

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
February 7, 2012**

Members Present: Jessica Rapp Grassetto, Chair, Nancy Shoemaker, Nancy Clark, Len Gobeil, George Jessop, Marilyn Fifield

Members Absent: None

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, the Historical Commission held a Hearing on the following Intent to Demolish Application, and Chairman Grassetto called the Hearing to order at 10:03am.

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.

**Ford, Michael D. Tr, Irving Ave Nominee Trust 11, 111 Irving Avenue, Hyannis,
Map 287, Parcel 065**

Partial Demolition and Alteration – (Built 1925 – Inventoried – Individually Listed, Contributing National Register District, National Historic Landmark

Represented by Attorney Michael Ford, Builder Mark Grenier

NOTE: George Jessop recused himself from this discussion and vote and left the room.

Attorney Ford stated that while this is before this Commission as an Intent to Demolish, the plans submitted show that there really is not a lot of demolition involved in the renovations. There has been an alteration to the roof line and although the property may not be architecturally significant, it is a National Landmark property and, therefore, they are seeking Historical Commission permission.

He said that although the addition is well under the 25% threshold for a referral to the Cape Cod Commission; they did reach out to Sarah Korjeff of the Cape Cod Commission and have submitted her comments along with the application. Ms. Korjeff had some suggestions that they did incorporate into the design.

Len Gobeil asked for clarification on exactly where the addition would be, and this was reviewed with the design and photograph submitted. Mr. Gobeil then clarified that this was the extent of the renovations proposed.

Nancy Shoemaker commented that she believes it is a significant building, but she noted that a building very near this one has a very similar addition. She asked what Sarah Korjeff had recommended, and Mark Grenier stated that one concern was to lower the dormer from the ridge.

NOTE: Marilyn Fifield arrived at 10:10am

Chair Grassetto thanked the applicant for reaching out to the Cape Cod Commission.

Marilyn Fifield questioned if there should be any State or Federal review of the alterations, as this is a National Historic Landmark. She also said she would like to see a Preservation Restriction on the property, since it is of national significance, and she would like to see it go to a public hearing to allow for public comment. She thought the public would be shocked at how little review is required for such an important property, and she wondered if owners of neighboring properties, including the late Senator's adjacent home just transferred to a nonprofit organization the week before, might have comments.

Attorney Ford said he appreciated Commissioner Fifield's comments and it is precisely because this is a National Landmark that they went ahead and got the Cape Cod Commission review. He said that a Preservation Restriction is not required, but that the owners are very aware of the significance of the building and believe that they are doing everything that is required.

Motion duly made by Marilyn Fifield, seconded by Nancy Clark for the purpose of discussion, in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D that the Barnstable Historical Commission finds that the portion of the building to be demolished is a Significant Building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

VOTE:

AYE: Fifield, Grassetto

NAY: Shoemaker, Gobeil

ABSTAIN: Clark

Motion fails to carry

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D that the Barnstable Historical Commission does not find that the portion of the building to be demolished is a Significant Building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

VOTE:

AYE: Shoemaker, Gobeil

NAY: Fifield, Grassetto

ABSTAIN: Clark

Motion fails to carry

***Note:** After the conclusion of the meeting, the Applicant, Attorney Michael Ford, requested that the application be added to the agenda for the Historical Commission's public hearing scheduled for February 28, 2012, at 9:30am.*

NOTE: Following the above agenda item, George Jessop returned for the remainder of the meeting.

Falkson, Peter & Shannon, 27 Parker Road, Osterville, Map 117, Parcel 162

Demolition of Single-family Home – (Built c.1850 – Inventoried)

Represented by Oliver Orwig, Doreve Nicholaeff Architecture

Mr. Orwig reminded the Commissioners that they have been before the Commission previously for demolition of the detached garage/barn and also the removal of the small addition at the front of the main house. After careful review of the renovations that would be necessary to accomplish what the homeowners wished for the main dwelling, it was determined that it was not financially feasible for them.

The members reviewed the photographs submitted, and Nancy Shoemaker commented that she does believe the structure has significance. However, if the Commission finds otherwise and demolition is permitted, she would like to be able to document the existing dwelling for the historical file.

Motion duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D that the Barnstable Historical Commission finds that the building to be demolished is a Significant Building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

So Voted Unanimously

Motion duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, that the building to be demolished, located at 27 Parker Road, Osterville, be referred to a public hearing to determine how Chapter 112 applies to this structure. The public hearing will be duly advertised and noticed for February 28, 2012, at 9:30am in the Selectmen's Conference Room of Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis.

So Voted Unanimously

Other Business

Letter of Support to DPW for Old Selectmen's Building and Custom House/Trayser Museum

Chair Grassetti suggested that the Barnstable Historical Commission draft a letter of support for the DPW's request to the Community Preservation Committee for funding for the Old Selectmen's Building as well as the Custom House/Trayser Museum.

Nancy Shoemaker suggested that the letter for the Selectmen's Building make clear that this is one of the few applications before the CPC that actually has money to contribute to the overall costs. Also, in the past, donations of plumbing, painting, windows, etc. were made by the residents. This also was one of the first buildings where town government was conducted.

Marilyn Fifield stated that she believes it is important to re-use the original brick to face the replacement foundation wall, as CPC historic projects must adhere to the Standards of the Secretary of the Interior.

Chair Grassetti asked if Nancy Shoemaker would be willing to draft the letter, and Ms. Shoemaker agreed. The draft will be sent to staff who will forward it to the Commissioners for any comments. It was cautioned that all comments be made through staff and not directed to other members.

Nancy Clark inquired about the project at the Custom House/Trayser Museum and what would be involved. Marilyn Fifield reported that she had spoken to the State the day before and they had not received any information on the proposed project. Commissioner Fifield noted that this property has a Preservation Restriction that requires the approval of the State for alteration.

Update & Improvements to Historical Commission Website

Marilyn Fifield asked what happened to the Preservation Plan that was posted on the website. It is believed that this was removed when the new web design was introduced. An option of a

link to the Preservation Plan from the Commission Home page was discussed and considered appropriate.

Approval of Minutes:

December 20, 2011

Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, to approve the Minutes of December 20, 2011, as submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

Updates:

Marilyn Fifield - CPA Update

The West Parish Church has a proposal to secure the bell *tower and bell associated with Colonel James Otis and Paul Revere*. Nancy Shoemaker noted that the property is owned by a foundation and not a religious organization.

Commissioner Fifield mentioned CPC discussion of the extent of CPA funding dispersed for historic properties, reminding that many Town-owned historic buildings have been long neglected, with very little funding available for them over the years, and repairs will only be more costly if further neglected.

Village Updates – Commission Members

Nancy Clark reported that the Marstons Mills Historical Society has lost their leader, Kevin Galvin - a big loss for the community. Mr. Galvin had been in the process of digitizing the artifacts of the Society. Nancy Shoemaker noted that she may know of someone who could help, and George Jessop and Marilyn Fifield suggested contacting academic institutions for possible interns. Mr. Jessop said he would try to locate further information.

Marilyn Fifield asked if there was any update on the Armory, and Len Gobeil reported that an RFP (Request for Proposal) has gone out for an examination of the heating and ventilation, and replies are awaited. Nancy Shoemaker suggested Len Gobeil be the Commission's liaison on this issue, and Mr. Gobeil agreed.

Public Comment:

No public was present for comment

Having no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 10:55am.

So Voted Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Fair, Recording Secretary

and Marilyn Fifield, Historical Commission Clerk