

## MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission  
Town Hall  
367 Main Street, Hyannis  
Selectmen's Conference Room  
September 18, 2012**

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

**Members Absent:** Len Gobeil

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

*Chairman Jessica Rapp Grasseti called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.*

*Acting under the provisions of the Code of the Town of Barnstable, ss 112-1 through 112-7, the Historical Commission held a **Hearing** on the following application(s)*

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

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

### **Crawford, John named Buyer in a Purchase & Sales Agreement with the property owner, Cynthia Tettke, 1774 South County Road, Marstons Mills, Map 098, Parcel 010-001**

Construct Second Story with Dormer, Addition & 2 Car Garage

Represented by Dan Wood, Contractor

Mr. Wood noted that the house is in poor shape, very old and neglected. A small addition with two windows and a door is proposed on the right elevation which will connect to a new two-car garage. On the front elevation they will raise the roof and create a second floor with a dormer.

George Jessop stated that he noticed there is a step-back on the corner board of the dormer on the right elevation, but none on the left elevation. Mr. Wood believes this is an error, and there will not be any step-back on the proposed dormer.

Nancy Shoemaker asked if there would be any changes to the existing footprint. Mr. Wood stated that the only difference would be an existing deck which will become the breezeway to the proposed garage.

Laurie Young stated that she visited the site and the house could use some assistance.

**Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by George Jessop, to find in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D that the portion of the building to be demolished at 1774 South County Road, Marstons Mills, is a Significant Building in accordance with the definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.**

**AYE: Clark, Jessop**

**NAY: Shoemaker, Young, Wurzburg**

**Motion Fails to Carry**

***NOTE: Marilyn Fifield arrives at 4:15pm***

### **Other Business/Discussion**

#### **Review of Draft Revisions to Chapter 112 – Article I**

The Members reviewed the current changes and further suggestions were made as to language.

Jo Anne Miller Buntich will revise the draft, and she informed the Commission of the protocol for submitting it to the Town Council. The Agenda may show simply the changes, but, each Councilor receives a complete redlined copy.

## **Implementation of Preservation Plan**

Jo Anne Miller Buntich explained that this Action Plan was adopted along with the Preservation Plan. There may be some items that were originally designated as Priority 1 that are currently ongoing. She would like to see the Commission prioritize the ratings, set up a time table and try to get the work done.

Ted Wurzburg asked about the landscape implementation and it seems to him that this is ongoing. Jo Anne Miller Buntich noted it could be helpful if they sat with a map of Barnstable and have the Historical Commission tell them where the priorities are.

Marilyn Fifield suggested pursuing the Certified Local Government (CLG) designation for training opportunities and a closer relationship with the State. It also allows competing for grant funding available only to CLGs - now just 20 out of all 351 MA cities and towns. She also felt a State Survey & Planning Grant should be sought to pursue National Register nominations recommended in the latest Preservation Plan. Such a grant could fund hiring a consultant who would prepare the documents. Jo Anne Miller Buntich asked the Commission for time to research this and she will forward information to the members.

Nancy Shoemaker suggested perhaps two or three members could form a Subcommittee, review the Action Plan and report back to the Commission. Jessica Rapp Grasseti concurred and suggested this Subcommittee review the priorities and make suggestions.

Jo Anne Miller Buntich suggested that Growth Management could host a website that could incorporate many of the suggested implementations. It could also ask people to interact with the Commission on what they think is important.

Marilyn Fifield, George Jessop and Ted Wurzburg volunteered for the Subcommittee, and Ms. Buntich suggested recording clerk Marylou Fair attend the meetings to keep notes and schedule meetings

Laurie Young asked if the Commission could use Interns, and Jo Anne Miller Buntich stated that she would be happy to help with that. They utilized Americorps for the Landscaping Plan.

## **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

**Town Attorney e-mail re: Open Meeting Law Training at Barnstable High School – October 17, 2012**  
Chair Grasseti urged each member to attend as additional training is always helpful and informative.

### **Letter from Mass. Historical Commission re: 148 Main Street, Cotuit**

The owners of 148 Main Street, Cotuit, appear to have written to the Mass. Historical Commission (MHC) seeking National Register nomination for their property. MHC replied that they do not have a Form B on file. Our records indicate that one was completed, but there is no record that it was sent to MHC. Jo Anne Miller Buntich stated that the Growth Management Dept would be happy to write a letter to MHC asking for a complete listing of Form B's on file, but she felt it might be best coming from the Historical Commission directly.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**July 30, 2012**

**Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Laurie Young, to approve the Minutes of July 30, 2012 as edited.**

**So Voted Unanimously**

**August 20, 2012**

**Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Laurie Young, to approve the Minutes of August 20, 2012 as edited.**

**So Voted Unanimously**

**Updates:**

Marilyn Fifield - CPA Update

Commissioner Fifield noted that she will be unable to attend the upcoming meeting of the Community Preservation Committee on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, but she recalled that the West Parish Church would be on the Agenda again, since recent changes in the Community Preservation Act allow repeat applications for the same property. The original application involved repairing the bell tower.

Village Updates – Commission Members

Commissioner Shoemaker informed the Commission that the Tuesday, September 25, meeting of the West Barnstable Historical Society would be held at the Barnstable Municipal Airport at 7pm, for a talk about the history of the airport. She recommended everyone attend to see the Terminal as well as the historical exhibits.

Chair Grassetti announced that the Cotuit Library would host on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, another Cotuit Chronicles talk by Chief Olsen on the history of the Fire Department, as it is celebrating its 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Also on October 13, 2012, Cotuit will celebrate Oktoberfest – a celebration of fall at the Historical Society.

Commissioner Shoemaker noted that it is wonderful to go by the Old Selectmen's Building and see that work is being done. She also added that she does the newsletter for the Barnstable Historical Society and seeks to publicize upcoming events for all village Historical Societies in the newsletter.

**With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm.  
So Voted Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Fair, Recording Secretary

Edited by Historical Commission Clerk Marilyn Fifield