

APPROVED MINUTES
Barnstable Historical Commission
Barnstable Town Hall, 367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room
June 19, 2018

BARNSTABLE TOWN CLERK
2018 AUG 23 PM 12:49

Laurie Young, Chair	Present
Nancy Clark, Vice Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
Nancy Shoemaker	Present
George Jessop	Absent until approximately 5pm
Elizabeth Mumford	Present
Cheryl Powell	Present
Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Council Liaison	Absent

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

No applications were submitted for this meeting

OTHER

Public Comment: David Martin, Barnes Riznik, Jim Gould, Phineas Fiske

Chair Young announced that this would be her last meeting before moving to Florida and that she would take agenda items out of order, as there were several members of the public present to comment.

Barnes Riznik explained that he is interested in an inventory of structures designed by John Barnard. Chair Young felt these homes should be reviewed to decide if they are worthy of protection, and Commissioners discussed how the inventories are completed, including funding for such projects.

Jim Gould said he is in the process of updating inventories, and the Massachusetts Historical Commission preference for how they should be submitted needs to be determined.

After discussion, there was consensus that local historical societies and civic associations would be a good place to begin to seek volunteers, and that each society/association might prioritize a list of their top ten structures. One member suggested a workshop on completing the inventory forms as well as how to gather the information and it was suggested that BHC draft a letter to the village historical societies and civic associations to seek volunteers.

Phineas Fiske, Tales of Cape Cod board member, sought support for his organization's effort to declare September 27th as Cape Cod Independence Day.

Nancy Shoemaker moved, seconded by Cheryl Powell, to request that the Town proclaim September 27th as Cape Cod Independence Day. **Vote: Aye, unanimous**

Demolition by Neglect

Chair Young felt it is important to get demolition by neglect on the Town Council docket. Whether punitive or not, she favored starting with the most important structures.

Commissioners discussed BHC purview and powers and agreed to begin by looking at currently neglected properties, besides seeking input from village historical Societies and civic associations. Commissioners felt a clear set of guidelines would be needed for this ordinance, and Marilyn Fifield noted that Arlington offers homeowner loans funded through its' Community Development Block Grant program, and she wondered if Community Preservation Act funds might also be used for this.

Chair Young suggested changing the appeal period in the current Demolition Delay Ordinance; the current limit is 60 days (per MGL), but she proposed shortening the appeal period.

In considering possible changes in the language of the current ordinance, Commissioners felt it was important to be sure the ordinance allows the Commission flexibility to reduce a demolition delay if a threatened property will be saved.

How properties come before BHC

Commissioners discussed how properties come before BHC and how properties might be prioritized.

Awards

In discussing possible awards, Commissioners thought that village historical societies and civic associations could help with notifying the public, along with the Town newsletter. Commissioners felt that nominees might be selected in May each year and the winners determined in August of each year, with certificate(s) presented then.

Liz Mumford and Cheryl Powell agreed to work on a poster to be reviewed at the July 2018 meeting.

Nancy Shoemaker announced upcoming historical events.

David Martin described the Cape & Island Historical Association's planned symposium for May 16, 2020, to commemorate the *Mayflower* arrival, with proposals on any aspect - cultural, archeological, etc. - due Sept 6th (the day the *Mayflower* left England). For further details, he welcomed email inquiries at <DavidMartindr@aol.com>

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Marilyn Fifield moved, seconded by Nancy Clark, to approve the minutes of May 15, 2018.

Vote: Aye, unanimous

Next meetings: July 17, 2018
August 21, 2018

With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made, seconded, and received unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 5:24pm.

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