trying to follow the city’s betterment process but find it daunting with 50 abutters and the many issues surrounding the demands of the Ordinance. He acknowledged receipt of a letter from the Mayor after he spoke at the Nov. 13 City Council meeting which pointed out that the abutters of Englewood Road are free to avail themselves of private contractor bids, and touched briefly on that issue as well.

Presentations/Commendations: None.

Confirmation of New Appointments:

Licensing Board

John T. Lamirande

TTE 05/31/19

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor O’Hara, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the Ordinances & Administration Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appoint John T. Lamirande to the Licensing Board, TTE 05/31/19.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor LeBlanc, seconded by Councilor Nolan, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to appoint John T. Lamirande to the Licensing Board, TTE 05/31/19.

Consent Agenda:

• **MAYOR'S REPORT**

1. Appointments:

Gloucester Cultural Council	Amanda Nash	(TTE 02/14/22)	(Refer O&A)
Shellfish Advisory Commission	Michael Orlando	(TTE 02/14/21)	(Refer O&A)

Reappointments:

Affordable Housing Trust	Ruth Pino, Michael Luster, Rick Doucette	(TTE 02/14/21)	(Refer O&A)
Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds	Rick Ciolino, Barry Weiner	(TTE 02/14/22)	(Refer O&A)
Board of Health	Joseph Rosa	(TTE 02/14/22)	(Refer O&A)
Board of Registrars	Judith Peterson	(TTE 02/14/22)	(Refer O&A)
City Hall Restoration Commission	Maggie Rosa, Steve Dexter, David Bell, Janis Bell, Mary Rhinelander-McCarl, Richard Luecke, Mark Cole, Bill Sanborn	(TTE 02/14/22)	(Refer O&A)

Clean Energy Commission	Linda Brayton, John Moskal	(TTE 02/14/21)	(Refer O&A)
Community Preservation Committee	Heidi Wakeman, Ellen Preston	(TTE 02/14/22)	(Refer O&A)
Economic Develop. & Industrial Corp.	Michael DiLascio, Ruth Pino, Carl Gustin	(TTE 02/14/22)	(Refer O&A)

2. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Council On Aging Director re: FY19 State Formula Grant application in the amount of \$88,848 (Refer B&F)
3. Memorandum, Grant Application & Checklist from the Economic Development Director re: request acceptance of the Massachusetts Seaport Economic Council Grant - Gloucester Fresh in the amount of \$110,000 (Refer B&F)
4. Supplemental Appropriation-Budgetary Request 2019-SA-18 from the DPW (Refer B&F)
5. Memorandum and Special Budgetary Transfer Requests 2019-SBT-6 & -7 from the CFO (Refer B&F)
6. Memorandum and Supplemental Appropriation Budgetary Request 2019-SA-19 from the CFO (Refer B&F)
7. Memorandum from Community Development Director re: request acceptance of MA Cultural Council Grant-Rocky Neck Cultural District in the amount of \$5,000 (Refer B&F)

• **COMMUNICATIONS/INVITATIONS**

1. Letter from Gloucester Contributory Retirement System Board re; 2019 Annual Expense Budget (Info Only)

• **APPLICATIONS/PETITIONS**

• **COUNCILORS ORDERS**

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL AND STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1. City Council Meeting: 11/27/2018 (Approve/File)
2. Special P&D and Historical Commission 11/26/2018 (Approve/File)
3. Standing Committee Meetings: B&F 12/06/18 (under separate cover), O&A 12/03/2018, P&D 12/05/2018 (under separate cover)(Approve/File)

Items to be added/deleted from the Consent Agenda:

By unanimous assent of the City Council the Consent Agenda was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Finance: December 6

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-12 in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund, Transfer in from General Fund, Account #84004-497001 to partially fund the City's OPEB unfunded liability.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox explained that this is a funding appropriation made annually with Free Cash to the city's unfunded Other Post-Employment Benefits liability according to a plan in place to move towards full funding.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-12 in the amount of \$50,000.00 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"),

Account #0001-359000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit (OPEB) Trust Fund, Transfer in from General Fund, Account #84004-497001 to partially fund the City's OPEB unfunded liability.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-13 in the amount of \$184,237.23 (One Hundred Eighty Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Seven Dollars and Twenty Three Cents) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfers In from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox conveyed that 2019-SA-13, -14 and -15 appropriations to the Stabilization Funds are per the Council's adopted policy for Free Cash distribution so that it is held for the purpose of capital improvements, building maintenance and the General Fund's undesignated fund. This policy was proposed by the Administration and the Council adopted several years ago for "rainy day" funds.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-14 in the amount of \$368,474.46 (Three Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and Forty Six Cents) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund, Transfers in from the General Fund, Account #770001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-14 in the amount of \$368,474.46 (Three Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and Forty Six Cents) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000 to the Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund, Transfers in from the General Fund, Account #770001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-15 in the amount of \$736,948.92 (Seven Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Ninety Two Cents) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000, to Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, Transfers from the General Fund, Account #760001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-15 in the amount of \$736,948.92 (Seven Hundred Thirty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and Ninety Two Cents) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance ("Free Cash"), Account #0001-359000, to Capital Projects Stabilization Fund, Transfers from the General Fund, Account #760001-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-16 in the amount of \$376,441.69 (Three Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty One Dollars and Sixty Nine Cents) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfer in from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox explained that this appropriation from Free Cash is to backfill the General Stabilization Fund when funds were used to make the Snow & Ice FY18 account whole previously.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-16 in the amount of \$376,441.69 (Three Hundred Seventy Six Thousand Four Hundred Forty One Dollars and Sixty Nine Cents) from the General Fund, Undesignated Fund Balance (“Free Cash”), Account #0001-359000 to the General Stabilization Fund-Transfer in from General Fund, Account #75004-497001 per the Capital Plan Funding and Free Cash Distribution Policy.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council accept under MGL c. 44, 53A a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$6,100.00. Funds are to be used for the purchase of body armor and ballistic helmets for the city’s Emergency Management Department. The grant period for the FFY2018 grant portion is from November 14, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and there is a 100% in-kind match for this grant.

DISCUSSION:

Council President Lundberg asked what an in-kind match means. **Councilor Cox** advised that this grant requires a 100% in-kind match which is comprised of an equivalent of the \$6,100 through the “donation” of man hours and Fire staff salary.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept under MGL c. 44, 53A a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$6,100.00. Funds are to be used for the purchase of body armor and ballistic helmets for the city’s Emergency Management Department. The grant period for the FFY2018 grant portion is from November 14, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and there is a 100% in-kind match for this grant.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council to accept under MGL c. 44, 53A a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update Project Grant in the amount of \$18,000. Funds are to be used for the purpose of updating the city of Gloucester’s Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The grant ending date is June 30, 2020 and there is a local match of up to 25% of total eligible and approved costs.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox conveyed that this Pre-Disaster Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Grant from FEMA through MEMA is \$18,000 and will be utilized for a review of the Fire Department’s plan to be done by a current city consultant, last updated in 2012. This will be a complete review for natural disasters, and that information will be able to assist the Planning Division in conjunction with their MVP Planning Grant by providing them with additional up-to-date data.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to accept under MGL c. 44, 53A a federal grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security/Federal Emergency Management Agency passed through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) a Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan Update Project Grant in the amount of \$18,000. Funds are to be used for the purpose of updating the city of Gloucester's Local Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. The grant ending date is June 30, 2020 and there is a local match of up to 25% of total eligible and approved costs.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-17 in the amount of \$35,000 (Thirty Five Thousand Dollars) from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund – Transfers out to Trust Funds, Account #760001-596006, to Capital Projects Stabilization Fund-Boat Equipment, Account #760022-585022 for the purpose of purchasing a new outboard motor for the city of Gloucester's Fire Rescue Boat.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox explained that the joint Harbormaster/Fire rescue boat is an “extremely important” asset to the city. It is the only boat used in cold weather because it has an enclosed cabin. The engines have received heavy use in the last three years and are no longer functional, she added.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve Supplemental Appropriation 2019-SA-17 in the amount of \$35,000 (Thirty Five Thousand Dollars) from the Capital Projects Stabilization Fund – Transfers out to Trust Funds, Account #760001-596006, to Capital Projects Stabilization Fund-Boat Equipment, Account #760022-585022 for the purpose of purchasing a new outboard motor for the city of Gloucester's Fire Rescue Boat.

Ordinances & Administration: December 3

There are no matters for Council action under this heading.

Planning & Development: December 5

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Holmgren, seconded by Councilor Lundberg, the Planning & Development Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed to recommend that the City Council approve under GCO Sec. 2-3(a) (2) and 2-3(e) the Disposition of Real Property #19062, Sign Location Lease Agreement for the Gloucester House Restaurant sign located at 45 Rogers Street for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2023 at a rate of \$1,200 per year.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Gilman explained that this is a unique lease for the Gloucester House Restaurant sign at the recommendation of the Administration and the agreement of the P&D Committee, the lease rate is kept for the next five years at \$1,200 per year.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve under GCO Sec. 2-3(a) (2) and 2-3(e) the Disposition of Real Property #19062, Sign Location Lease Agreement for the Gloucester House Restaurant sign located at 45 Rogers Street for a five-year term beginning January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2023 at a rate of \$1,200 per year.

Scheduled Public Hearings:

1. PH2018-066: SCP2018-005: Gloucester Crossing Road #1 & #7, Map 262, Lots 13 & 37, for a retail drive-through, pursuant to GZO Secs. 1.5.3(g) “Drive-Through Facilities” and 5.17 “Special Regulations; Drive-Through Facilities” in the EB District (TBC 1/8/19)

This public hearing is opened at 7:31 p.m.

Council President Lundberg opened and continued this public hearing to January 8, 2019.

This public hearing is continued at 7:31 p.m. to January 8, 2019.

2. **PH2018-067: SCP2018-006: Gloucester Crossing Road #1 & #7, Map 262, Lots 13 & 37, for a coffee shop drive-through, pursuant to GZO Secs. 1.5.3(g) “Drive-Through Facilities” and 5.17 “Special Regulations; Drive-Through Facilities” in the EB District (TBC 1/8/19)**

This public hearing is opened at 7:32 p.m.

Council President Lundberg opened and continued this public hearing to January 8, 2019.

This public hearing is continued at 7:32 p.m. to January 8, 2019.

3. **PH2018-068: SCP2018-007: Gloucester Crossing Road #1 & #7, Map 262, Lots 13 & 37, for the modifications and reconfigurations of Building C and Building E, the replacement of the proposed hotel with additional retail, a reconfiguration of the parking fields to eliminate underground parking, and to comply with the requirements of two proposed drive-through facilities, pursuant to GZO Sec.’s 1.5.3(c) “CCS” Special Permits and (d) “Major Projects and 5.7 “Major Project” (TBC 1/8/19)**

This public hearing is opened at 7:32 p.m.

Council President Lundberg opened and continued this public hearing to January 8, 2019.

This public hearing is continued at 7:32 p.m. to January 8, 2019.

Council President Lundberg advised that the Council is still waiting for the Planning Board’s recommendations for these three Special Council Permits to the Planning & Development Committee and that the continuation is at the request of the Applicant (on file).

4. **PH2018-069: Loan Order 2018-011: Loan Authorization request to pay costs of Water Infrastructure improvements in the amount of \$2,930,000**

This public hearing is opened at 7:34 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

\$2,930,000 for Water infrastructure work includes:

- Babson Water Filtration Plant HVAC & plumbing/piping improvements \$1,500,000
- Water reservoir intake structures and value replacements \$1,150,000
(\$1.25 million Year 2)
- Klondike Reservoir water quality protection project \$ 200,000
- Sand filter media replacement (\$80,000 Year 2 future ask) \$ 80,000

Mike Hale, Public Works Director, with Mr. Destino reviewed the water infrastructure loan order for \$2,930,000 as follows:

- o **Babson Water Filtration Plant HVAC & plumbing/piping improvements \$1,500,000**

The Babson Water Filtration Plant (“plant”) circa 1964 has an HVAC system that has outlived its life expectancy. Without proper heating in the plant it can’t be operated at this time of year. Water is treated through sand filtering and chemical treatment. The process can’t have the chemicals go through a “gel or frozen state.” This was termed as building maintenance, and it was noted that the West Gloucester Filtration Plan had major upgrades done in 2012. This mechanical work needs to be done at this time at Babson.

- o **Water reservoir intake structures and value replacements \$1,150,000**

At all city reservoirs there are small houses sited at the head of each dam which is the point where water filtration plants take the water in -- contained inside are a series of valves at different depths of the reservoirs. Haskell and Babson Reservoirs intake houses have been reconstructed. Goose Cove, Wallace and Dykes Reservoir intake houses are original -- Goose Cove and Wallace are the oldest of the three in need of attention. If the city can’t accept water into the filtration plant at different levels it requires greater treatment efforts for treatment, during seasonal fluctuations in water levels. It takes more energy, more man hours and more chemical treatment under these conditions. Should there be a failure of one of the pipes leading from the intake structures into the reservoir, the whole reservoir could have to be drained until the 20” pipe can be closed up. **Mr. Hale** advised that the

\$1,150,000 won't be enough to do all three reservoirs at once. This was an "ask" that was split in half, and in the future they will return with a similar request for a like amount to finish the work. The requested amount will get part of the work done at all three or one intake structure completely done and some work at the other two structures.

o **Klondike Reservoir water quality protection project**

\$ 200,000

Klondike Reservoir off of Quarry Street in the Bay View area is a supplemental reservoir constructed in 2004. There is a salvage yard adjacent to the reservoir which had a fire several years ago and became a cause of concern for the operation of Klondike due to possible water quality compromise caused by surface run-off from the salvage yard. It was noted that the Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) has expressed its concern about the city's mitigation plan. This \$200,000 request will allow the DPW to build an earthen berm and weir along Quarry Street adjacent to protect the reservoir from surface run-off. It was noted that when the filtration plant was constructed in 2004 there was research done as to what is draining through the rock along Quarry Street to the reservoir. There was nothing found that alarmed the engineers or the DEP when it was permitted, but surface water flow off of a salvage yard is a concern for it entering the reservoir which could make the reservoir unable to be used immediately.

o **Sand filter media replacement**

\$ 80,000

The sand filter media replacement at the West Gloucester facility was done in 2009 and is time to replace it -- the sand filtration system is on a five- to eight-year replacement cycle. Water is chemically treated and then runs through the sand filtration system comprised of course sand that removes organics and pathogens. Without proper sand media there is no water treatment. For the Babson facility's sand filter media replacement it is anticipated that its sand filtration system will be made through the DPW/Water Enterprise budgeted funds appropriation. The replacement process is done by a specialty firm that backs out the current sand media and replaces it. It was highlighted that this is the main part of the water filtration system for the city.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor O'Hara asked a series of questions about the intake structure valving which **Mr. Hale** responded to as follows: The valves are now fixed open. The DPW can't choose at which level they can draw water from a reservoir which increases the treatment efforts. These structures are prone to vandalism given their remote locations -- numerous times the DPW "paddled out to Dykes" to weld the steel door shut. Depending on the depth of the reservoir, an intake structure will have a series of three to four valves which allows them to choose at which depth they can draw water depending on a reservoir's current level. The valves are manually operated and can be done by one person; there are very few automatic valves in the city due to when these systems were built. The operation of the manual valves was touched on briefly. As to life expectancy for example, Goose Cove was built in the 1930's and valves just now need to be replaced. A valve exercising program was instituted in 2002/2003 was introduced to the city which led to the discovery of numerous broken valves. They now have control of the large diameter water mains and have branched out to smaller networks; maintenance is done annually. All water mains under main city roadways have been replaced and in many neighborhoods. If a pipe breaks leaving the reservoir it is a difficult process to repair/replace given the time to repair them and each situation has different challenges.

Councilor Gilman, highlighting the expressed concern for the Klondike reservoir because of possible water run-off from the adjacent salvage yard, asked for an update for the preventative measures that will ensure the business is compliant with conservation and use matters; and if it is affecting the city's water supply. **Mr. Hale** pointed out that the request for that portion of the loan authorization is about risk management, and the proposal is a "risk management tool." He advised that run-off to the reservoir hasn't been detected. The fire concerned the city as it did the city's regulators, with a salvage yard directly across from a reservoir. The risk management is the berm and weir which will prevent run-off directly from the salvage yard from entering the reservoir, forcing that run-off further downstream which wouldn't affect the reservoir. It is a building inspection or zoning question (in reference to the salvage yard compliancy with conservation and use matters), not public works. They can fortify the drinking water supply to protect it from any potential surface run-off. He reiterated there has been no run-off to the reservoir to date.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

This public hearing is closed at 7:47 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve the following loan order:

Ordered: That the City of Gloucester appropriates Two Million Nine Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$2,930,000) to pay costs of improvements to the Babson Water Filtration Plant, various Water Reservoir Intake

Structures and Valves, the Klondike Reservoir and for sand filter media replacement, including costs incidental or related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Mayor and any other appropriate official of the city are authorized to apply for, accept and expend any grants or gifts that may be available to the City to pay costs of the projects. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Ordered: 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.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox noted that Mr. Hale's summation was well done, and highlighted the documentation included in the Council packet relating to all the city does and historical facts. She expressed her appreciation for the time it took to put that documentation together and present it at the B&F Committee meeting. She voiced her regrets that there wasn't more money to give Mr. Hale, pointing out that years ago federal money for such work was turned away by the city. She expressed she "trusted" Mr. Hale's judgement and good budgeting skills.

Council President Lundberg also expressed his appreciation for the documentation the DPW provided the B&F Committee. The Council all had an opportunity to review that documentation. He conveyed "was convinced" there is a maintenance plan that balances the interest of the water infrastructure and the city's ability to pay for it. He offered his congratulations to Mr. Hale, the DPW and the Administration to composing a prudent fiscal plan and putting these infrastructure issues "in a priority order that is meaningful."

Councilor Holmgren expressed agreement with Councilors Cox and Lundberg, recalling the city's Boil Water Order about 10 years ago. She called this an "excellent plan" saying that they need to do this for the community's "health, safety and prosperity."

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve the following loan order:

Ordered: That the City of Gloucester appropriates Two Million Nine Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$2,930,000) to pay costs of improvements to the Babson Water Filtration Plant, various Water Reservoir Intake Structures and Valves, the Klondike Reservoir and for sand filter media replacement, including costs incidental or related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Mayor and any other appropriate official of the city are authorized to apply for, accept and expend any grants or gifts that may be available to the City to pay costs of the projects. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Ordered: 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.

- 5. PH2018-069 Loan Order 2018-010: Loan Authorization request to pay costs of Sewer Infrastructure projects in the amount of \$3,150,000**

This public hearing is opened at 7:53 p.m.

Those speaking in favor:

\$3,150,000 Sewer Infrastructure Work:

- o WPCF improvements to hypochlorite system and chemical feed \$1,350,000
- o MCD projects including Hartz Force Main, CSO-009, I/I source removal \$ 750,000
- o NPDES MS4 Permit: Year 1 compliance, Drain mapping, annual reporting \$ 150,000
- o Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation (and I/I source removal, general) \$ 600,000
(\$925,000 Year 2; \$925,000 Year 3 future ask)
- o Main Street interceptor repair and removal of CSO-002 \$ 300,000

Mr. Hale reviewed the sewer infrastructure loan for \$3,150,000 as follows:

- o **WPCF improvements to hypochlorite system and chemical feed** **\$1,350,000**

At the water pollution control facility the city has a primary sewer treatment system where they screen/remove heavy floatables first, and then chemically treat the effluent which is done with sodium hypochlorite (essentially chlorine). There is an average of 3.5 million gallon per day flow through the plant year round. Without proper chemical treatment, the city would be out of compliance with the city’s federal and local permit. There was work done on this facility that finished in 2013, and this is one element they couldn’t afford to do at that time. The chemical feed system is essential to the facility functioning and to the safety of the employees -- hypochlorite is caustic. Some of the piping that leads to the system has been repaired over the last two years, but the system is working off of “day tanks” at this time due to the perceived failure of the regular tank. Delivering hypochlorite in small batches is also costlier.

- o **MCD projects including Hartz Force Main, CSO-009, I/I source removal** **\$ 750,000**

This work is part of the modified Consent Decree (related to CSO or Combined Sewer Outflow work). By way of background city’s system was designed as combined in the 1920’s and 1930’s -- stormwater and sewer enter separate pipes that ran through common manholes, and when there was a large “surge” of rain, there were outlets that flowed into the harbor -- 11 in all that allowed for relief points. Systems would back up causing the outflow into the harbor. The federal Clean Water Act caused that to end in the 1970’s. Gloucester was slow to comply and went to court in 1987 and by 2000 the city was under a federal mandate to do this work, reaching now \$40 million. The Hartz Street pumping station at the corner of Bass Ave. and Hartz Street is the beginning of the interceptor sewer. It is a 12” cast iron force main that runs several hundred feet under Bass Avenue which is “heavily” corroded and is termed too small for what East Gloucester has become. One problem is that when a force main is tuberculated (corrosion common in very old iron pipes). When there is heavy flow, it can’t get through the pipe but there still is a relief point; and this one is at Cripple Cove, also known as CSO Regulating Structure 009 which isn’t supposed to be active but is because the city can’t accommodate all the water from the Hartz Street pumping station into the main interceptor which flows from about Mondello Square all the way to Essex Avenue. This was constructed in the 1920’s which was adequate at that time. Once replaced, it is unlikely there will be any outflow permitted CSO’s at Cripple Cove.

- o **NPDES MS4 Permit: Year 1 Compliance, Drain mapping, annual reporting** **\$ 150,000**

This portion of the loan is for the city’s NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Phase 2 Stormwater Permit Year 1 compliance, drain mapping and annual reporting. The city has been under a Stormwater Permit since 2003 with five-year permits; the first phase expired July 2018. The city is mandated to manage its stormwater run-off -- catch basins, outfalls, “good housekeeping” meaning what the city can keep at its DPW yards, Police and Fire Stations, public education and outreach via hazardous household waste events through the year which is generally free for most products to prevent people from dumping them in the woods or storm drains. Many communities have been concerned about the Stormwater Permits to their General Fund and Sewer budgets. **Mr. Hale** conveyed his opinion that the city is in “pretty good shape,” as they’ve done a lot of work since 2003 when the permit first started. It was pointed out that Year 1 is always the hardest year of the five-year permit as the permit requires the city to submit the most documentation -- mapping criteria that must be met; find all the outfalls with some of the city’s storm drains installed long before there was a network of drains. There is a good deal of “reconnaissance” that needs to be done. There is identification of watersheds that contribute to these areas as well as some dry and wet weather sampling to ensure the outflows are flowing free from pollution.

- o **Interceptor Sewer Rehabilitation (and I/I source removal, general)** **\$ 600,000**

The interceptor sewer line runs from Bass Ave. and followed what once was the city’s harbor line to Main St., behind “Cruiseport” and the freezers, takes a right, runs across Rogers St., under the Gorton’s office building, left onto Main St., a left through Main Street Plaza and a right down Rogers St. to Western Ave. and crosses under the canal to the treatment plant. The interceptor sewer carries all of the waste water other than what flows on Essex Ave. This past summer the DPW cleaned and inspected the interceptor sewer from Bass Ave. to Pavilion Beach. The

next phase will go from Pavilion Beach to the waste water treatment plant. **Mr. Hale** conveyed that the downtown can't "survive" without the sewer work and termed it "catastrophic" should that sewer main fail.

The Town of Plymouth experienced a catastrophic failure on one of their force mains in 2017; and had 24" (two feet wide) black polyethylene pipes strung out throughout the town for about 18 months. Gloucester would have to do the same along Rogers Street should this happen including generators and pumps until the repairs were completed. This is necessary in Year 1. Year 2 and 3 they need to address the Levels 1-4 (detailed maps on file) areas.

o **Main Street interceptor repair and removal of CSO-002** **\$ 300,000**

Also tied to CSO, between the Halibut Point Restaurant and the Liquor Locker (on Main Street) which is where the harbor line once came in. There's a relief point there that still allows sewer out, ocean water in and isn't necessary. There has been so much CSO removal mitigation work, that tide gate and interceptor can go. They'll remove it to end the chances of the risks of sewer entering the harbor or harbor water inundating the sewer system. The main outfall for the city was once next to the Man at the Wheel statue where all the wastewater of the entire city tied to municipal sewer entered the outer harbor, known as CSO-002 which rarely activates today from the time the interceptor was extended to the treatment plant in 1984. There have been very few spills, all minor, but even a minor spill require the closing Pavilion Beach while they test. The Main Street regulator and CSO-002 will "go away" and will be an end to two problematic areas in the city's collection system.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor O'Hara asked another series of questions beginning with the main interceptor that starts at Bass Avenue and Hartz Street given the growth of East Gloucester, in a heavy rain event, what besides the relief valve at Cripple Cove are the city's options. **Mr. Hale** advised that if there is a nor'easter, or a storm of that magnitude, they'll have a pump truck at the Hartz Street station to transport waste water from there to Parker Street because the pumps on the main line can't keep up on with the flows. They do everything they can to prevent discharge because it is a regulatory issue. If there are other pump station failures at the time; if they don't have power (with 29 waste water pump stations in the system), more than half don't have generation power and is complicated. Portable generators have to be moved into place during such events. All the resources will go to where it is needed the most, and they don't want an environmental issue at Cripple Cove. He recalled in 20 years saying there are times they never do it, but there are times when it can be frequent so they outsource for pump truck contractors -- generally for Hartz Street. It can be costly because it is not just the work hours that raise expenses up to \$10,000 a day; but it's also dependent on frequency of weather events 24/7 and tides which cause the problems and the time of year of these conditions. Pursuant to the reconstruction to the line underneath Main Street, the impact to the city, it was noted that the Category 5 defects are spread out. There will be an in situ liner installed in the interceptor sewer, cured by hot water or steam depending on design and vendor. They've done a number of these before, on Washington Street where they lined the force main behind the houses in the harbor on East Main Street from Rocky Neck to Beacon Marine Basin. He described costs as going up to replace small pieces of the system of the critical infrastructure. The synthetic liners will last through their lifetime. This is the most critical fixes and a period of two years out there would be continuing work. The asset value of the city's water and sewer infrastructure is in hundreds of millions of dollars. They don't even spend 3% of the total of what it is worth annually. They have to prioritize the repairs. He pointed out that these are critical things they need to do not want to do.

John Feener, 45B Warner Street, expressed concern that the volume of water flow as the city's residences increase as well as increased paved surfaces asked that they look into green water velocity control options.

Those speaking in opposition: None.

Communications: None.

Councilor Questions:

Councilor Nolan asked if the sewer project will be funded on a fee based on the Sewer Enterprise Fund borne by sewer rate payers or borrowed on the General Fund to be borne by all citizens. **John Dunn**, CFO responded that this is going to be a sewer project. The first project will be all within the water rate and this sewer project will all be within the sewer rate.

This public hearing is closed at 8:14 p.m.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council approve the following loan order:

Ordered: That the City of Gloucester appropriates Three Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,150,000) to pay costs of various sewer projects including, but not limited to, improvements to hypochlorite systems and

chemical feeds, the Hartz Force Main, NPDES permitting, Interceptor sewer rehabilitation and the Main Street Interceptor repair, including costs incidental or related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Mayor and any other appropriate official of the city are authorized to apply for, accept and expend any grants or gifts that may be available to the City to pay costs of the projects. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Ordered: 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.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox expressed thanks for the thoroughness of the presentation and documentation forwarded to the Council.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to approve the following loan order:

Ordered: That the City of Gloucester appropriates Three Million One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$3,150,000) to pay costs of various sewer projects including, but not limited to, improvements to hypochlorite systems and chemical feeds, the Hartz Force Main, NPDES permitting, Interceptor sewer rehabilitation and the Main Street Interceptor repair, including costs incidental or related thereto. To meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Mayor and any other appropriate official of the city are authorized to apply for, accept and expend any grants or gifts that may be available to the City to pay costs of the projects. Any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Further Ordered: 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.

Council President Lundberg expressed thanks to Mr. Hale and Mr. Dunn.

6. PH2018-071: Recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee for Round 9, FY2018

Councilor O'Hara declared under MGL Ch. 268A that there may be a perception of a Conflict of Interest in the matters that will now come before the Council under this public hearing, and recused himself from the proceedings. He then left the dais.

This public hearing is opened at 8:18 p.m.

Project #1 - Cape Ann Museum - White-Ellery House stabilization & preservation - \$50,000

Those speaking in favor:

Barbara Silberman, Co-Chair, Community Preservation Committee (CPC) advised there were eight applications for CPA funding, with five of those applications recommended by the CPC, mostly in the historical preservation category. The first application is a grant to stabilize and preserve the White-Ellery House.

Martha Oakes, Curator of the Cape Ann Museum, pointed out that over the past few years the Cape Ann Museum has benefited from several CPA grants, all projects having been completed, providing matches dollar for

dollar which has made a difference in what the Museum has been able to do. She noted these funds would restore the barn next door to the White-Ellery House on Grant Circle. This is part of a multi-phase and multi-year project started in 2007 with almost all the work on the House and barn funded by grants. The barn was built in 1740 sited on its original foundation. It belonged to the city until 1957 when the city gave it to the Museum. The current phase of work is: The restoration of the roof which has started because of concern for its soundness to make it through the winter and is mostly finished; seven doors and windows that need repair, stabilization of the clapboard side, and installation of a rudimentary security and fire protection system.

This portion of the public hearing was closed at 8:21 p.m.

Project #3 - Annisquam Village Church - Rehabilitation & preservation of church - \$30,000

Those speaking in favor:

Ms. Silberman introduced the second application to the Council as preservation work in the community spaces for the Annisquam Village Church. The CPC recommends funding for \$30,000 out of a total \$575,000 budget.

Joe Mecham, 3 Arlington Street, representing the Annisquam Village Church and co-chair of the Church's preservation capital campaign, explained the following: This grant specifically will go towards the renovation Cove Room which is used for community services. The Church is a unique institution; 65% of the funds come from non-members which is reflective of a community effort. The Cove Room is used for meetings, and is used as an emergency shelter. The Church was founded in 1728 and has never undertaken a capital campaign. He pointed out that the Annisquam Village Church isn't just a religious institution but is a community center for the village of Annisquam.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:24 p.m.

Project #4 - Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association - Sargent House Middle Street facade preservation - \$800

Those speaking in favor:

Ms. Silberman introduced the third application to the Council advising that the funding recommended is \$800 out of a \$24,430 budget because the bulkhead door repair was the only part of the project that was eligible for CPA funding -- the rest of the work to be done is routine maintenance and is not eligible for funding.

Tom Manning, 36 Edgemoor Road, Treasurer for the Sargent House Museum, explained the old bulkhead is tongue and groove construction on the side of the building and needs rot repair and painting.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:25 p.m.

Project #6 - Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation – Gloucester Meetinghouse “Green Envelope” Project - \$131,000

Those speaking in favor:

Barbara Silberman, Co-Chair, Community Preservation Committee advised that this fourth project will be conducted in areas not related to the mission of the church by the Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation which is in keeping with the most recent decision of the Mass. Supreme Judicial Court. The recommendation is to appropriate \$131,000 with a total project cost of \$261,821 to continue the restoration and renovations by developing a “Green Envelope” for the building.

Charles Nazarian, President of the Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation (“Foundation”), 956 Washington Street, explained that the Foundation seeks to create a “Green Envelope” for Gloucester’s historic 1806 Meetinghouse in order to continue the building’s use as a civic hub and community center. The Unitarian Universalist Church still owns the building but the Foundation is a 501(C)3 entity. The building is used to house the Grace Center five days a week; there is a summer concert series each week benefiting different non-profit; as well as other events year round. Last year there was a fire sprinkler installation project costing about \$400,000, and is why the Foundation was started -- fire was their biggest concern for this historic wooden structure built with balloon wall construction. As a result of finishing the fire sprinkler project, the wall spaces were filled with fire-retardant filler which achieved an R48 level. This project will protect the building from water infiltration and thermal loss consistent with high standards of building preservation and energy sustainability practices, buttoning up the building. The long-term goal is for making the building not just ready for the city’s 400th anniversary with its 600 seat capacity and “wonderful” acoustics and to be held up as an example of historic preservation and sustainability.

This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:30 p.m.

Project #7 - Magnolia Library Center, Inc. - Handicap Access - \$90,000**Those speaking in favor:**

Ms. Silberman, Co-Chair, advised the CPC recommend \$90,000 for a total of a \$120,000 budget for handicap accessibility for the Magnolia Library building which includes remodeling the bathrooms and a ramp to be constructed on the side of the library.

Bobbi Lemay, Treasurer of the Magnolia Library Center, Inc. and Board representative, advised that the building was built in the late 1800's with its last renovation done in 1968. She reported that the bathroom facilities are outdated and not handicap accessible with inappropriate fixtures. The front entrance has a series of steps and heavy wood doors which open up towards the visitor. It means stepping down a step to get in and the doors are heavy inhibiting many people from being able to access the building. She advised that the project is expensive and without the CPA funding, given the clientele they serve, low to moderate income and elderly, they wouldn't be able to do this on their own. They're functioning as a community center, and are an official Red Cross meeting area. She noted the Magnolia Library is a city polling place for Ward 5, Precinct 1; and the building is used to host city-wide debates as well as children's programs, elderly exercise programs, serving a wide range of ages.
This portion of the public hearing is closed at 8:34 p.m.

MOTIONS FOR CPA FUNDING:**Project #1 - Cape Ann Museum -White-Ellery House stabilization & preservation - \$50,000**

Councilor Memhard declared under MGL Ch. 268A that he has no personal financial benefit in this matter given his wife is Martha Oakes who works for the Cape Ann Museum.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Cape Ann Museum, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Cape Ann Museum's White-Ellery House in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund # 4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4736.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) recused, to appropriate up to \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Cape Ann Museum, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Cape Ann Museum's White-Ellery House in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund # 4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4736.

Project #3 - Annisquam Village Church - Rehabilitation & preservation of church - \$30,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Annisquam Village Church, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Annisquam Village Church in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4737.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox extended her thanks to the Annisquam Village Church for conducting a site visit with the B&F Committee.

Councilor Gilman acknowledged that many groups use the Church building for community meetings, extending her thanks for their due diligence, adding that it's a "great place."

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) recused, to appropriate up to \$30,000 (Thirty Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Annisquam Village Church, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Annisquam Village Church in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4737.

Project #4 - Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association - Sargent House Middle Street façade preservation - \$800

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to appropriate up to \$800 (Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Sargent House Museum in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4738.

DISCUSSION: None.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) recused, to appropriate up to \$800 (Eight Hundred Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Sargent Murray Gilman Hough House Association, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Sargent House Museum in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4738.

Project #6 - Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation – Gloucester Meetinghouse “Green Envelope” Project - \$131,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$131,000 (One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Gloucester Meetinghouse in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4739.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Hecht expressed his support for the project. He advised that when this restoration work is completed the Meetinghouse will have twice the capacity of the Shalin Liu Performance Center in Rockport. The Foundation is in talks with the Performance Center seeking to join with them to expand programming to Gloucester at the Meetinghouse.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O'Hara) recused, to appropriate up to \$131,000 (One Hundred Thirty One Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community

Preservation Committee, to the Gloucester Meetinghouse Foundation, for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Gloucester Meetinghouse in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4739.

Project #7 - Magnolia Library Center, Inc. - Handicap Access - \$90,000

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: On a motion by Councilor Hecht, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the Budget & Finance Committee voted 3 in favor, 0 opposed, to recommend that the City Council appropriate up to \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Magnolia Library Center, Inc., for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Magnolia Library for handicap access in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4740.

DISCUSSION:

Councilor Cox highlighted the work of the Magnolia Library Board to preserve the building and raise money continuously while still operating the building, keeping it available for many public events for the community, not just Magnolia. She pointed out this funding is a much-needed boost to the facility.

Councilor Nolan added that the Magnolia Library is there for the community and the work is all done with by a dedicated cadre of volunteers that keep it running. He recounted that the Library has never turned away any charitable group or sports organization in the city. He offered his support for the CPA funding for this project.

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Cox, seconded by Councilor Memhard, the City Council voted by ROLL CALL 8 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 (O’Hara) recused, to appropriate up to \$90,000 (Ninety Thousand Dollars) from the Community Preservation Act Funds as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, to the Magnolia Library Center, Inc., for the purpose to preserve and rehabilitate the Magnolia Library for handicap access in order to restore an historic resource. The appropriation will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from Unrestricted Reserves in Fund #4500. The project will be tracked in the Community Preservation Fund – Historic Preservation Projects Fund #4740.

Council President Lundberg noted that this series of project funding shows off the community at its best saying that the CPA Fund is a program that supports great community organizations.

Councilor O’Hara returned to the dais.

For Council Vote:

- 1. Decision to Adopt: SCP2018-003: Atlantic Road #171, Map 73, Lot 26, GZO Sec.’s 1.8.3 and 3.1.6(b) for a building height in excess of 35 feet**

MOTION: On a motion by Councilor Gilman, seconded by Councilor Holmgren, the City Council voted BY ROLL CALL 9 in favor, 0 opposed, to adopt the Special Council Permit decision (SCP2018-003) for Atlantic Road #171, pursuant to Sections 1.8.3 and 3.1.6(b) of the Gloucester Zoning Ordinance.

Unfinished Business: None.

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

Update on the Council on Aging by City Council Representative, Councilor Valerie Gilman, highlighted the following matters:

- Today was a luncheon for all the volunteers at the Council on Aging. The volunteers offer a wide range of services and assistance for the city’s seniors through the Rose Baker Senior Center;
- There are a variety of computer classes available along with computer trouble shooting for seniors and brain games available along with others;
- Exercise classes offered were touched on and a partnership with the YMCA offers swimming on Tuesday and Fridays was highlighted;

- Immigration services are offered every Wednesday afternoon and seniors can call Attorney Fuchs at 978-281-9765 x22;
- The Mayor is there every Friday afternoon helping seniors with their medical coverage;
- Students are being asked to partner with seniors to help with winter snow shoveling and any interested students can call 978-281-9765 to be partnered with seniors in their own neighborhoods;
- The biggest challenge for the Senior Center is the condition of the parking lot shared with other immediate businesses, and the DPW is being asked to participate at the next Council on Aging meeting to learn how the area can be improved to make it safe for seniors who use the Senior Center.

Councilors' Requests to the Mayor:

Councilor Holmgren expressed that her freshman year is coming to a close and thanked her colleagues at the dais; the City Clerk's office, the Auditor's office for helping her through her first year as well as the Administration. She also thanked members of the community for entrusting the Council with their duty to care for the city they love. She conveyed she's looking forward to another great year to come.

Councilor Memhard called attention to the Kleinfelder Group's presentation tomorrow, Wednesday, Dec. 12 in Kyrouz Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. to speak about preparedness for sea level rise which is part of an assessment program for water availability in times of drought and in times of flooding, and ways of adjusting for these issues now and in the future.

Councilor Nolan thanked the Administration for allowing him to work with the DPW Director to start a process in exploring a betterment program for supply of water for private roads with public access, and for the work by the DPW on Lyndale Avenue this week. He wished everyone a great holiday season.

Councilor Cox conveyed her best wishes for everyone to have a safe holiday and reminded that it is very inexpensive to call a cab saying that there is no excuse for a DUI, or causing injury to others. She urged citizens to hand over the keys to their car or call a cab for a safe ride home.

Councilor LeBlanc noted that this is his and Councilor Cox's seventh year on the Council, saying that the new Councilors have done a good job. He conveyed his best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a safe holiday season.

Councilor Hecht expressed his agreement with Councilor Holmgren's saying it has been a great first year on the Council. He thanked the downtown merchants for their holiday window decoration contest participation and reported that last week's Ladies Shopping Night was the most successful in a long time. On Friday, Dec. 21 the holiday window decoration contest winners will be announced. He added his thanks to Discover Gloucester; Chamber; Bridge Cape Ann, the DDC, and the Downtown Merchant Association who has done a great job promoting the window contest.

Councilor Gilman expressed her thanks for the 37 volunteer boards and committees that support the city. She reported that while enjoying the Middle Street Walk she had an opportunity to see the bell in the City Hall bell tower joined by four members of the City Hall Restoration Commission saying that they well represent the community. She extended her thanks to Roseann Cody for her leadership for the Character Breakfast, supported by Councilors Hecht and Holmgren. She reported that Ms. Cody's event raised \$2,000 for the Horribles Parade. She offered her thanks to Studio 1623 and to "Dave" who broadcasts all the Council meetings. She encouraged residents to join together for a Friday, Dec. 14 celebration of the completion of the Lane's Cove Seawall to thank the folks who worked it. The celebration is open to the community 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the Lanesville Community Center, 8 Vulcan Street, so they can express their thanks to those workers and Mike Hale, DPW Director. She concluded her remarks by saying it was a great year working with her Council colleagues and wished every one a Happy New Year as well.

Councilor O'Hara thanked Grace Poirier, Assistant City Clerk and Dana Jorgensson, Clerk of Committees for their work with the Council and the entire staff of the City Clerk's office.

Council President Lundberg offered his reflections on the Council's year saying that the City Council has distinguished themselves by living up to the commitment to "do the people's business" in an orderly fashion, with respect for each other and got a lot done in a way that made the city better. He also extended his thanks to the citizens of Gloucester for entrusting this authority and responsibility to the Council. He added his best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

A motion was made, seconded and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana C. Jorgensson

Clerk of Committees

DOCUMENTS/ITEMS SUBMITTED AT MEETING:

- **Under Oral Communications:** Marjorie Grace, 14 Hawthorne Road, full written statement