

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
June 19, 2012**

Members Present: Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Chair, Nancy Shoemaker, Marilyn Fifield,
Laurie Young, Len Gobeil

Members Absent: George Jessop, Nancy Clark

Staff: Marylou Fair, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Jessica Rapp Grassetti called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

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.

Cimmino, Michael, MBM, LLC, 21 Railway Bluffs, Hyannis, Map 326, Parcel 133-001

Partial Demolition/Alterations & Renovations (Built 1930 – Inventoried)

Represented by Gordon Clark, Northside Design & Michael Cimmino

Mr. Clark explained that they want to renovate the existing building with additions and light demolition. The core of the building will remain, but they wish to remove some of the added features of the structure such as the picture windows and the bay windows. The greenhouse on the back side and a subterranean bathroom that bumps out will also be removed. The windows will be replaced in a 4/1 pattern.

A ground-level apartment will become a garage in the future, but the previous owner will remain a resident there for now.

The changes will be in keeping with the current lines of the house, extending the gambrel and adding a porch and garage doors. There is no formal entrance and they have added one. The existing porch will be filled in and a new wrap-around porch is proposed.

Len Gobeil asked if the south elevation is the view that is seen when coming in from the harbor by boat. Mr. Cimmino confirmed that it is, and said he hopes that the carriage-style garage doors proposed will be a better view than the bay windows that are there now. Commissioner Gobeil asked if any cars would be utilizing the garage, and Mr. Cimmino noted that for now he is requesting that the slip holders park up near the road.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti voiced concern with the abundance of railing on the south elevation, and the owner concurred. Gordon Clark suggested perhaps a knee wall of shingles below the railing.

Motion made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Laurie Young, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D the Barnstable Historical Commission does not find that the portion of the building located at 21 Railway Bluffs, Hyannis, and proposed for demolition is a Significant Building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

So Voted Unanimously

Rosengard, David & Penniah, 41 Weaver Road, Centerville, Map 207, Parcel 106

Partial Demolition/Alterations & Renovations (Built 1937 – Not Inventoried)

Represented by David Rosengard and builder Jack Daley

Mr. Rosengard explained that he recently purchased the property and wishes to expand with a 2nd floor addition and a slight expansion at the rear of the home, keeping the same angles to preserve the same feel of the building.

Mr. Daley stated that the house was built in 1937 by the Bearse family who took liberties with the Royal Barry Wills design. They did talk with the architect's son, and he even came to review the structure and agreed that the builder took liberties with his father's design.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti noted that removing the chimney and adding a second floor does change the structure significantly from a Cape Cod style to a colonial.

Nancy Shoemaker also stated that she would not like to see the chimney removed, and questioned the height of the two roof lines. Mr. Rosengard then distributed revised drawings indicating the rear would be dropped down. He also felt a chimney could be added even if it was a fake one.

Motion made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Laurie Young, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D the Barnstable Historical Commission does not find that the portion of the building located at 41 Weaver Road, Centerville, and proposed for demolition is a Significant Building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

AYE: Grassetti, Fifield, Gobeil, Young

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Shoemaker

Other Business, Correspondence Received

Review of Draft Revisions to Chapter 112 – Article I

Commissioners reviewed the draft revisions to Chapter 112 and agreed with the revisions. A discussion of allowing “no less than six months and up to 12 months demolition delay” took place. It was requested that the Growth Management Director and the Town Attorney review language to allow a shorter time period for the demolition delay if the Commission so determines, instead of imposing the proposed full 12 month delay.

Correspondence

Commissioners acknowledged receipt of correspondence on the Open Meeting Law and e-mail Correspondence Suggestions as well as the Protocol for Scheduling of Executive Sessions.

Establish Monthly Meeting Schedule

It was agreed to adopt a fixed schedule of monthly meetings, with the recording secretary to review the availability of the Selectmen's Conference Room and advise Commissioners.

Implementation of Preservation Plan

Copies of the Historic Preservation Plan implementation section were handed out to each member present. A detailed discussion and review of the plan will be scheduled for a future meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

April 17, 2012

Motion duly made by Laurie Young, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, to approve the minutes of April 17, 2012, as edited.

So Voted Unanimously

Updates:

Marilyn Fifield - CPA Update

Commissioner Fifield reported that new CPA legislation recently passed that will allow CPA funds to be applied to existing recreational buildings and fields, expanding eligibility and increasing competition for the funding.

Village Updates

Nancy Shoemaker announced the Wednesday, June 20, 2012, open house at the Historical Society of Santuit & Cotuit to view the newly renovated ice house.

Commissioner Shoemaker also said that she recently visited the Zion Heritage Museum in Hyannis and was very impressed with the exhibit and wanted to spread the word.

Chair Grassetti reported that she has been appointed the Cultural Liaison for the Town Council. The members, both in Barnstable and Yarmouth, are looking for a new project and perhaps they could collaborate and work on the inventory of the Town's resources.

Laurie Young reported that the Osterville Village Association will be the subject of a Fox News "Zip Trip" which will highlight the Village.

Marilyn Fifield asked if anyone knows plans for the monument once located opposite the Hyannis Fire Department, as well as the old horse trough that was at the east end of Main Street, Hyannis, but removed when the Transportation Center was being built. Historical Commissioners viewed the damaged horse trough in the DPW yard in recent years, but know of no plans to restore and return it to public view. Len Gobeil offered to look into this.

**With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Laurie Young, to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm.
So Voted Unanimously**

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