

## MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission  
Town Hall  
367 Main Street, Hyannis  
Selectmen's Conference Room  
April 17, 2012  
10:00AM**

**Members Present:** Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Chair, Nancy Shoemaker, Marilyn Fifield, Laurie Young  
**Members Absent:** George Jessop, Nancy Clark, Len Gobeil  
**Staff:** Marylou Fair, Administrative Assistant

*Chairman Jessica Rapp Grassetti called the meeting to order at 10:00am.*

### **Notice of Intent to File a Permit to Demolish:**

Pursuant to Chapter 112, § 3D of the Town of Barnstable Code, the BHC was to determine whether the structure proposed for demolition is a Significant Building in accordance with the Definition set forth in Chapter 112, § 2.

### **Jesel, Guillaume & Masquelier, Anne, 148 Main Street, Cotuit, Map 023, Parcel 066**

Partial Demolition, Built 1865, Inventoried

Represented by Steve Cook, Cotuit Bay Design

Mr. Cook noted that this house was built in 1865 and is known as the William Gifford House. The Commissioners reviewed photographs of the existing building and drawings of the proposed covered porch and dormer, with the removal of the rear section of roof and a small piece of wall to be the only demolition. Nancy Shoemaker confirmed that the new covered porch will be in line with the existing living room wall and Mr. Cook stated that this will not be visible from the road. Ms. Shoemaker commented that this is a historic house, but there is little demolition.

Chair Grassetti requested that the dormer be dropped below the original ridge line and Mr. Cook stated that this would be incorporated into the design.

**Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D the Barnstable Historical Commission does not find that the portion of the building to be demolished at 148 Main Street, Cotuit is significant in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.**

**So Voted Unanimously**

### **Looney, Paul & Carol, 360 Main Street, Osterville, Map 165, Parcel 028**

Demolition of Single Family Home, Built 1900, Not Inventoried

Represented by John Morin

*Staff Note: John and Andrea Morin have entered in a Sales & Purchase Agreement with Paul & Carol Looney and a Letter of Authorization has been received from Mr. & Mrs. Looney granting the review of the Commission.*

Mr. Morin was present to represent his son and daughter-in-law, and it was his understanding that there was a fire years ago and no one has been living there for approximately 10 years. He did not consider the building salvageable.

The Commissioners reviewed the photographs and Chair Grassetti asked if they had plans for what would be built in its place. Mr. Morin stated that they have not decided and Chair Grassetti asked that any new structure be in keeping with the neighborhood.

**Motion duly made by Laurie Young, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D the Barnstable Historical Commission does not find the building to be demolished at 360 Main Street, Osterville, a significant building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.**

**So Voted Unanimously**

## Other Business, Correspondence Received

### **Establish a Gift Account to Maintain & Preserve the Art & Artifacts of the Town of Barnstable**

Chair Grassetti stated that this idea was prompted by the request of Town Clerk Linda Hutchenrider for support of the restoration of the Coleman Paintings and recognition of the need for a gift account to help fund such requests. Marilyn Fifield noted that the Community Preservation Committee looks favorably on projects that have matching funds.

Chair Grassetti discussed options for announcing this gift account to the public, perhaps via the Town website, and Marilyn Fifield reminded that tax bills also offer the opportunity for donations to Town enterprises. She also noted that MGL Chapter 40 Section 8D authorizes Historical Commission to accept donations and bequests and hold Historic Preservation Restrictions.

**Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, to continue working toward Town Council approval of the establishment of a Gift Account.**

**So Voted Unanimously**

### **Determine Significance of Veterans' Memorial Flagpole located at JFK Museum**

#### **397 Main Street, Hyannis, Map 326, Parcel 138**

Marilyn Fifield commented that although there is an Inventory Form on file with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, signifying that it is a Contributing Structure in both the Hyannis Municipal Group National Register Historic District and the Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District, the the Town Legal Department and Community Preservation Committee requested this Commission to vote on the significance of the structure. Chair Grassetti noted that this is one of the oldest Inventory forms on file, and she read the inscription that is found on the Memorial. **Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, to find that the Veterans' Memorial Flagpole located at the Old Town Hall/JFK Museum is a significant structure and to send a letter to the Community Preservation Committee and encourage their support of the restoration project.**

**So Voted Unanimously**

### **Letter Received Massachusetts Historical Commission re:**

#### **Mill Pond Restoration Project – Located Off of Route 149 at Route 28**

The letter received from the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) was reviewed, and It was noted that there are many historic structures and archeological sites located within this area; although the scope of the project is outside the area. Marilyn Fifield suggested the Commission send a letter thanking MHC for being alert to the historic resources and expressing appreciation for their support.

### **Letter Sent to Representative Sarah Peake re: Bill Number H3968 (An Act Authorizing Alternate Members on Local Historical Commissions)**

Chair Grassetti reported that she had learned of Representative Peake's bill upon an inquiry regarding alternate members. A copy of the letter of support sent on behalf of this Commission was reviewed.

Chair Grassetti congratulated Mr. Ted Wurzburg, who was present, on his recent graduation from the Town's Citizen's Academy and his interest in serving on this Commission, noting that passage of the alternate member bill would allow the alternate to take the place of an absent member to assure a quorum.

### Approval of Minutes:

March 20, 2012

**Motion duly made Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Laurie Young, to accept the Minutes of March 20, 2012 as edited by Marilyn Fifield.**

**So Voted Unanimously**

### Updates:

Marilyn Fifield - CPA Update

Commissioner Fifield reported that she believed the CPC approved all of the historic applications at the last meeting and that the Coleman Paintings restoration project has been moved to the application stage. DPW

volunteered to fund the cost of a handicapped-accessible bathroom for the Old Selectmen's Building from their budget to further reduce the amount of Community Preservation funds requested.

Village Updates – Commission Members

Laurie Young inquired as to the status of the Osterville Bay School, calling it is a most historic building, although it is looking run down. Still, she felt it can be saved, and Chair Grasseti agreed that the school should be utilized and not torn down.

Nancy Shoemaker reported that the Barnstable Historical Society has purchased the Warren F. Jones House on Main Street in Barnstable Village, opposite Sturgis Library, and now has a permanent home.

She also reported that the West Barnstable Historical Society's meeting Monday, April 23, 2012, at the Community Building would feature Town Clerk Linda Hutchenrider speaking about the archives and historic documents that are within her office, as well as the historical aspect of being a Town Clerk.

**With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Laurie Young, to adjourn the meeting at 10:45am.  
So Voted Unanimously**

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