

**Town of Barnstable
Old King's Highway Historic District**

**MINUTES
Wednesday, August 28, 2013
6:30pm**

To all persons deemed interested or affected by the Town of Barnstable's Old King's Highway Historic District Act under Section 9 of Chapter 470, Acts of 1973 as amended. You are hereby notified that a hearing was held on the following application:

Carrie Bearse	Present
George Jessop	Present
Bill Mullin	Absent
Mary Blair Petiet	Present
Ellen Merritt	Present

A quorum being met, Chair Bearse called the hearing to order at 6:30pm. The Chair explained the hearing and appeal process and invited the public to address the Committee and view the plans of interest when the application is called.

NEW APPLICATIONS

Lowrie, Frederic & McShane, Kathleen, 125 Calves Pasture Lane, Barnstable, Map 259, Parcel 002-001

Addition of Screen Porch

Represented by Gordon Clark, Northside Design

Mr. Clark stated that there is a slight extension on the back of the porch that they want to screen in. The house is off the beaten path and the only public view is from the water. Carrie Bearse confirmed that the materials will match those of the existing house. Members reviewed the plans and found them to be appropriate.

Motion duly made by Ellen Merritt, seconded by Mary Blair Petiet to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (Exhibit A) for Frederic Lowrie & Kathleen McShane at 125 Calves Pasture Lane as Submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

Guzikowski, Ziegmont & Martha, named Buyers in a Purchase & Sales Agreement with Owners, Scibelli, Mark & Catherine, 30 Indian Trail (*sic*; addressed as 50 Indian Trail), Barnstable, Map 336, 016

Construct Single Family House with 2-Car Garage

Represented by Ann Michniewicz

Carrie Bearse stated that one of her concerns is that she believes that the windows should have applied grills rather than grills between the glass. Ann Michniewicz asked if they could agree to applied exterior grills on the front elevation only. The Commission also asked for applied exterior grills on the side elevation that can be seen from Indian Trail. Ellen Merritt confirmed that the garage doors are vinyl and George Jessop requested that the cupola be lowered approximately 12 inches. Carrie Bearse asked if the cupola would have a light and Ann Michniewicz added that it would.

Mr. & Mrs. Boylan, as proud owners of the house next door were present to welcome the new homeowners. Mr. Boylan stated that it looks like a nice home in a wonderful neighborhood.

Motion duly made by Mary Blair Petiet, seconded by George Jessop to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (Exhibit B) for Ziegmont & Martha Guzikowski at 30 Indian Trail as Amended to reflect applied exterior grills to the windows on the west & south elevation and to lower the cupola 12 inches.

So Voted Unanimously

Wirtanen, Edward, 2119 Main Street, Barnstable, Map 237, Parcel 041

Construct Two Dormer Windows on Front Elevation, 2nd Floor

Represented by Edward & Jeanne Wirtanen

Mr. Wirtanen stated that when he was a child he could see the marsh and now there is growth in the vegetation and the marsh is not visible. The construction of the dormers will allow a view again and the windows will have applied grills. George Jessop questioned if the dormer as shown appears to be no wider than the window and the casing. Mr. Wirtanen confirmed that is correct. George Jessop pointed out that this will not enable you to have curtains on the inside. Mrs. Wirtanen stated that she will use blinds.

**Motion duly made by Mary Blair Petiet, seconded by Ellen Merritt to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness (Exhibit C) for Edward Wirtanen at 2119 Main Street as Submitted.
So Voted Unanimously**

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

Barnstable Historical Society, Inc. 3087 Main Street, Barnstable, Map 279, Parcel 039

Install Bronze Statue in Natural Setting

(Continued from July 24 & August 14, 2013)

Represented by Marilyn Fuller & Rich French

Chair Bearse reviewed the previous meeting where the Committee reviewed four proposed plans, gave suggestions asked for the applicant to return with a final drawing that incorporates many of the positive features. Rich French explained that the revised drawing indicates the plantings with heights, the benches relocated and the statue moved back to the rear trees.

Mary Blair Petiet asked what would be visible from Route 6A. Marilyn Fuller stated that the gardens would be visible and with the statue moved back you would still see the figures, but the granite slab would be hidden. They propose mini hydrangeas for the front of the slab and they will build up the land to the top of the slab.

Ellen Merritt noted that the rhododendrons that are proposed will not screen the statue and she would recommend evergreens. If you are going to go with the rhododendrons she would encourage the largest size possible as they are slow growing. Emerald green arborvitae are easy to maintain and easy to grow and would give you a more circular geometry. She would also encourage them to enlarge the arch a bit which would give them the screening from Route 6A that the Committee is looking for. Marilyn Fuller asked if the Committee was suggesting that they put a screen in front of the statue to totally hide it from view and Ellen Merritt confirmed that she is recommending a screening of at least 6 feet. Carrie Bearse stated that due to the location of the statue, the discussion has always been about screening it from view and due to the dip in the land at the proposed site; she feels a 6 foot hedge would be sufficient.

Carrie Bearse opened Public Comment

Susan Guill of Barnstable stated that she does not understand how a sculptor would design something for a particular spot. It is a long process and then to have it delivered and put on a slab that the location was decided by a truck driver who could not go any further on the lawn.

Steve Nill of Barnstable stated that he and Penny Edwards visited the site today as well as other monuments in the Village. He believes the larger issue is that the Historical Society believes that the statue should be in a prominent place and the Old King's Highway Committee has asked if the Society could move it to a less prominent place. He would like to know why the Committee has not asked the Historical Society for a feasibility plan to see what is involved in moving the statue to another location. In addition, it seems that the degree of screening is an issue as well. With the change in elevation and the debate on the height of the different bushes he feels it would be better if a clear statement was to be made that they want it to be screened from Route 6A and state that if the bushes are not the right height, they will need to be replaced.

Penney Edwards of Barnstable presented photographs that she took with Steve Nill next to the statue and next to many other historical markers in the Village so that the Committee members can see the degree in scale. (Exhibits D-1) Many of the memorial markers are much smaller. She encouraged the Committee members to require the Historical Society to go back to the drawing board.

Gene Guill of Barnstable stated that when he saw the statue, his first thought was that this is contemporary but not appropriate for the setting. He believes that moving it to a more reflective area will enhance the statue and noted that there are reflective areas at the rear of the property.

Sarah Rueters of Barnstable has lived in the Village for 84 years and is very interested in the history of the neighborhood. She does not believe that the stature belongs on the front lawn but understands it may be a problem to move it. If so, she would want evergreens planted so that it is not seen in the winter.

Carrie Bearse closes Public Comment.

Marilyn Fuller stated that she thought they had discussed why it could not be placed at the rear of the property as this area is proposed for future expansion. They also use this area for the Fall Event and some of the land is used for parking. Access would also be an issue.

The Committee members agreed that they would like to see a detailed site plan of the entire lot that indicates where the future development is planned, where the parking areas are, etc. to determine there is no area at the rear where the statue could be placed. The Committee also requests an exact scaled drawing of the screening and garden area detailing the heights of the shrubbery and they suggest a hedge at least 6' in height.

**Motion duly made by George Jessop, seconded by Ellen Merritt to Continue the Certificate of Appropriateness for the Barnstable Historical Commission at 3087 Main Street, Barnstable to September 25, 2013 at 6:30pm.
So Voted Unanimously**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of July 24, 2013

Motion duly made by Mary Blair Petiet, seconded by Ellen Merritt to Approve the Minutes of July 24, 2013 as Submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

Minutes of August 14, 2013

The Minutes of August 14, 2013 were tabled to the September 11, 2013 Meeting.

Having no further business before this Committee, a motion was made by George Jessop, seconded by Ellen Merritt to Adjourn the Meeting at 8:29pm.

So Voted Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Fair
Recording Secretary

Exhibit A – Certificate of Appropriateness – File 259/002-001 dtd 8.28.2013

Exhibit B – Certificate of Appropriateness – File 336/016 dtd 8.28.2013

Exhibit C – Certificate of Appropriateness – File 237/041 dtd 8.28.2013

Exhibit D-I - Photographs Barnstable Village Monuments File 279/039 dtd 7.24.2013