

MINUTES

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

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

Chair Grassetti called the meeting to order at 4:05pm

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:

New Applications

Cape Beach House LLC, 27 Marchant Avenue, Hyannis Port, Map 286, Parcel 025 Renovations/Partial Demolition

(Not Inventoried, Hyannis Port Nat'l Register)

Requested Continuance to July 16, 2013

Represented by Dell Mitchell, Dell Mitchell Architects

Ms. Mitchell reviewed the plans and photographs submitted with the application. There is currently a small addition on the north front elevation that would be enlarged and the fenestration changed by adding windows and doors to create a porch extension. Window and door openings would also be enlarged on the south façade facing the water. The west elevation involves the house and the garage, with no changes to the garage other than a new a/c condenser, and changes to the house would be modifications of existing windows on the first floor to two pairs of casement windows with divided lights to match those of the remainder of the house. On the south rear elevation, the existing porch would be expanded with gable bays with a combination of doors and windows. A metal feature that holds an awning would be taken off, and a pergola and columns would be added across the front. A new dormer would be introduced to allow light into the house where a stairway would be opened up. It would not be dropped down to the ridgeline, as it needs to be that high for the interior. George Jessop noted that one of the reasons to drop it down to the ridgeline is to use a ridge vent so that rain is not an issue. It also allows framing through the roof pitch. Ms. Mitchell stated that they will take another look to see if they can drop the dormer. The east elevation features the most with regard to the porch. It would be enclosed, and columns would support it, with new windows and doors and steps out to the terrace. A window on the right hand side would also be removed and the window next to it enlarged from a single to a double. The garage would have replacement doors with a bit more character. Jessica Rapp Grassetti asked if they will be removing the vinyl siding, and Ms. Mitchell indicated that they will be removing the vinyl and replacing it with either shingles or clapboards, painted white. Nancy Shoemaker commented that, other than trying to lower the proposed dormer, she believes they are improving the house and its integrity and also removing the vinyl siding.

Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Laurie Young, to find that, in accordance with Chapter 112 § 3D, the Barnstable Historical Commission Does Not Find that the portion of the building to be demolished at 27 Marchant Avenue, Hyannis Port, is a Significant Building in accordance with the Definition in Chapter 112 § 2B.

So Voted Unanimously

DISCUSSION

Historical Commission Website Update

Chair Grasseti reported that Jo Anne Buntich will be taking another look at the scope of work and will report back to the Commission in the next few months.

Approval of Minutes:

June 18, 2013

Motion duly made by Laurie Young, seconded by George Jessop, to approve the minutes of June 18, 2013, as amended.

So Voted Unanimously

Communications from Commissioners

CPC Update – Marilyn Fifield

Commissioner Fifield reported that CPC would be meeting with the Town Council on August 1, with no outstanding historical applications. The Olde Colonial Courthouse has filed a letter of intent to ask for a study of the structure, and the CPC assigned the committee's consultant, Architect Jim Hadley, to perform a review. Nancy Shoemaker stated that she believes this structure is one of only two in the nation, built in 1772 when the King of England ruled the country. Marilyn Fifield noted that its change to a church might particularly warrant further study of related structural alterations. She wondered, too, if an updated condition assessment by Mr. Hadley could be an option for the Paine Black House, as he is already retained through CPC for such studies and has previously assessed the property.

Jessica Rapp Grasseti reported that she did have a meeting with the Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager and the Town Attorney regarding the Paine Black House and everyone is in agreement that something has to be done either through CPC, the Capital Improvement Budget or some other option.

Marilyn Fifield hoped the Town Council would indicate support for historical resources at the upcoming workshop with CPC.

Upcoming Village Events

Jessica Rapp Grasseti reported that on Saturday, July 20th, the Homestead will be hosting Taste of Cotuit.

Nancy Shoemaker stated that the Cahoon Museum has had their opening and will be having another featuring early photography. She also noted that the July 22 Tales of Cape Cod lecture will feature *The Cut of Her Jib: The Remarkable Story of Clarissa Nickerson*.

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

So Voted Unanimously

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

List of Exhibits/Documents:

Exhibit A – Notice of Intent to Demolish – File 286/025

Public files are available for viewing during normal business hours 200 Main Street, Hyannis.

** Further detail may be obtained by viewing the video via Channel 18 on demand at <http://www.town.barnstable.ma.us> **