

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
October 16, 2012**

Members Present: Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Chair, Nancy Clark, Nancy Shoemaker, George Jessop, Laurie Young, Marilyn Fifield, Ted Wurzburg, Alternate

Members Absent: Len Gobeil

Staff: Jo Anne Miller Buntich, Director & Marylou Fair, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Jessica Rapp Grasseti called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Notice of Intent to File a Permit to Demolish:

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

Indian Point Incorporated, 8 Indian Trail, Osterville, Map 091, Parcel 001 Built 1925, Inventoried, Eligible for National Register Partial Demolition, Alteration

Represented by Attorney Albert Schulz & Architect Sarah Broughton

Attorney Schulz reported that the house was built in 1927 for Felix DuPont and noted that it can not be seen from any public way other than from the water. The homeowners intend to add approximately 3,000 square feet and restore the colonial revival characteristics of the house. Currently, it is not habitable in the winter and has had many inappropriate additions over the years.

Architect Sarah Broughton detailed the renovations proposed as outlined in the drawings. She also reviewed many photographs of the house over the years and its many additions. The renovations are intended to complement the style while maintaining the shape of the house and adding on. The front entrance will be pulled forward and brought back to a colonial style. They wish to replace an addition to the south with something more in style, with arch entryways to the porch and an addition with another gable and arch openings, careful to maintain the character of the house. Most is being maintained, and only the south end will have changes with gable end and arched entryways.

(Note: Marilyn Fifield arrived at 4:15pm)

Nancy Clark stated that she appreciates the detail that went into the proposal, however, the widow's walk is not usually associated with this style and George Jessop concurred and added that the design shows a respect and appreciation for the original structure. Ted Wurzburg asked if each of the new gables will have the same pitch and Ms. Broughton confirmed that they would.

Laurie Young commented that the plans are very well done and she is familiar with the area. Since it is an iconic property going out the cut and anyone in a boat will have a clear view of the property, she wondered if it would be better to have a public hearing to let the public have a say. Nancy Shoemaker concurred and also felt it is a good plan, but thought the public should be advised. Nancy Clark disagreed, believing the renovations are being done so appropriately and tastefully that this is not something that should go to public hearing.

Motion duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D the Barnstable Historical Commission does not find the portions of the building located at 8 Indian Trail, Osterville proposed to be demolished a significant building in accordance with the definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

Vote: So Voted Unanimously

**Shriver, Mark & Jeanne, 70 Longwood Avenue, Hyannis, Map 287, Parcel 091
Built 1890, Not Inventoried, Contributing Structure in National Register Historic District
Partial Demolition, Alteration**

Represented by Mark Grenier

George Jessop noted for the record that he has had past dealings with the developer representing the application.

Mark Grenier stated that he will also be doing the work and is very familiar with the house. There have been some alterations in the past that were not constructed in accordance with the period of the house and his intent is to correct that and offer a more inviting entrance. He proposes a wrap-around porch as the structure used to have a porch that ran down the Washington Avenue side. The south elevation has different windows, some double hung and some awning. He will remove the odd windows and replace with Marvin true divided light with a 6 over 6 grill pattern. There is also a cantilever bay window that was added onto an existing sun room. He will bring the cantilever straight down to the ground in an attempt to create a cleaner edge. He is also proposing to change the roof lines to be more consistent with the style.

Nancy Clark pointed out that on the west elevation the drawing shows shutters while the other elevations do not. Mark Grenier stated that the shutters are proposed to be removed.

Motion duly made by Laurie Young, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D the Barnstable Historical Commission does not find the portions of the building located at 70 Longwood Avenue, Hyannis, proposed to be demolished a significant building in accordance with the definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

Vote: So Voted Unanimously

Other Business

Review of Final Draft Revisions– Chapter 112 - Protection of Historic Properties

Members reviewed the final draft and recommended they proceed to Town Council. Laurie Young suggested the Commission stress the cleanliness of the changes and how it allows the members more administrative control.

Motion duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker to Present the Revisions to Chapter 112 – Protection of Historic Properties to the Town Council form placement on an upcoming Agenda.

So Voted Unanimously

Correspondence Received

Santuit Holy Ghost Society, 53 Main Street, Santuit - email requesting assistance on completing Form B

An e-mail was received by staff from the Santuit Holy Ghost Society requesting assistance on completing the Massachusetts Historical Commission's inventory Form B. Staff was able to retrieve a draft inventory form that would need to be reconstructed on revised forms provided by MHC. As resources are limited, a discussion took place as to how to handle future requests when forms are not on file. A suggestion to contact the Historical Societies for guidance and perhaps refer inquires was made. Also, it was recommended that the Commission reach out to Sarah Korjeff of the Cape Cod Commission for guidance. Jo Anne Miller Buntich commented that perhaps the Commission could invite all the Historical Societies to attend a yearly meeting.

Mass Historical Commission re: Fiscal Year 2013 Survey & Planning Grant Cycle

Jo Anne Miller Buntich proposed applying for a State Survey and Planning grant for professional development of design guidelines for the Hyannis Main Street Historic District, consistent with the Preservation Plan. Assistance is also needed in the development of the Heritage/Maritime Walking Tour. Marilyn Fifield would like to apply for the next round of National Register nominations, for example within the Growth Incentive Zone (GIZ).

Approval of Minutes

August 6, 2012

Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Laurie Young, to approve the minutes of August 6, 2012, as edited by Marilyn Fifield.

So Voted Unanimously

September 18, 2012

Motion duly made by Laurie Young, seconded by Nancy Clark, to approve the minutes of September 18, 2012, as edited by Marilyn Fifield.

So Voted Unanimously

Updates:

Marilyn Fifield - CPA Update

Commissioner Fifield reported that the West Parish Church proposal has moved to the application stage.

Village Updates – Commission Members

Nancy Shoemaker expressed concern regarding the new sidewalks along Route 6A and asked if the Commission could reach out to the Old King's Highway Historic District Committee and the Route 6A Road Committee and request an exemption for the width of the sidewalks in this historic area. George Jessop reported that the Old King's Highway Committee has had this discussion with the Route 6A Road Committee.

With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm.

So Voted Unanimously

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