

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
School Administration Basement Conference Room
230 South Street, Hyannis**

February 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Members:

Barbara Flinn, Chairman
Jessica Rapp Grassetti
Marilyn Fifield
Nancy Clark-Absent
Nancy Shoemaker-Absent
George Jessop-Absent
Len Gobeil

Staff: Jackie Etsten, Principal Planner

INFORMAL REVIEW

39 Highland Avenue, Cotuit, Map 020, Parcel 047

Addition to the rear of the house, Built 1930.

Represented by Gordon Clark (Contractor) and Duke Bates (Owner)

Mr. Clark stated that the home is a 79 year old basic Cape which has been remolded and an addition done approximately 10-15 years ago. He addressed plans proposing an addition on the back of the home, change of windows on the south side, and the re-use of one of the windows which would be moved. They are also enlarging the deck area. He directed the members to the Elevations shown on drawing page A3 that shows the two windows that would be added at the end of gable and shows the window that would be moved. He indicated that the addition will go back 12 feet by 18.8 feet wide and matches the height of the dormer on the back of the home. Chairman Flinn was concerned that if the addition is brought up even with the house it may detract it from the view of the street. Grassetti felt the design keeps the look of the full Cape, however, would like to see the height of the addition drop 6". Mr. Clark stated that they could lower it 6", however the original roof is very flat and the new addition will appear lower. Grassetti asked if the owners have spoken to the neighbor and it was confirmed that they had and she did not indicate any problem with the addition. Chairman Flinn asked the members to take a look at the balcony and although the consensus was that it looked like it was simply floating as there are no pillars, it is off the master bedroom on the second floor and not visible from the street. Chairman Flinn stated that if the builder agrees to lower the addition by 6 feet and return revised plans to Jackie Etsten then the Committee would accept the revised plans.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

Marilyn Fifield updated the members on the CPC current concerns relating to the availability of monies being accessible in this current financial climate. She indicated the members may want to review the applications and see if there are portions they may like to recommend and perhaps pare down others. Ms. Fifield spoke briefly on the following applications:

West Barnstable Train Station

*Have withdrawn their application as one of the items they overlooked was how to remove the linoleum to place the tile as they may come into contact with hazardous materials. Another concern was that the tile was not appropriate to the time and that Sara Chase feels that the linoleum which was applied in the 1950's is part of the history of the Station. Jackie Etsten asked if David Anthony has received a copy of the Consultants report and Marilyn suggested that the BHC send a letter with a copy of the report. Marilyn also indicated she would like to see the canopy restored to its original state and this is not actively under consideration. Marilyn agreed to draft the letter to David Anthony and asked that she be reminded of this task.

Cahoon Museum of American Art

*The Committee feels strongly that the stenciling within the Museum be protected and preserved as very few examples remain of this early 19th century stenciling. Marilyn's recollection was that it would cost \$30,000 to restore the stenciling and it was a concern of the CPC that this was a great expense. Jackie Etsten asked Marilyn if she would like another letter stating the Commission desire for protection and stabilization of the stenciling rather than restoring them to a new condition. Jackie to draft a letter and copy Jessica and Marilyn before forwarding to Chairman for signature.

Sturgis Library

*Marilyn's recollection was that the Chairman of the CPC was to go over the Application again as there is an Archive in the basement that needs to be upgraded with appropriate central air control and this is a main concern to preserve the Archives.

Pine Lane Woodlands

*Marilyn thought High Peaked Rock was on the property but is simply near the lot. This is mostly a conservation land acquisition.

School Administration Building Restoration Project-new

Town Hall Exterior Envelope Restoration Project-new

*The CPC is trying to earmark the funds so that when they receive the recommendations that there are funds available. Marilyn stated this was a generic note that these buildings need attention. Jessica Rapp Grasseti asked if the CPC funds for emergency generators as requested in the application and Marilyn stated that generators are not eligible for funding. Len Gobeil stated that the slate roofs on both buildings are in disrepair and are in danger of falling off with dramatic results.

Centerville Historical Museum-new

*This application has already been approved and applicants are just tweaking the requests

Liberty Hall

*Application has been withdrawn as applicant has found that they can get the work done at lower costs than originally expected and will be going forward with their own funding.

Jackie Etsten voiced concern that there wasn't anything for the Old Selectman's Building and hopes that there is at least \$50,000 available for renovations. Marilyn stated that she understands that they will always hear emergency applications and possible earmarked funds for this.

Route 6A Paving, Letter from Mass Highway

Chairman Flinn reviewed the draft letter in response to Mass Highways notification of Route 6A paving and feels strongly that the BHC should address the issues reflected in the draft, i.e. the removal of trees, stone paving, etc. Jackie Etsten pointed out to the members that Mass Highway would require the approval from Old King's Highway for any tree removal. Ms. Etsten reviewed the history of past tree removal and how the Commission was originally informed they were just going to resurface the road and use crushed stone, however, several trees were removed along the highway. Now the Commission is being notified that there are sidewalks being installed based upon ADA regulations which she feels triggered the previous tree removal. Because there is such a very short timeframe when work will begin, she would like suggestions/amendments to the draft letter. Marilyn Fifield suggested sending a copy to the Mass Historical Commission as well as MEPA. All members agreed the letter should go out ASAP.

DISCUSSION AND UPDATES

Update on **ttl** consultants

Jackie Etsten indicated that there was nothing new to report

Jessica Rapp Grassetti asked where they are with the School Street and Cotuit tree removal and Jackie Etsten indicated she has not received any updated information and suggested Jessica check with them directly on updated information to retain the trees.

Correspondence and other materials received

None

Adjournment.

Chairman Flinn requested a motion to adjourn and Len Gobeil so moved.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Next Meeting: March 17, 2009

Respectfully submitted,

Marylou Fair,
Recording Secretary