

APPROVED MINUTES
Barnstable Historical Commission
Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
February 22, 2019

Nancy Clark, Chair	Present
Nancy Shoemaker, Vice Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
George Jessop	Present
Elizabeth Mumford	Present
Cheryl Powell	Present
Frances Park	Present
Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Council Liaison	Absent
Planning & Development Staff	Paul Wackrow

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 TOWN CLERK

Chair, Nancy Clark called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm

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 previously determined significant and referred to Public Hearing:

OTHER

- **Discussion and vote** – Letter of support for the Marstons Mills Historical Society's nomination of the 1836 Luther Hamblin Homestead at 611 Santuit-Newtown Road, Marstons Mills, Map 029, Parcel 007/001, for a Massachusetts Historical Commission 2019 Preservation Award

Represented by: David Martin, Chair of the Marstons Mills Historical Society; Mary & Harry Rigollet.

David Martin explained that he had applied for the Massachusetts Historical Commission's 2019 Preservation Award for the restoration of the historic property that occurred between 2015 & 2016, adding that he expects intense competition for the award this year.

Chair Clark reminded that the homestead was due to be demolished after the Commission's vote that imposed the Town's 18-month demolition delay, but the current owners intervened to purchase and restore it, also returning its agricultural function.

Owners Mary and Harry Rollett described their work, noting that the homestead in what was traditionally called "The Plains of Marstons Mills," was dilapidated when they acquired it, requiring replacement of roof and shingles. Further, the Rigollets said they restored farming to the property, with tomatoes and pumpkins sharing space with ducks, alpacas, and goats on what was originally a dairy farm. In addition to restoring the homestead and its fireplaces, the Rigollets reported that they stabilized the barn with the addition of a tin roof.

Chair Clark said she appreciates not only the restoration of the antique buildings but also the return of farming to the property.

Vice Chair Shoemaker moved, seconded by Cheryl Powell, to support the nomination of the 1836 Hamblin Homestead at 611 Santuit-Newton Road, Marstons Mills, for the Massachusetts Historical Commission's FY 2019 Preservation Award. So voted: Aye, unanimous

Marilyn Fifield commended both the owners for rescuing this historic property and the Marstons Mills Historical Society for nominating it for the State Preservation Award.

- Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) & Community Preservation Committee (CPC) 2019 Survey and Planning Grant applications
 - Paul Wackrow provided an update on the Survey and Planning Grant application, saying it was submitted to MHC about two weeks ago, with a mid-March decision expected. He said that MHC called the process quite competitive this year. To provide the required matching funds for the prospective State grant, he said CPC recommended funding consideration to Town Council, with tentative dates of February 28th for the first reading, followed by second reading and vote on March 8th, all to be confirmed for Commission attendance.
 - Marilyn Fifield recognized Paul Wackrow for both pursuing the application and prompting immediate CPC vote to recommend funding without requiring a full application, a shortcut that seldom happens.
 - George Jessop added his appreciation of CPC's fast tracking its funding recommendation.
- Discussion - Section 106 Filing – Installation of CCTV cameras and power service equipment on Route 6 at the Meetinghouse Way underpass
 - Nancy Shoemaker spoke with the representatives of the Meetinghouse Foundation, and they requested additional information.
 - Nancy Clark clarified that the Commission would like specifications indicating where the variable message signs (VMS) would be placed, including a rendering and dimensions.
- Community Preservation Committee Update
 - Marilyn Fifield reported that CPC will consider historic preservation funding applications from the Barnstable Unitarian Church, the Barnstable Historical Society and the Centerville Historical Society for building renovations.
- Discussion of historical events
 - Sturgis Library's CPA-funded digitizing project for the *Yarmouth Register* and *The Barnstable Patriot* is now complete.

MEETING MINUTES

Mariyn Fifield moved, seconded by Fran Parks, to approve the January 15, 2019, meeting minutes. So voted: Aye, unanimous

Elizabeth Mumford corrected the January 15 minutes to state that Hyannis Port house was not the Post Office or the store but that Mr. Makepeace may have owned the house.

MATTERS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY CHAIR

Nancy Shoemaker and Cheryl Powell reported that they are still working on addressing the historic gravestones at the Lothrop Hill Cemetery, noting that the Lothrop Society has donated \$1,000 to train people to clean, not preserve, the gravestones.

Elizabeth Mumford reported that she is continuing to research Hyannis Port properties and has received a lot of assistance from village residents.

Chair Clark reminded that May is National Historic Preservation Month and nominations of a local preservationist for recognition at a Town Council meeting would be welcome. Marilyn Fifield suggested Jim Gould for his all his contributions of Inventory research and historic preservation advocacy, and Commissioners agreed, but thought that he had been recognized previously.

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Chair Clark asked that Commissioners think of nominees who had never received such recognition.

Next meetings: March 19, 2019 & April 16, 2019

With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Cheryl Powell and seconded by Fran Parks to adjourn the meeting at 1:49pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Erin K. Logan, Recording Secretary
and edited by Commission Clerk Marilyn Fifield

Exhibit A MHC Submission made by Marstons Mills Historical Society Nomination for Preservation Award 2019
Exhibit B Section 106 Filing
Exhibit C Meeting Minutes dated January 15, 2019