

MINUTES

Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
April 16, 2013

Members Present: Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Chair, Nancy Clark, Len Gobeil, Marilyn Fifield and Alternate Ted Wurzburg
Members Absent: Nancy Shoemaker, George Jessop, Laurie Young
Staff: Jo Anne Miller Buntich, Director, Growth Management, Marylou Fair, Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

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.

Singh, Ajay & Ritu, 63 Warren Street, Osterville, Map 139, Parcel 076 Built 1930, Not Inventoried, Not in a National Register District

Proposed Addition

Represented by Joao Junqugina, Capewide Enterprises, LLC

Mr. Junqugina informed the Commission that the homeowners propose an addition to connect to the existing structure which will involve taking a part of the side wall to cut an entranceway. The second floor window will become an entranceway, as well. The plans that were submitted with the Application were reviewed. (Exhibit A) Nancy Clark commented that the addition appears to be double the size of the existing house and noted that it is a shame that the details of the proposed addition are not matching the design of the oval doors on the existing. Mr. Junqugina stated that he will relay this comment to the homeowners. Chair Grasseti informed Commissioners that she and Growth Management staff have determined that the garage, which is in disrepair, is not significant, and it is slated for demolition. She added that the existing structure has been significantly altered over the years.

Motion duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Ted Wurzburg, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D, the Barnstable Historical Commission DOES NOT find that the portion of the building to be demolished at 63 Warren Street, Osterville, is a significant building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

Vote: So voted unanimously

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 (Exhibit B)

Represented by Kevin O'Neil

Mr. O'Neil reminded Commissioners of his earlier appearance approximately nine months ago to seek demolition of a portion of the building, while hoping to renovate the remaining structure. He began the work with a building permit knowing that it would be a challenge. In reviewing the work, the Building Inspector determined that the building needed to be brought up to code or demolished. He was instructed to board up the structure and make it safe. He is now seeking to demolish as he does not have the resources to bring the building up to today's current code.

NOTE: Marilyn Fifield arrives at 4:45pm

Nancy Clark noted that this structure was built in 1871 and that in itself is significant to her and it is part of this Commission's job to protect these buildings for the community. Mr. O'Neil stated that it was his intention to restore the building, and he would still like to do so if the building code could accommodate it.

Motion duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, that in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D, the Barnstable Historical Commission DOES find that the building to be demolished at 61 Strawberry Hill Road, Centerville, is a significant building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

AYE: Clark, Fifield, Wurzburg

NAY: Gobeil

Motion duly made by Nancy Clark, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, to refer the building intended to be demolished at 61 Strawberry Hill Road, Centerville, to a Public Hearing to determine how Chapter 112 applies to this structure. The Public Hearing will be duly advertised and noticed for May 21, 2013 at 4:00pm.

AYE: Clark, Fifield, Gobeil

NAY: Gobeil

In accordance with Chapter 112 § 3E, the applicant is required to maintain a notice of the hearing on the building visible from the nearest public way.

DISCUSSION

Historical Commission Website Update

Jo Anne Miller Buntich informed the Commission that one of the projects for the next year's budget is to get a web developer to develop and maintain a separate Historical Commission website, with a link from the Town's website. She is looking to the Commission for suggestions on the scope of information they would like to include. A detailed discussion took place regarding enlisting the resources of the Village Historical Societies, as they have numerous articles, photographs and postcards.

Jo Anne Miller Buntich asked Commissioners' assistance in reaching out to their Historical Societies and in thinking about design of the new site, i.e. colors and font type.

Other features suggested:

- * Links to Historical Societies/Civic Associations and the Massachusetts Historical Commission
- * Maps of the Local and National Register Historic Districts
- * Success stories of structures that have been saved
- * Spotighting a historic home every one or two months
- * Listing of Form B's

375th Anniversary of the Town of Barnstable

Chair Grasseti reported that the Town of Barnstable is seeking entries for the 375th Anniversary Logo and encourages anyone who is interested to do so by May 31st.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from EBI Consulting dated 3/12/2013 seeking comments related to proposed project's potential effect to historic properties – 414 Main Street, Cotuit – telecommunications facility installation

Commissioners reviewed the correspondence and thank the consultants for alerting them; however, they do not feel that there will be any adverse effect to historic properties in the area.

Letter from Massachusetts Historical Commission dated 3/14/2013 re: Cape Cod Distillery LLC, 411 Barnstable Road finding "the project area has no recorded historic/archaeological resources."

The Commission acknowledged receipt of this correspondence.

Letter from West Barnstable Historical Society dated 3/27/2013 re: Paine Black House

Chair Grasseti noted there was a letter received this date, 4/16/2013, from resident Ron Beaty (Exhibit C), which she read into the record. She also reminded Commissioners that there was a site visit to this property a few years ago and informed them that there will be a meeting in the Town Manager's Office with representatives from West Barnstable and she intends to be present. She will then report back to this Commission if any resources can be made available.

Approval of Minutes:

February 19, 2013

Motion duly made by Len Gobeil, seconded by Nancy Clark, to approve the minutes of February 19, 2013, as submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

Having no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Marilyn Fifield, seconded by Nancy Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 5:25pm.

So Voted Unanimously

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Fair, Recording Secretary
And Edited by Commission Clerk Marilyn Fifield

List of Exhibits/Documents:

Exhibit A – Notice of Intent to Demolish – File 139/076 dated 4.16.2013
Exhibit B – Notice of Intent to Demolish – File 246/093 dated 4.16.2013
Exhibit C – Correspondence – File Paine Black House – BHC Cabinet