

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room - Second Floor
October 14, 2010 @ 4:00PM**

Members Present: Barbara Flinn, Chairman, Jessica Rapp Grassetti, George Jessop, Len Gobeil, Marilyn Fifield

Members Absent: Nancy Clark, Nancy Shoemaker

Staff: Jackie Etsten, Principal Planner, Marylou Fair, Administrative Assistant

Chairman Flinn began the meeting at 4:03pm.

Acting under the provisions of the Code of the Town of Barnstable, Protection of Historic Properties, ss 112-1 through 112-7, the Historical Commission held a hearing on the following Intent to Demolish Applications:.

DEMOLITION APPLICATIONS FILED –

WALSH, James & Marguerite, 146 Fourth Avenue, Hyannis, Map 245, Parcel 122

Full Demolition (Built 1922 – Not Inventoried)

Represented by Don Schulman

Mr. Schulman explained that currently it is a seasonal cottage, and the homeowners would like to become fulltime residents. The house is in poor condition with no foundation, all electrical, heating and plumbing in need of upgrading, plus rotten wood and mold.

Commissioners Jessop and Rapp Grassetti stated that they had visited the site. George Jessop noted that this Commission has approved a demolition and reconstruction similar to this one in this same neighborhood. In his opinion, there was no architectural significance, and the house would require a total re-build to be a year-round home. Jessica Rapp Grassetti agreed that there was no significance, historically or architecturally. Commissioner Jessop added that it would be appreciated if the new structure is in keeping with the scale of the surroundings.

Motion duly made by Jessica Rapp Grassetti, seconded by Len Gobeil, to find that there is no historical or architectural significance and that no public hearing is needed.

So Voted Unanimously

SCUDDER, Roger, 224 School Street, Cotuit, Map 020, Lot 066

Partial Demolition (Built 1890 – Inventoried)

Represented by Carey Grover, Cotuit Bay Design and Roger Scudder

The plan is to demolish a small wing on the front left of the house and two sections directly in the back of the house, with the center historic portion of the house raised for a new foundation. Commissioners reviewed the Inventory on file, and Jessica Rapp Grassetti commented that she is familiar with the house and asked if the roof on the center section would be raised. Mr. Grover responded that the roof would be raised approximately 3 feet and the chimney another two feet. The Commissioners discussed concerns regarding the changes to the historic portion of the home. The increase in roof height changes the character of the house from a simple cottage to a formal house. A dormer is proposed for the front and a picture window will change to a bay window. Mr. Grover stated that the roof needed to go that high to accommodate a bathroom that will be added.

George Jessop added that the alterations to the front of the house diminish the key features of the front porch and the reduced windows of the second floor. He would like to see examples that show a different roof pitch.

Motion duly made by Jessica Rapp Grasseti, seconded by Len Gobeil, that the Commission finds that the structure does have architectural significance due to its unique features, especially the façade as it relates to the street, and that the application should go to a public hearing.

So Voted Unanimously

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

Eastman, Thomas & Terry, 880 Main Street, Cotuit, Map 035, Parcel 081

Two-Story Addition to Right of House (Built 1807 – Inventoried)

Represented by Carey Grover, Cotuit Bay Design

Mr. Grover reviewed the project, stating the current first-floor bedroom has a dysfunctional bathroom. The plan is to bump out a gable end to extend the bathroom and add a dormer to match an existing one. All other features will remain the same.

George Jessop commented that the renovations proposed will not affect any neighbor's sight line and actually benefits the house. Jessica Rapp Grasseti agreed and saw no problem with the renovations.

The Commission found that no formal demolition application needs to be filed as the proposed renovations do not impact any historical or architectural significance attached to the house.

Bristow, James Rev Trust, 74 Coolidge Street, Cotuit, Map 036, Parcel 003

New Screened Porch & Deck (Built 1924 – Inventoried)

Represented by Carey Grover, Cotuit Bay Design

Mr. Grover stated that the new screened porch is intended to go on the east end and be in proportion with the remaining house. The chimney - installed not long ago to accommodate a wood stove in the basement – would be removed. A set of double windows would become double French doors to provide access to the porch, and a deck would be added to the back of the house.

George Jessop liked the porch and appreciated that its replicating the lines of the other porch and the half wall.

The Commission found no need for a formal demolition application, due to the proposed minimal demolition, and that the proposed additions wholly compatible with the existing structure.

CPC/Member Updates

George Jessop updated the members on the progress of 68 Dale Ave, Hyannisport and commented that the renovations are going well.

Jessica Rapp Grasseti updated the members on Scudder House on School Street. They are moving forward according to plans.

Marilyn Fifield reported that the Old Selectmen's Building was on the list for renovations at the recent CPC meeting. Jessica Rapp Grasseti requested a copy of the submission to CPC.

Having no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Jessica Rapp Grasseti, to adjourn the meeting at 5:08pm.

So Voted Unanimously

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

