

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
July 15, 2014**

Laurie Young, Acting Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
Nancy Clark	Absent
Nancy Shoemaker	Absent
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 applications that had been **determined significant and referred to Public Hearing:***

281 Wianno Avenue, LLC, 281 Wianno Ave, Osterville, Map 140, Parcel 127-001

Demolish detached garage - dwelling built 1885, Inventoried

Represented by Attorney Christine Jenness & Contractor E.J. Jaxtimer

Attorney Jenness stated that the goal of the homeowners is to demolish the barn at this time, and E.J. Jaxtimer added that nothing inside the barn meets today's code. Laurie Young noted that this is a very nice old barn built in 1885 according to the assessor's records. George Jessop suggested deconstruction to salvage as much as possible such as the 12-light sash, and E.J. Jaxtimer noted that the owners have installed new windows during the 18 years they have owned the house. Len Gobeil said it was difficult to find the garage in driving by, as it is truly not visible from Wianno Avenue. Marilyn Fifield stated that she always regrets the loss of a historic structure and would prefer at least salvaging some of the details of the barn..

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 proposed demolition of the garage at 281 Wianno Avenue, Osterville, that the structure to be demolished is not a preferably-preserved, significant building.

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

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 garage located at 281 Wianno Avenue, Osterville, would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

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

O'Connell, Stephen, Administrator, Estate of Edward J. O'Connell, 74 Parker Road, Osterville, Map 117, Parcel 127

Demolish single-family dwelling & detached garage - Built 1898, Inventoried

Represented by Charles Tardanico & Ron Walsh

Mr. Tardanico stated that he has looked this property over carefully and finds that there is hardly anything worthwhile to salvage. The house has been abandoned for at least 10 years. It has vinyl siding and the windows are not original. Under the siding is rotted wood. Len Gobeil reported that he has been to the site and the property is in very poor condition.

The Chair opened the discussion up for public comment, and Susan Jacobson, an abutter, stated that she has been through the house and it is in terrible shape, and she could not find anything historical about it.

Laurel Welch, another abutter, stated that the house has no redeeming features and has been a problem in the neighborhood. A new house would be an asset.

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 demolition of the single-family house and garage proposed at 74 Parker Road, Osterville, that the structures to be demolished are not preferably-preserved, significant buildings.

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

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by George Jessop, that in accordance with Chapter 112F the Historical Commission determines that the demolition of the proposed structure (single family house & garage) located at 74 Parker Road, Osterville, would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

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

Muse, Stephen & Farideh, 79 Old Farm Road, Centerville, Map 231, Parcel 024

Partial Demolition & Alteration - Built 1931, Not Inventoried

Represented by Stephen & Farideh Muse

Mr. Muse explained that they purchased the house in November and, unbeknownst to them, there was a faulty gauge on the oil tank. They received a call in early January that the pipes had frozen, and they had to gut the interior. When this happened, they were able to see the structure of the house and where walls were moved and additions built. Basically, the entire façade on the lakeside would be preserved and restored, and the north façade would also be restored. The shed dormer size would be decreased by a few feet and the windows would be replaced. The shed dormer was not original to the house. They propose to build a 13 ½-foot deep addition on the street side which will extend the roof line. The wall will stay as an interior wall. All material will match that of the existing house, and the windows will be true divided-light. No change is planned on the side of the house where it would block the neighbor's view across the street.

The Chair opened the discussion up for public comment, and Jim Croak, an abutter, thanked the Muses, as it is his view that would have been blocked if the addition were to be placed on the other side of the house. He said he greatly appreciates their thoughtfulness and is thrilled that the property will be restored.

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 proposed partial demolition (shed dormer) at 79 Old Farm Road, Centerville, that the structure to be partially demolished is not a preferably-preserved, significant building.

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

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by George Jessop, that, in accordance with Chapter 112F, the Historical Commission determines that the partial demolition of the proposed structure (shed dormer) located at 79 Old Farm Road, Centerville, would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

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

Fischer, Eric & Simone, 45 Loomis Lane, Centerville, Map 230, Parcel 104

Demolish Single Family Dwelling & detached garage - Built 1920, Not Inventoried

Represented by Architectural Design

The homeowners would like to demolish the house and garage as both are in poor condition. George Jessop recalls going through this house in 2006 and what struck him the most was that everything is smaller than what most are accustomed to. To simply add a second floor is not possible. He also believes it is not suitable for year round living. The representative concurred.

The Chair opened the discussion up for Public Comment

Edith Cahoon, an abutter, has no objection as a neighbor to seeing this house demolished. It was originally a boathouse and she has been informed by Mr. Fischer of the plans for rebuilding.

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 demolition (single family house & garage) proposed at 45 Loomis Lane, Centerville, that the structures to be demolished are not preferably-preserved, significant buildings.

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

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by George Jessop, that in accordance with Chapter 112F the Historical Commission determines that the demolition of the proposed structures (single family house & garage) located at 45 Loomis Lane, Centerville would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

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

Comstock, Henry, Wingsong Trust 1, 305 Baxters Neck Road, Marstons Mills, Map 075, Parcel 009

Demolish single-family dwelling & Detached Garage - Built 1925, Inventoried

Represented by Corey Heaslip & Alex Higgins, Contractors

Mr. Heaslip stated that the homeowners wish to demolish the existing house and garage to build a new home, guest house, pool & cabana. The Assessor's records indicate the house was built in 1920, but appears to have 1950s features. It is located approximately 400 feet back from the road.

George Jessop commented that the siding is very historic and unique; uncut redwood that was sawn without squaring it, so that it looks like a tree was laid down and simply cut. This was typical of cottages, rather than year-round residences. Other than this, he said the features are all traditional of the period with some 1950s modifications.

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 proposed demolition (single-family house & garage) at 305 Baxters Neck Road, Marstons Mills, that the structures to be demolished are not preferably- preserved, significant buildings.

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

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 structures (single-family house & garage) located at 305 Baxters Neck Road, Marstons Mills, would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

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

Other Business

Approval of Minutes of May 20, 2014, & June 17, 2014

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2014, and June 17, 2014, as edited.

So Voted Unanimously

Website – Content Update

No new content has been received for the website.

Communications from Commissioners

CPC Update – Marilyn Fifield

Marilyn Fifield reported that the South Congregational Church had inquired about the eligibility of its historic cemetery for CPC funding, and Historical Commission records indicate it is eligible as a Contributing Property within the Centerville National Register Historic District..

With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by George Jessop, to adjourn the meeting at 5:19pm.

So Voted Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Fair, Recording Secretary
and Historical Commission Clerk Marilyn Fifield