

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Town Hall Hearing Room
July 21, 2015**

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

Laurie Young called the meeting to order at 4:05pm

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 applications previously determined significant and referred to Public Hearing:

**Schneeberger, John & Heather, 56 Longwood Avenue, Hyannis, Map 287, Parcel 088
Built 1910, Not Inventoried, Contributing Building in National Register District**

Partial Demolition

Represented by Gordon Clark, III, Northside Design & John Schneeberger

Chair Young noted that an initial vote is required to determine if this project meets the threshold of a mandatory referral to the Cape Cod Commission.

Motion duly made by George Jessop, seconded by Paul Arnold, that the Barnstable Historical Commission finds after review and consideration of the file and hearing testimony for 56 Longwood Avenue, Hyannis, that:

- **The property is outside a local historic district and is a Contributing Structure in a National Register Historic District and is individually eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and the actions proposed constitute a substantial alteration that would jeopardize the historic structure's status as a Contributing Structure in a National Register Historic District as defined in § 3 of the Cape Cod Commission Development of Regional Impact Review Thresholds.**

Discussion:

George Jessop stated that given the design and fabrication of the materials of the existing structure and the proposed alterations, he did not feel that the changes would be a substantial alteration. The major structure would be retained, he noted, although the 2nd floor would be removed. The main level would remain and be improved from what exists now. Nancy Shoemaker asked if the ridge would be higher, and Gordon Clark confirmed that it would be, but still remain a gambrel roof. He said the front and back dormers were not treated as they should have been on a proper gambrel and, in the proposed design, the ridge would follow the plane of the upper roof. George Jessop commented that he likes that the gambrel roof allows a third floor and retains the shape and historic roof style, also allowing for the continuation of the line for the new dormer.

VOTE:

AYE: None

NAY: So Voted Unanimously

Motion duly made by George Jessop, seconded by Paul Arnold, that the Barnstable Historical Commission finds after review and consideration of public testimony, application, and record file for demolition proposed at 56 Longwood Avenue, Hyannis, that the parts of the Significant Building to be demolished are detrimental to the historical, cultural, or architectural heritage or resources of the Town. The Barnstable Historical Commission further finds that the parts of the Significant Building to be retained are Preferably Preserved and shall not be demolished.

AYE: None

NAY: So Voted Unanimously

Further Discussion:

Gordon Clark added that the house would be lifted off the foundation to install a new foundation before the second floor roof is removed. Nancy Shoemaker asked if the new foundation would raise the height of the house. Gordon Clark noted that the proposed design is a rendering and they still have to do the architectural drawings, but the intent is that the final height will not be that much higher. The ground drops off approximately eight feet, he said, and the thought is to have two smaller steps off the porch and then a larger step into the house to help with the overall effect. He added that a hedge area there now visually lowers the house, as well. George Jessop commented that the only detail he did not feel was appropriate was the cupola over the master bedroom. Gordon Clark replied that they felt a height element on this side of the roof was needed, but they are not really sure what will be the final design. Nancy Shoemaker agreed that it conflicts with the age of the house. Laurie Young suggested the homeowners look around the neighborhood, as many houses have multiple chimneys, and another chimney could provide a height element.

Motion duly made by George Jessop, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, that, in accordance with Section 112-3 F, the Barnstable Historical Commission determines that the proposed partial demolition of the building located at 56 Longwood Avenue, Hyannis, is not detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resources of the Town.

AYE: So Voted Unanimously

Approval of Minutes

May 19, 2015

Motion duly made by Marilyn Fifield, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, to approve the minutes of May 19, 2015, as edited.

So Voted Unanimously

Communications from Commissioners

CPC Update – Marilyn Fifield

Marilyn Fifield reported that the Committee has not received any historic applications recently.

Upcoming Village Events

Nancy Shoemaker reported that this past weekend a special Mass was held at Our Lady of Hope Church in West Barnstable to celebrate the Church's centennial. Also, the 1717 Meetinghouse Revere bell has been returned, and the Town Hall currently is featuring prints depicting the history of Hyannis and Barnstable Village.

With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Paul Arnold, to adjourn the meeting at 4:46pm.

So Voted Unanimously

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