



CITY OF GLOUCESTER
Gloucester Historical Commission
MEETING AGENDA

October 26, 2026, at 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Rose Baker Senior Center, 2nd floor conference room
6 Manuel F. Lewis Street, Gloucester, MA 01930

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2026 OCT 20 AM 8:30

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android: <https://gloucester-ma-gov.zoom.us/j/81653439506> WEB ID: 81653439506
<http://gloucester-ma.gov/remote-public-meetings> for instructions and guidance on how to join a remote meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

- Approval of September 28, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- Tim Quinn, membership status? update GHC website

DEMOLITION DELAY ORDINANCE

- Added to Code of Ordinances, Chapter 5, Article 6; Susan posted to GHC Google Docs
- 9/10/26 most recent list sent to Rob Vicari
- Tim – creating list of historical contractors, to be posted to Google Docs under Demo-delay
- 10/7/26 Website changes posted by Ralph; Demo-delay page description and docs created by Susan

PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING

- 9/29/26 Susan created and sent Certificate of Historic Significance to Sailor Stan's/1 Wonson St for use with historic exclusion of FEMA flooding regs

PRESERVATION RESTRICTIONS

- Three new in 2026, (Riggs House, Wm Haskell House, Tucker House-Hayden Cottage)
- Susan added to our Gloucester Designations list; Ralph posted to website

HISTORIC HOUSE PLAQUES (Susan)

- **Sept-Oct NEW PLAQUES:**
 - 1206 Washington St (Moses Parsons, Yeoman, 1834)
 - 5 Wiley St (East Gloucester Yacht Club, 1901-1918) approved 8/31/26
 - 34-36 Summer St (Unitarian Parsonage, 1917-1939) approved 8/31/26
 - 11 Pirates Lane (NSAA, Est. 1922) and (Wonson Wharf c1885) approved 8/31/26
- **Possible new applicants:**
 - 150 Leonard St, Annisquam application underway, not yet finished
 - 28 Friend St (Eben Brown, Master Mariner, R1851) approved 8/31/26
 - 9 Hickory St (1866, not in MACRIS) application request 9/24

2026 MACRIS UPDATES (Julie)

- Recent work/submissions

TERCENTENARY MARKERS (Tim)

- QR code project, Tim to work with high school students on QR code for marker posts and affixing the signs to the posts.

2027 PRESERVATION AWARDS (Bob and Ralph)

- Bob – list of current list of nominees
- Ralph - book 1623 Studios for filming

CPC UPDATE (Maggie)

- Brief update of the 10 applicants requesting historic funding

REGISTER OF HISTORIC BUILDINGS (Susan/Julie)

- Central database for the city of all historic buildings
- *1900 and 1920 year of build was arbitrarily assigned, these are being newly researched + corrected*
 - Russell & Melissa Hobbs - 126 Lanesville houses built 1900 per city
 - Stephanie Buck – 3,230 Gloucester houses built before 1900 per city
- Will use library software to create an Omeka database (<https://omeka.org/>)
 - Will be live on / be posted to library website

ROCKY NECK CULTURAL CENTER – Historic Art Trail (Susan)

<https://www.rockyneckartcolony.org/historic-art-trail>

- Online self-guided walking tour of 15 historic sites; provides in-depth history and photos of each site
- 9/8/26 RNAC volunteered to let GHC add additional historic sites to their website/tour
- GHC will not be posting historic building documentation here, per Julie

CERTIFIED LOCAL GOVERNMENT STATUS (Susan)

- 9/5/26 + 9/11/26 Susan emailed Michael Steinitz, State Historic Preservation Officer inquiring about our 2023, 2024, 2025 annual reports in arrears
- 9/29 emailed Manchester and Salem, no reply, did not pursue
- Gloucester still listed as a CLG per invite for a grant

FUNDING FOR LANESVILLE/Lane's Cove NATIONAL REGISTRY DISTRICT APPLICATION (Ralph)

- Focus is on a smaller area of Lanesville center, which includes Lane's Cove, the Fish Shack, cemetery and a few smaller buildings surrounding that area that are publicly owned; if privately owned, Ralph will speak with directly.
 - The fish shacks, seawall, and cemetery would qualify for grants to repair them if NR was passed.
- Ralph ltr 8/20/26 to MHC seeking approval for nomination; Ben Haley/Nat Reg Dir-MHC replied 8/24/26
- Ralph is seeking funding based on Wendy's estimate of \$7,000 for smaller-area project
- **FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: 2027 MHC Survey and Planning Grant**

LANES COVE PLAQUE (Ralph)

- Update
- 8/31/26 Letter by Susan to Ralph stating historical significance

CALENDAR

- November 12, 5-6:00 PM, Library History Exchange – registration required
- 2027 GHC meeting dates, emailed to GHC members 10/15/26

Next Meeting: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2026

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