

**Gloucester Committee for the Arts
Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Harbormasters Office
19 Harbor Loop, Gloucester MA 01930**

In Attendance:

Committee members: Karen Ristuben, Jen Greeke, Judith Hoglander, Susan Erony, Elizabeth Bish

Also Present: Miranda Aisling

Meeting called to order 11:07am

Unanimous Approval of Minutes 5.26.26 and 4.28.26

Discussion of *Imagining Gloucester's Future* window murals: Selection of artists completed

Miranda Aisling report: *Culture Splash* is kicking off on Rocky Neck. *From the Deep* will be presented again in October by Harbortown Cultural District. Additional Harbortown opportunities: Summer project grants available - link on website and in City of Gloucester Arts & Culture Newsletter.

All encouraged to attend Public Housing Forum June 29 at Rose Baker Center for Aging Well - including elements affecting arts sector.

CPA-funded projects

Murals: awaiting Williamstown contract finalization

Sculptures & bronzes: Meeting scheduled with DPW and CFTA members and Skylight this week regarding water access and barriers. Skylight projects to be completed this summer: Fishermans Memorial and cenotaphs, Fitz Henry Lane, Fishermans Wives.

City Acceptance of **O'Maley Fish Sculptures**: Discussion regarding future maintenance, type of metal, inspection, insurance. Unanimous Vote to recommend on artistic merit that the two sculptures be accepted by the city as long as there is a risk assessment plan by the city to inspect, maintain, and insure the sculpture. Karen will follow up with Mayor's Office, GEF, artist and Deed of Gift.

Jason Grow veteran portraits: Korea, Vietnam, Cold War. Committee discussed the possibility of accepting them with ~ ten frames, with the prints to be stored in a flat file.

There is inadequate city storage for the full collection of framed prints. Judith will ask Jason if it is feasible.

Other business: Thelma Park's husband used to care for Stage Fort Park and there is a plaque about his service screwed into a rock at Stage Fort Park. Question whether the city should accept the plaque as part of its city-owned collection. Elizabeth will invite Thelma to our July 28 meeting for more information.

Adjournment 12:30pm

Next Meeting July 28

CFTA will not meet in August