

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room - Second Floor
August 23, 2011**

Members Present: Jessica Rapp Grassetti, George Jessop, Marilyn Fifield, Nancy Shoemaker, Len Gobeil

Members Absent: Nancy Clark

Staff: Marylou Fair, Administrative Assistant

Acting under the provisions of the Code of the Town of Barnstable, Protection of Historic Properties, ss 112-1 through 112-7, you are hereby notified that the Historical Commission held a Meeting on the following Intent to Demolish Application, and Chairman Grassetti called the Meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Demolition Applications Filed:

Khoury, Amin, 835 Sea View Avenue, Osterville, Map 113, Parcel 002-002

Demolition of Single Family Residence – Built 1914 – Not Inventoried

Represented by Dr. Barry Lehman, Ogilvie Construction

Dr. Lehman stated that his client recently purchased the property which encompasses approximately 2.7 acres, was built in 1914 and has been in the same family ownership since then. The house is in reasonable condition from the exterior, but the interior, he suspected, has not been painted since 1914 and there certainly would have lead paint. He said the house has no heating, no air conditioning, old plumbing and an antiquated kitchen.

The current owner wishes to build a new home on the site which would be a shingle-style house with modern conveniences. Dr. Lehman stated that he understands the historical aspects of a dwelling and believes this has no significance. He purchased a historic home outside of Boston, renovated it completely and won an award from the City of Boston. He just does not see enough in this house to try and restore it and to have it conform to all the new requirements.

George Jessop noted that this is another one of those mansion-size houses that were very modern at the turn of the century. They were not insulated, as they were to be summer cottages. There are features of the house that he would like to see preserved or incorporated into a new design, including the entrance canopy, the eyebrow window and the Palladian window.

Nancy Shoemaker commented that it worries her to lose these houses and their community-defining settings. She recommended a site visit to get a feel for the level of deterioration and if it is salvageable or not.

Len Gobeil asked if there were plans on what might replace the existing structure, and Dr. Lehman indicated that they have contacted a local architect to design a traditional shingle-style house of approximately 6,000 square feet.

Motion duly made by George Jessop and seconded by Len Gobeil to find that the structure located at 835 Sea View Avenue, Osterville, Map 113, Parcel 002-002 is significant due to the architectural character of the building and its contribution to adjacent buildings and to the waterfront of Osterville and to refer the Application to a Public Hearing.

Discussion:

Nancy Shoemaker suggested a site visit be scheduled prior to the Public Hearing, also requesting that this Commission be allowed to document the interior and exterior of the house for the historical record if the building is to be demolished.

Dr. Lehman stated that he did not see this as a problem, but there is not much inside that he would consider salvageable, as it was built as a summer house only and without many special features.

So Voted Unanimously

A Site Visit was scheduled for September 15, 2011 at 8:30am

A Public Hearing was scheduled for September 15, 2011 at 10:30am

CPC / Village Updates

Marilyn Fifield, CPC Update

Ms. Fifield reported that the Osterville Bay School Letter of Intent was deferred to the next scheduled meeting of the CPC.

Village Updates – Commission Members

Nancy Shoemaker reported that the West Barnstable Historical Society would be holding its first meeting of the season on September 26, 2011, at the West Barnstable Community Center at 7:00pm, featuring a lecture on Tales of the Cape Cod Canal.

Approval of Minutes

February 03, 2011

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil and seconded by Nancy Shoemaker to Approve the Minutes of February 03, 2011, as Amended.

So Voted Unanimously

July 12, 2011

Motion duly made by Marilyn Fifield, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker to Approve the Minutes of July 12, 2011, as Submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

Having no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Shoemaker and seconded by Len Gobeil to adjourn the meeting at 4:25pm.

So Voted Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Fair, Recording Secretary
and Commission Clerk Marilyn Fifield