

APPROVED MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission**  
**Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis**  
**Selectmen's Conference Room**  
**October 17, 2017**

Laurie Young, Chair	Present
Nancy Clark, Vice Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
Nancy Shoemaker	Present
George Jessop	Absent
Elizabeth Mumford	Absent
Cheryl Powell	Present
Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Council Liaison	Present

Chair Laurie Young called the meeting to order at **4:02 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:*

#### APPLICATIONS

**Kay, John, 74 Summerbell Avenue, Centerville, Map 226, Parcel 064, built c.1875, Inventoried (Exhibit A)**  
 Partial demolition of front porch  
 Represented by Jack Kay

Jack Kay described the project as restoring the home to its original state by removing the only jalousie windows in Craigs ville Village and installing reproductions of the original windows.

#### MOTION 1:

Nancy Clark moved, seconded by Nancy Shoemaker, that, after review and consideration of public testimony, the application, and associated materials, the Significant Building at **74 Summerbell Avenue, Centerville**, is a Preferably-preserved Significant Building.

**VOTE: Nay, Unanimous**

#### MOTION 2:

Nancy Clark moved, seconded by Chair Laurie Young, that, in accordance with Section 112-3(F), the Barnstable Historical Commission determines that the proposed partial demolition of the building located at **74 Summerbell Avenue, Centerville** is not detrimental to the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage or resources of the Town.

**VOTE: Aye, Unanimous**

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**OTHER****Cotuit Fire District, 56 High Street, Cotuit, Map 035, Parcel 045 (Exhibit B)**

Formal review of 18 month demolition delay

Representative: Fran Parks, Prudential Committee

Chair Laurie Young reviewed the property's background, as discussed at the August 15, 2017, Barnstable Historical Commission hearing, noting that zoning would prohibit the neighbors from adding it to their property as a second home.

Marilyn Fifield confirmed with Fran Parks that there are no immediate plans for rebuilding and then recommended continuing the demolition delay to allow time for other alternatives to be pursued, including incorporating it into the new plans.

Chair Laurie Young confirmed that the structure is not on the National Register, nor is it inventoried.

Fran Parks reminded that the Cotuit Fire District is required to follow municipal procedures to list the structure as surplus property and publicize its availability to the public.

Nancy Shoemaker felt that continuing the current 18-month delay would be sensible and not punitive.

Chair Young asked where the Cotuit Fire District is now in its planning, and Ms. Parks replied that they are at the point of doing a space needs assessment.

Chair Young noted that, since the Commission decisions are good for two years, it may be worth advertising the structure for a few months and returning to the board next year or as the space needs plans are finalized, and Ms. Parks agreed.

**Motion 1:**

Nancy Shoemaker moved, seconded by Nancy Clark, to continue the review of the 18-month demolition delay at 56 High Street, Cotuit, at a later hearing.

**Vote: Aye, Unanimous**

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Chair Laurie Young acknowledged receipt of a copy of the September 11, 2017, letter from Preservation Massachusetts addressed to the Planning Board regarding the proposed project known as Sea Captains Row on Pleasant Street in Hyannis.

Chair Young handed out copies of a letter drafted in response to the proposal for Commission review.

Commissioners discussed important points to include, agreeing on two major points: 1) the 6 sea captains' homes to be demolished are all on the National Register of Historic Places, and 2) the offer of Preservation Massachusetts to recommend experienced professionals for evaluation of the historic homes should be accepted and objective assessment should be pursued.

Town Council Liaison Jessica Rapp Grassetto asked who would be the recipients of this letter, and it was agreed that it would be addressed to the Planning Board, with copies to all who received the Preservation Massachusetts letter, including the Hyannis Main Street Waterfront Historic District, Greater Hyannis Civic Association, and the Hyannis Historical Society.



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Nancy Clark announced that she would be representing the Barnstable Historical Commission on November 2, 2017, at the Massachusetts Historical Commission awards ceremony recognizing Barnstable's U.S. Custom House restoration.

Nancy Shoemaker announced that: 1) Mercy Otis Warren would be coming to the 1717 Meetinghouse in West Barnstable for a visit on October 27, 2017, at 7pm; 2) the West Barnstable Historical Society would meet at the Tavern on the Green in Marstons Mills on October 30, 2017, at 5pm for a dinner meeting including a presentation on the history of the Cape Cod Airfield and Barnstable County Fairgrounds; 3) a Veterans Day poetry presentation called Battle Lines would be held on Saturday, November 11, 2017, at the 1717 Meetinghouse in West Barnstable.

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**2018 Hearing Schedule (Exhibit C) – review**

No comments noted

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**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Nancy Clark moved, seconded by Chair Laurie Young, to approve the September 19, 2017, (Exhibit D) minutes, as edited.

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**Next meetings:** November 14, 2017  
December 12, 2017

**With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Shoemaker and seconded by Nancy Clark to adjourn the meeting at 4:39pm.**

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

Exhibit A	Notice of Intent to Demolish	File 226/064
Exhibit B	Notice of Intent to Demolish	File 035/045
Exhibit C	Draft Meeting Minutes	September 17, 2017
Exhibit D	2018 Hearing Schedule	
Exhibit E	Preservation Massachusetts	September 11, 2017

*Approved November 14, 2017*