

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Barnstable Historical Commission**  
**Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis**  
**Selectmen's Conference Room**  
**October 16, 2018**

Nancy Clark, Chair	Absent
Nancy Shoemaker, Vice Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
George Jessop	Present
Elizabeth Mumford	Present
Cheryl Powell	Present
Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Council Liaison	<i>Present from review of 214 Wianno Avenue.</i>
Principal Planner	Paul Wackrow

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TOWN CLERK

Vice Chair Nancy Shoemaker 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**

**Wilson, John & Leslie, 151 Irving Avenue, Hyannis Port, Map 287, Parcel 068, built c.1914, Contributing Building in a National Register Historic District - Partial demolition of west elevation wall and roof; removal of double-hung windows on north and south elevations of the office.**

Elizabeth Mumford recused herself as an abutter.

Represented by: Tom Swensson, Architect; Mike Ford, Attorney

Public comment: none present

Mr. Swensson described the project, saying the detailing will be similar to the existing structure, but noting that the leaching field was too close to the addition so they trimmed 2 feet off the size. He pointed out changes to the elevations: the railing detail, columns and corner boards will match the home, while the roof on the north elevation will be changed. He added that they would like to use PVC where possible to reduce maintenance.

Atty. Ford referred to the opinion letter from Sarah Korjeff of the Cape Cod Commission (CCC) that expressed the opinion that the changes are appropriate and consistent with the character of the original structure.

In the absence of Commissioner Mumford, Marilyn Fifield shared her book titled "*Thomas Taggart: Public Servant, Political Boss 1856-1929*," illustrating the sleeping porch at the rear of the building that would be removed in the proposed partial demolition. The published photo was from the Indiana State Library, date unknown.

**Motion I:** Cheryl Powell moved, seconded by George Jessop.

**Vote:** **Nay, unanimous** (no referral to the Cape Cod Commission)

**Motion II:** Cheryl Powell moved, seconded by George Jessop.

**Vote:** **Nay, unanimous** (this structure is not preferably preserved)

**Motion III:** Cheryl Powell moved, seconded by George Jessop

**Vote:** **Aye, unanimous** (the partial demolition is not detrimental to the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage or resources of the town)

## Applications

McLean, Alison, 214 Wianno Avenue, Osterville, Map 140, Parcel 146, Henry P. Leonard House, built 1895, inventoried Partial demolition of the rear elevation, with a new addition and the possibility of adding a 12' front porch; full demolition and rebuilding of the carriage house

Represented by: James Bowes & Nick Bowes, builders

Public comment: none present

James Bowes described the project, noting the full demolition of the garage and the addition of a second story to the rear elevation, adding that the homeowner will no longer add a front porch.

Powell confirmed that the plan is to connect the renovated portion of the project to the garage, adding that she thought the addition rather large. Mr. Bowes noted that 10 feet would be added to the first floor, with a second floor added over that new area.

George Jessop preferred that the shed dormer be redrawn and shaped like a gambrel, and James Bowes agreed to change the shed dormer to a gambrel. Considering concern that the change may affect the second-story bathrooms, it was decided that Jessop would review the redraw of the revised plot plan elevation with the gambrel roof prior to building permit sign-off.

Mr. Jessop repeated the changes, noting the following: new addition, removing existing single-story addition portion of the house and replacing it in-kind along with a second floor; second-floor bathroom will be modified to accommodate a gambrel roof with center section remaining a shed dormer. The change in plan will need to be reviewed by Mr. Jessop and anyone he chooses to include.

**Motion I:** George Jessop moved, seconded by Cheryl Powell,

**Vote:** Nay, unanimous (this is not a preferably-preserved significant building)

**Motion II:** George Jessop moved, seconded by Cheryl Powell.

**Vote:** Aye, unanimous (the partial demolition is not detrimental to the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage or resources of the town)

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## OTHER

- Jessica Rapp-Grassetti advised that Frances Parks of Cotuit is in the Town process for Historical Commission appointment;
- Letter from the Massachusetts Historical Commission regarding the FY 2019 Survey and Planning Grant cycle.
  - Paul Wackrow reported on the MHC grant opportunity with inventory focus and November 19<sup>th</sup> deadline for the letter of intent, with full application due in February 2019. If awarded, survey would proceed next summer. He sought Commissioners' feedback.
  - Nancy Shoemaker reminded that a lot of volunteer help was involved in the past, and Mr. Wackrow felt that volunteers could supplement a professional consultant.
  - Marilyn Fifield suggested reviewing the recommendations of the Town's 2010 Historic Preservation Plan, adding that it could also be important to inventory overlooked outbuildings.
  - George Jessop preferred to consider creating a new historic district in Hyannis.
  - Elizabeth Mumford reported that she has already started updating inventory in Hyannis Port with volunteers.
- Review of the 2019 hearing schedule - no comments made
- Update on the impact of Town plans on historic structures
  - Cheryl Powell reported on her progress in contacting DPW on restoration/preservation of the headstones at the Lothrop Hill Cemetery. Nancy Shoemaker noted that the Lothrop Foundation had approached her for help, and she would like to stay involved.
  - Fifield noted that this project would be eligible for Community Preservation funding, as well, and Nancy Shoemaker added that Yarmouth got money to train DPW to clean and repair stones.

- Discussion of upcoming historical events open to the public
  - Elizabeth Mumford reported on the Centerville Historical Society's exhibit about Hyannis Port in the 1880's.
  - Nancy Shoemaker announced an event at the West Parish Meetinghouse featuring former Cape Symphony conductor Joe Marchio.
  
- Marilyn Fifield reported that DPW is seeking Community Preservation funds to complete work at the Paine-Black House. She added that St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Barnstable is also seeking Community Preservation funding for renovations, and a Historical Commission vote on the historic building's significance to the community could be required.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Marilyn Fifield moved, seconded by Elizabeth Mumford, to approve the September 18, 2018, meeting minutes, as edited. **Vote: Aye, unanimous**

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**With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Cheryl Powell and seconded by Marilyn Fifield to adjourn the meeting at 5:27pm.**

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

Exhibit A	Notice of Intent to Demolish	287/068/000
Exhibit B	Notice of Intent to Demolish	140/146/000
Exhibit C	Meeting Minutes	Dated September 18, 2018