

DRAFT MINUTES

Barnstable Historical Commission

This meeting was held by remote participation via Zoom Meetings

June 21, 2022 at 3:00 PM

Nancy Clark, Chair	Present
Nancy Shoemaker, Vice Chair	Present
Marilyn Fifield, Clerk	Present
George Jessop	Absent
Cheryl Powell	Present
Frances Park	Present
Jack Kay	Present
Jessica Rapp Grasseti, Town Council Liaison	Absent
Planning & Development Staff, Sr Planner	Kate Maldonado
Planning & Development Staff, Administrative Assistant	Grayce Rogers

Chair, Nancy Clark called the meeting to order at 3:00 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

Travis, Nigel and Joanna, 283 Long Beach Road, Centerville, Map 185 Parcel 033/000, Built c. 1930.

Partial Demolition: To remove the existing porch and patio and to replace with a new covered porch and patio.

Represented by: Anthony DeBenedictis, the builder, as well as Nigel & Joanna Travis, the homeowners.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

Discussion:

The agent noted that the current porch is in disrepair and needs to be replaced.

The columns are rotten wood. They need to be replaced regardless. The homeowners would like to extend the porch out to have shade as well as moderate rain protection. The proposed architecture was designed to match the style of the setting of the neighborhood. The proposed porch is similar to the other porches in the neighborhood. This is an update and an improvement which is in part due to the structural issues as well as provides better functionality. The windows will remain the same. The Palladian window will remain unchanged. The only alterations are the columns, stone patio, and the upper deck.

There was discussion about the submitted renderings and to ensure that the windows reflect the existing on the dwelling.

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Motion I

There was a motion made by Commissioner Parks that after review and consideration of public testimony, the application, and associated materials, the Significant Building at **283 Long Beach Road, Centerville** is a Preferably Preserved Significant Building.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Vote:

Aye: 0

Nay: Shoemaker, Fifield, Powell, Parks, Kay, Clark. Debiase

Abstain: 0

Motion II

There was a motion made by Commissioner Parks that in accordance with Section 112 the Barnstable Historical Commission determines that the partial demolition of the building located at, **283 Long Beach Road, Centerville** **is not** detrimental to the heritage, cultural, and architectural heritage or resources of the Town this approval being conditional on the Chairman of the committee seeing drawings that show accurate view of the windows.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Vote:

Aye: Shoemaker, Fifield, Powell, Parks, Clark, Debiase

Nay: Kay

Abstain: 0

William D., and Sherry A., Lawson, 133 Gosnold Street, Hyannis, Map 324 Parcel 007/000, Built c. 1920.

Full Demolition: To demolish the existing structure at the property.

Represented by: Attorney Albert Schulz, William & Sherry Lawson, homeowners.

Public Comment:

Peter Cross commented that there are some significant architectural houses in the area. He noted that this should be reconsidered and allow the house to be razed and new construction continue

Emily Mezzetti commented that there is nothing architecturally significant about the structure. She fully supports the plan and the new construction will enhance the neighborhood.

There was a motion made by Chair Clark to close the public hearing.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kay.

So voted:

Aye: Kay, Fifield, Powell, Parks, Shoemaker, Debiase, Clark

Nay:

Abstain:

Discussion:

Attorney Schulz represented the homeowners. He stated that the homeowners were seeking to reverse the demolition delay for 133 Gosnold Street, Hyannis. He has reviewed the meeting video as well as surveyed the property and the surrounding neighborhood. The property is not historically or architecturally significant. He noted that he is not an architect, but does not see anything architecturally significant about this structure. Neighbors have spoken in favor of this project.

Shoemaker commented that she has studied the structure and the surrounding neighborhood. She commended the homeowners to advertise the property to be salvaged. She stated that previous comments that were made were incorrect. This property is historically significant and very important to Hyannis. Shoemaker is sad to see the property demolished. She would like to take pictures of the structure before it is demolished, if voted upon, to add to the historical record of the Town.

Parks noted that she concurred with Shoemaker's comment. This was likely a working person's house. She agreed that the homeowners have done their due diligence to advertise the property. There are two houses in this architectural style located in Cotuit.

Powell agreed with the previous comments. It is historically significant as it would not be before the Commission if it were not.

Fifield wondered if advertising in the summer would help salvage the structure. There was a clarification that the historical commission could post a sign on the property via Section 112 noting historic structures that come before the Commission.

Kay found it interesting to see that there were so many neighbors that have spoken about the property and demonstrates a sense of community.

Chair Clark posed a question to the Commission to either continue the structure for more time to advertise the property to be salvaged or to make a decision at the meeting.

There was a motion made by Chair Clark to close the public hearing.

The motion was seconded by Parks.

So voted:

Aye: Shoemaker, Kay, Fifield, Powell, Parks, Debiase, Clark

Nay:

Abstain:

Motion I

There was a motion made by Commissioner Parks that after review and consideration of public testimony, the application, and associated materials, the Significant Building at **133 Gosnold Street, Hyannis** is a Preferably Preserved Significant Building.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Vote:

Aye: Fifield

Nay: Kay, Parks, Powell, Shoemaker, Clark

Abstain: Debiase

Motion II

There was a motion made by Commissioner Parks in accordance with Section 112-3F, the Barnstable Historical Commission determines that the full demolition of the building located at, **133 Gosnold Street, Hyannis is not** detrimental to the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage or resources of the Town.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Vote:

Aye: Kay, Parks, Powell, Shoemaker,

Nay: Fifield, Clark

Abstain: 0

OTHER

Park City Wind Presentation about Nantucket Sound Wind Farm Installation

The presentation was made by and represented by: Pat Johnson, Hans van Lingen, Elizabeth Johnson, Erin Harizi, and Even Ridley of Park City Wind as well as Holly Carlson Johnson of Epsilon Associates. .

Presentation: The wind turbines will be south of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. These will not be located in Nantucket Sound. The cables will land in Covell's Beach. Avangrid Renewable is a joint venture with Vineyard Wind. The presentation is for the Park City Wind project. It is currently in the permitting process and the cables will land on Craigville Beach. The Town Council has embraced this opportunity. This is a way to receive revenue to fund the wastewater management project. This construction is schedules with sewer installation. This co construction will save the Town considerable money. It is a great opportunity to improve the environment. The majority of the construction will be on the offseason; colder months. This will bring direct power to this region. There have been many power plants that have retired and therefore this is needed. This will stabilize the electric grid in southeastern Massachusetts. This will be significant for job creation.

In terms of state permitting, they are complete through MEPA. Federal permitting is ongoing. The Notice of Intent application has been submitted to Nantucket as well as one to Edgartown. They have submitted a Notice of Intent to the Barnstable Conservation Commission which has been referred to the Cape Cod Commission for a mandatory referral for a Development of Regional Impact. The onshore construction is projected for 2023.

July Elections – Nancy Clark has stepped down as Chair. Nominations for officers are below:

Frances Parks as Chair

Nancy Shoemaker as Vice Chair

Marilyn Fifield as Clerk

A motion to elect Fran Parks as Chair was made by Chair Clark.

Vote all in favor, aye.

A motion to elect Nancy Shoemaker as Vice Chair was made by Chair Clark.

Vote all in favor, aye.

A motion to elect Marilyn Fifield as Clerk was made by Chair Clark.

Vote all in favor, aye.

Update: Trayser Artifacts

Barnstable Planning and Development staff has been contacting preservation specialists to select the best professional to inventory the artifacts.

Update: Community Preservation Committee

Marilyn Fifield reports meeting was cancelled, no updates to provide to the group.

Historic Events Open to the Public

Nancy Shoemaker has two events scheduled in July. July 11th, she will be presenting at Tales of Cape Cod on Women of Barnstable. On July 30th, the Hyannis Historical & Barnstable Historical Society will be offering a graveyard tour of the Oak Grove Cemetery in Hyannis. Barbara Debiase offered to assist with public events.

Preservation Awards

Fran Parks needs to schedule a meeting with the subcommittee to review and make recommendations for next meeting. One application for building restoration and two applications for historians in town have been submitted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes submitted for review.

Next meetings: July 19, 2022 will be in person at Town Hall.

With no further business before this Commission, a motion was duly made by Commissioner Clark and seconded by Commissioner Parks to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, aye.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grayce Rogers, Administrative Assistant