

MINUTES

Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
May 21, 2013

Jessica Rapp Grassetti, Chair	Present
George Jessop, Vice Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
Nancy Clark	Absent
Nancy Shoemaker	Present
Len Gobeil	Present
Laurie Young	Present
Ted Wurzburg, Alternate	Present

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 application:

Chair Grassetti called the meeting to order at 4:04pm

**O'Neil, Kevin & Nancy, 61 Strawberry Hill Road, Centerville, Map 246, Parcel 039
Built 1871, Not Inventoried, Not in a National Register District**

Demolish single-family home

Represented by Kevin O'Neil

At the April 16, 2013, meeting, the Commission found that the building was significant due to its age and voted to hold a public hearing. Mr. O'Neil stated that he originally purchased the property with the intent to renovate and received permission from this Commission to remove an addition. He began the work and discovered that the structure is failing and the cost to bring it up to code would be prohibitive. He believes the building was moved to this location and is not original to the area, nor does it have any significant architectural features.

Marilyn Fifield arrives at 4:10pm.

Chair Grassetti asked if there was anyone from the public present and, finding no one, opened the discussion up to the Commissioners.

George Jessop commented that this house is in a neighborhood with much more modern houses and noted that the sagging roof on either side of the dormer indicates that the framing was most likely not constructed correctly.

Len Gobeil added that he drove by the property, and it appeared to him that this structure wasn't built there. The house is also set back from the street approximately 40-50 feet, and cannot be seen.

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Laurie Young, that the Barnstable Historical Commission find after review and consideration of public testimony, application and record file for demolition proposed at 61 Strawberry Hill Road, Centerville, that the structure is not a Preferably Preserved Significant Building.

AYE: Gobeil, Jessop, Young, Wurzburg

NAY: Fifield

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Laurie Young, that, in accordance with Chapter 112 § F, the Barnstable Historical Commission determines that the demolition of the structure located at 61 Strawberry Hill Road, Centerville, would not be detrimental to the historical, cultural or architectural heritage or resource of the Town.

AYE: Gobeil, Jessop, Young, Wurzburg

NAY: Fifield

Marilyn Fifield noted that it was sad to see demolition approved for a cottage that everyone, including the owner, had hoped to preserve, and the owner agreed.

DISCUSSION

Historical Commission Website Update

Jo Anne Miller Buntich reported that she will be going out to bid for a web provider, and then she will need to sit down again with this Commission. Laurie Young suggested perhaps recruiting people in the communities and historical societies to write feature articles. Jo Anne Buntich hoped to have something for review by July or August.

Chair's Report on Paine-Black House

Jessica Rapp Grassetto stated that the building is in tough shape, and she was not sure if the cost of needed renovations was ever estimated. She inquired of Marilyn Fifield if this house had ever been before the Community Preservation Committee, and Commissioner Fifield recalled that it had been, and Jim Hadley, architect and CPC historic preservation consultant, had submitted a report in which he called the building "museum quality.". Chair Grassetto reported that there are many different discussions taking place as to if it should be restored or taken off the Town's property inventory, and there are zoning issues associated with the property.

Jo Anne Miller Buntich suggested she cull all the information available and report back to this Commission. She also believes that no actual budget has been done regarding the cost of renovations. Laurie Young noted that this would be a perfect example to highlight on the new website.

NOTE: Nancy Shoemaker arrives at 4:20pm, unaware of the meeting's time change to 4pm.

Town of Barnstable 375 Anniversary Update

Jessica Rapp Grassetto reported that she has been appointed to chair the anniversary committee, and she had invited all of the libraries, civic associations and historical societies to a meeting and it was well attended, with many great ideas discussed. Nancy Shoemaker also agreed to come on board. The goal is to put together a master calendar for 2014, and she will hold another meeting on June 19, 2013, at 2pm to establish committees. What is currently envisioned is a parade in each Village and highlighting what has transpired in the last 25 years. They also hope to extend the May 31, 2013, deadline for the logo contest into June. Rather than just one winner, 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners will share a total award of \$375. A budget of \$25,000 has been established, with the goal to offset costs with souvenir merchandise, such as cup plates, and jewelry. Involving local artists in merchandise design was also suggested.

Nominating Committee – Chair, Vice Chair and Clerk FY 2014

It is customary that a Nominating Committee meet and report back to the Commission their recommendations for officers for the next fiscal year. Len Gobeil and George Jessop were appointed for this task.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

No Correspondence Received

Approval of Minutes:

April 16, 2013

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, to approve the minutes of April 16, 2013, as Submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

Having no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Len Gobeil, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm.

So Voted Unanimously

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

List of Exhibits/Documents:

Exhibit A – Notice of Intent to Demolish – File 246/039