

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
June 17, 2014**

Laurie Young, Acting Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
Nancy Clark	Present
Nancy Shoemaker	Present
George Jessop	Present
Len Gobeil	Present
Ted Wurzburg	Absent
Paul Arnold, Alternate	Present
Marylou Fair	Admin Assistant, GMD
Jo Anne Miller Buntich	Director, GMD

Acting Chair Laurie Young called the meeting to order at 4:00pm

Acting under the provisions of the Code of the Town of Barnstable, ss 112-1 through 112-7, the Historical Commission held a Public Hearing on the following application:

The following Applications were determined significant and referred to Public Hearing:

**Elisha Harris Family LP, Mecke, Stephen & Elizabeth, 51 East Avenue, Osterville, Map 139, Parcel 062
Partial Demolition, Install New Foundation**
(Built 1890, Not Inventoried)

Represented by Michael Collins, Architect

Mr. Collins explained that the building is no more than an old barn and his clients would like to restore the structure to have it look like it belongs in the neighborhood. Currently there is no foundation and is on brick piers and very close to grade. This has caused rot on the lower sill. There are also quite a few voids in the roof that have been patched with sheet metal and building paper. The plans submitted with the application indicate the areas to be demolished in yellow highlight. The house will be lifted and set back slightly. They propose to remove the small chimney, expand the small single dormer and double window dormer, demolish a rather derelict screen porch and an attached outhouse on the rear elevation as well as the deck.

Nancy Clark inquired that if the chimney is to be removed, why does it show a chimney on the front elevation. Mr. Collins explained that they will be adding a new chimney.

Len Gobeil commented that he did go to Osterville and he found this lot hard to find. There are some lovely houses that have been redone in this area and if this house ends up looking like those, you will be commended. He noticed the structure does have mold in a lot of places, and the back porch needs work.

Laurie Young also commented that she had been by to view the site and it is one of the only houses that have not been redone. She is pleased it is not a complete demolition.

George Jessop noted that he likes that the size of the structure does not change, nor does it change the scale of the neighborhood.

Nancy Shoemaker added that it also keeps a hint of its former use with the barn door.

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Clark that the Historical Commission finds, after review and consideration of public testimony, application and record file for partial demolition proposed at 51 East Avenue, Osterville, that the portions of the structure to be demolished are not a preferably preserved significant portions of the building.

So Voted Unanimously (Young, Fifield, Clark, Shoemaker, Jessop, Gobeil)

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Clark that in accordance with Chapter 112F the Historical Commission determines that the demolition of the proposed portions of the structure located at 51 East Avenue, Osterville would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

So Voted Unanimously (Young, Fifield, Clark, Shoemaker, Jessop, Gobeil)

NOTE: The following application was taken out of order and heard first on the Agenda

Gevorgyan, Garik, 36 Old Colony Road, Hyannis, Map 306, Parcel 117

Demolition of Restaurant & Cottage

(Build 1925, Not Inventoried)

Represented by Attorney David Lawler

Attorney Lawler stated that there are two buildings located on the lot. One is listed by the Assessor's as built in 1950 and identified as a log cabin. These logs did not come into existence until the late 1950's and therefore, it is not within this Commission's jurisdiction. The main structure is within the board's jurisdiction and most likely built in the late 1920's. There is no architectural significance as all the trim, windows and doors were replaced most likely in the 1980's and he did not believe there is an historical significance attached to the building. He added that he sent out letters to the abutters and set up a meeting for anyone with questions, but no one appeared.

Laurie Young opened the discussion up for Public Comment as Commissioners had no questions.

Jan Cook inquired as to the age of the log cabin structure. Her research shows that there was a building there in 1904. She grew up in the neighborhood and she recalled the house always being there.

Attorney Lawler added that he also checked the Town's building department records and found no information is available prior to 1950.

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Clark that the Historical Commission finds, after review and consideration of public testimony, application and record file for demolition proposed at 36 Old Colony Road, Hyannis, that the structure to be demolished is not a preferably preserved significant building.

So Voted Unanimously (Young, Fifield, Clark, Shoemaker, Jessop, Gobeil)

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Clark that in accordance with Chapter 112F the Historical Commission determines that the demolition of the structure located at 36 Old Colony Road, Hyannis would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

So Voted Unanimously (Young, Fifield, Clark, Shoemaker, Jessop, Gobeil)

Continued Applications

Wolsieffer, Diane, 955 Main Street, Osterville, Map 117, Parcel 163

Demolition of Chimney

(Built 1851, Inventoried)

Represented by Diane Wolsieffer & Tim McNamara

Laurie Young reminded Commissioners that this application was continued so the applicant could seek further information on the cost of a faux chimney and perhaps a structural report. Raymond Richard was also present, and he stated that he grew up in this house and explained that removing the chimney now would eventually lead to adding a gas heater with a metal pipe that they would enclose with some type of chimney. But for now, for financial reasons, they simply seek to take the chimney down.

Laurie Young questioned what the structural integrity of the roof will be if the chimney comes down and nothing goes up. George Jessop noted that the roof will have to be strapped and will require some structural repair. Raymond Richard added that he is familiar with the options, but if they are not allowed to take the chimney down it will remain in disrepair. Len Gobeil noted that the applicants actually live in the house and the chimney currently leaks into the interior. He felt it was not within the Commission purview to make sure it is braced up and he said he would vote to allow them to take the chimney down.

Nancy Clark stated that the chimney does have architectural significance, and, aesthetically, a chimney is very important. She would want another chimney to go back up from the roof line, even if it is made of wood.

Raymond Richard explained that they have tried to honor the house by keeping it the same color as it has been since the 1850's and he has personally reglazed every window.

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by George Jessop that the Historical Commission finds, after review and consideration of public testimony, application and record file for partial demolition, i.e., chimney, proposed at 955 Main Street, Osterville, that the portions of the structure to be demolished are not a preferably preserved significant portions of the building.

AYE: Gobeil, Fifield, Jessop

NAY: Clark, Arnold

ABSTAIN: Shoemaker

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by George Jessop that in accordance with Chapter 112F the Historical Commission determines that the proposed demolition of the portions of the structure, i.e. chimney located at 955 Main Street, Osterville would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

AYE: Gobeil, Fifield, Jessop, Young

NAY: Arnold, Clark, Shoemaker

Other Business

Election of Officers – Chair, Clerk

**A motion was duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by George Jessop to elect Laurie Young as Chair.
So Voted Unanimously**

**A motion was duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by George Jessop to elect Marilyn Fifield as Clerk.
So Voted Unanimously**

Website – Content Update

Laurie Young updated the members that the images for the site would be needed as 72 dpi because otherwise the picture is too large. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.

**With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Paul Arnold, seconded by Nancy Clark, to adjourn the Meeting at 5:11pm.
So Voted Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Fair, Recording Secretary
Edited by Marilyn Fifield