

MINUTES

**Barnstable Historical Commission
Town Hall
367 Main Street, Hyannis
Town Hall Hearing Room
May 19, 2015**

Laurie Young, Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
Nancy Clark, Vice Chair	Present
Nancy Shoemaker	Present
George Jessop	Absent
Len Gobeil	Absent
Ted Wurzburg	Present
Paul Arnold, Alternate	Present
Marylou Fair	Admin Assistant, GMD
Jo Anne Miller Buntich	Director, GMD

Laurie Young called the meeting to order at 4:07pm

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:

Lenk, Geoffrey & Christopher, Trustees, Lavender Hill Gang Realty Trust, 48 Main Street, Osterville, Map 185, Parcel 004

(Built 1920, Not Inventoried, Not in a National Register Historic District)

Full Demolition of single-family structure

Represented by Geoffrey Lenk

Mr. Lenk explained that the house has been on the market twice in the past 6-7 years with no success. He currently has an offer on the property and it is conditional upon obtaining a permit to demolish. This house is set back and abuts Starboard Lane. There is no heat or wall insulation, and it sits on cinderblocks that have openings. Cracks in the walls indicate horsehair .

Laurie Young asked Commissioners if they had any questions, and Paul Arnold asked if there was a possibility that the potential new owners would not actually demolish. Mr. Lenk stated that the sale will go through in June, and perhaps the owners will spend the summer and contemplate remodeling versus tearing down.

Laurie Young opened Public Comment, and Todd Kittredge who resides across the river at 818 South Main Street, Centerville, stated he had no objection to the demolition, as the house is hidden and only a small portion is visible.

Motion duly made by Paul Arnold, seconded by Ted Wurzburg, that the Barnstable Historical Commission finds after review and consideration of public testimony, application and record file for demolition proposed at 48 Main Street, Osterville, that the Significant Building is a Preferably-preserved Significant Building.

AYE: Clark

NAY: Fifield, Wurzburg, Shoemaker, Arnold

Motion duly made by Paul Arnold, seconded by Ted Wurzburg, that, in accordance with Section 112-3F, the Barnstable Historical Commission determines that the demolition of the building located at 48 Main Street, Osterville, is not detrimental to the historical, cultural and architectural heritage or resources of the Town.

AYE: Fifield, Wurzburg, Shoemaker, Arnold

ABSTAIN: Clark

Correspondence Received

Letter from Ralph Tolbert dated 5/13/2015 re: research on architect John Barnard Sr.

Mr. Tolbert submitted a great deal of information on architect John Barnard, Sr., and the many, many structures he designed or updated, including the ECAC building in Centerville, the Alying house, as well as structures on Bay Lane, Main Street and Bridge Street in Osterville. The one concern that staff voiced was that there were no addresses associated with the structures, just family names. Nancy Clark stated that we should reply to Mr. Tolbert with the Commission's thanks and attempt to incorporate this information into the records. Laurie Young suggested that this would be a great research project for a college Intern. She also wondered if Jim Gould might be interested in completing the research.

Approval of Minutes

April 21, 2015

Motion duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Marilyn Fifield, to approve the Minutes of April 21, 2015 as submitted.

AYE: Fifield, Shoemaker, Clark, Wurzburg

ABSTAINED: Young & Arnold

Communications from Commissioners

CPC Update – Marilyn Fifield

Marilyn Fifield reported that the CPC met the day before and reviewed a Letter of Intent from the South Congregational Church for restoration of stones in its old cemetery. Nancy Shoemaker cautioned regarding the need for proper care, reminding of what happened in the West Barnstable Cemetery when the stones were power washed. Employees then had to get training on how to clean gravestones property.

Ms. Fifield added that a Letter of Intent as well as an Application from the Town were also reviewed for the purchase of 14 acres at Sandy neck. The CPC voted to recommend to Town Counsel. Another Application from the Town for \$185,000 for the restoration of the stairwells at Town Hall was also recommended to the Council, as well.

Laurie Young asked if any update was available on the Osterville Bay School, but Ms. Fifield replied it had not been discussed for a long time, despite news stories of possibilities there. Chair Young said she would confer with Jo Anne Miller Buntich regarding the Historical Commission's interest in the historic property.. She added that a WheldenLibrary representative recently expressed interest in listing the Library on the National Register, but Marilyn Fifield pointed out that it is a Contributing Building in the National Register Historic District and so already on the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

Upcoming Village Events

Nancy Shoemaker announced that the Revere Bell at the 1717 Meetinghouse in West Barnstable will be returning, and a ceremony will be held June 30th. There will be an opportunity for the public to view the bell up close and hear a lecture by the West Barnstable Historical Society.

Nancy Shoemaker also reported that the Barnstable Historical Society will be hosting a series of talks with local residents on their front porch throughout the summer.

Laurie Young reported that she heard that there are new owners of the Ropes Barn in Cotuit who wish to restore it.

With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Nancy Shoemaker, seconded by Nancy Clark, to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm.

So Voted Unanimously

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