

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Selectmen's Conference Room - Second Floor
July 20, 2011**

Members Present: Jessica Rapp Grassetti, George Jessop, Marilyn Fifield, Nancy Shoemaker
Members Absent: Nancy Clark, Len Gobeil
Staff: Jo Anne Miller Buntich, GMD Director, Marylou Fair, Administrative Assistant

Acting under the provisions of the Code of the Town of Barnstable, Protection of Historic Properties, ss 112-1 through 112-7, you are hereby notified that the Historical Commission held a Meeting on the following Intent to Demolish Application, and Chairman Grassetti called the Meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Demolition Applications Filed:

**Feinberg, Andrew & Michelle, 861 Sea View Ave, Osterville, Map 113, Parcel 001
Demolition of Two Single Family Homes Located on Lots 278 & 279 (1910 – Not
Inventoried)**

Represented by Attorney Albert Schulz

Attorney Schulz began by reminding the members that a previous application was filed July 5, 2011, and a Hearing was held July 12, 2011, where it was discovered that the filing should have been made to demolish two single-family homes located on the same map and parcel, lots 278 & 279. The applicant agreed to a continuance, and a new filing was made July 14, 2011, with another hearing scheduled for today. A Site visit was held at the property on July 18, 2011.

With regard to the structure on lot 278, the assessor's records indicate that it is 100 years old; although Attorney Schulz could not confirm this, thinking perhaps the garage dates back that far. He said the house is currently occupied by raccoons, and significant changes had been made in the 1970s and 1980s.

Lot 279 is the main house and, again, according to the assessor's records dates back to 1910. It was stated that there is lead paint throughout the house, and windows and trim have been replaced and covered by aluminum or vinyl. There are seven bedrooms in the house, but no master bedroom. The basement is a partial one, with the rest a crawl space with brick walls and cinderblocks.

Attorney Schulz contended that neither of these dwellings is significant as defined under Chapter 112-2. There is a curved entryway with a copper top. The owner is willing to save this element and incorporate it into the landscaping. Interior features may not have any significance as there is lead paint.

Nancy Shoemaker noted that she attended the site visit and offered her pictures for viewing. She agreed that all of the trim has been covered with aluminum or vinyl, with two or three columns that were not clad, but even the arch of the windows covered. Although usually a stickler for referring such a dwelling to a public hearing, in this case, she did- not see a reason.

George Jessop also noted that he had seen the site, and the renovations done were not good. He was concerned that this was a summer house that has been partially converted to a year round house.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti appreciated the owner's willingness to utilize the entryway in the landscaping, noting that at one time there were most likely copper gutters and downspouts, but most of the defining features of this house were gone.

Motion duly made by George Jessop and seconded by Nancy Shoemaker that this Commission find the properties located at 861 Sea View Avenue, Map 133, Parcel 001, lots 278 & 279 not historically or architecturally significant and that a Public Hearing is not needed.

Discussion:

Marilyn Fifield stated that although she would defer to her colleagues on the Commission, she is always sorry to see historic buildings demolished.

Jessica Rapp Grassetti wanted the record to indicate that Commissioners suggest the owners preserve the copper top vaulted front entryway on Lot 279 for reuse in the landscaping.

So Voted Unanimously

CPC / Village Updates

Marilyn Fifield, CPC Update

Ms. Fifield informed the Commission that the next scheduled meeting would be the following week, so no update is available other than to note that CPC was asking if someone could come and give a presentation on the updated Historic Preservation Plan, perhaps with a summary of its recommendations. Jo Anne Buntich reported that she would be pursuing an action plan based on the document that should first come before the Historical Commission and then the Community Preservation Committee.

Village Updates – Commission Members

George Jessop reported that the trees along Route 6A are again forming arches over the roads, although approximately 40 trees had been removed along the Old King's Highway several months ago for a variety of reasons.

**Having no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Shoemaker and seconded by George Jessop to adjourn the meeting at 4:40pm.
So Voted Unanimously**

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