

**Provincetown Art Commission
Meeting of
November 22, 2004, 3:00 PM
Town Hall, Provincetown, MA 02657**

Members Present: Stephen Borkowski, Chair; Peggy Prichett, Treasurer; Georgia Coxe, James Bakker, and Napi Van Dereck

Stephen Borkowski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM welcoming new member, Napi Van Dereck.

Minutes

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the July 6, 2004 meeting with minor corrections.

Moved by: Peggy Prichett **Seconded by:** James Bakker **Yea: 4 Nay: 0**

Napi Van Dereck was not a member of the Commission on this date so could not vote.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the August 26, 2004 meeting with minor corrections.

Moved by: Peggy Prichett **Seconded by:** James Bakker **Yea: 3 Nay: 0 Abstained: 1**

Georgia Coxe was not in attendance at this meeting and abstained. Napi Van Dereck was not a member of the Commission on this date so could not vote.

Chairman's Report

Stephen Borkowski stated that the plaque on the Richard Pepitone sculpture has fallen off and Mr. Pepitone is holding it for disposition. The DPW will be contacted to see if they could re-affix the plaque.

He also spoke with the Town Manager, regarding the position of Collection Manager and Mr. Bergman said the Commission must advertise and re-interview in order to fill the position vacated by Robyn Watson.

In addition, he received a call from the Cahoon Museum in Cotuit, MA, regarding an exhibit to be held in March 2005 and the possibility of works being borrowed from the Town's Collection. The Chairman will initiate discussions and report back to the Commission.

He then discussed the budget for 2006 and stated that it had to be submitted by 5:00 PM today (the 22nd). Peggy Prichett handed out copies of the budget. The Art Commission received an increase last year and it was suggested that the Commission ask for no increase this year due to the large cost to the Town of privatizing the Manor. It was suggested to increase the amount required for conservation work, reduce the amount needed for office supplies and therefore keep the total number the same.

A motion was made to forward the proposed budget with the changes mentioned above to the Town Manager and the Selectmen and Finance Committee for their review.

Moved by: Georgia Coxe **Seconded by:** James Bakker **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Peggy Prichett presented her report and explained some of the items in detail.

Old Business

A letter was received from Stephen L. Snow, Appraiser. There were proposed changes in the value of certain paintings and was listed in Mr. Snow's letter. There was a general discussion regarding the value, insurance value and restoration costs. James Bakker suggested writing a letter to Mr. Snow thanking him for doing the appraisal work without charge and said he would take care of sending a letter to Mr. Snow.

A report was circulated with a list of paintings being considered for conservation and the estimates to restore same. After much discussion, it was generally agreed that the next painting to be restored was the painting by Richard E. Miller, "Boat and Horses"

A motion was made to send the Miller to Fine Art Restoration, for conservation as specified in their report of June 17, 2004.

Moved by: James Bakker

Seconded by: Peggy Prichett

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

New Business

Stephen Borkowski stated that an application had been received for the Alternate's position from Erna Partoll. A discussion of her qualifications ensued by the members of the Commission.

A motion was made to appoint Erna Partoll as Alternate Member.

Moved by: Georgia Coxe

Seconded by: Peggy Prichett

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Georgia Coxe brought up the subject that some of the items on the website were missing photographs. It was noted that correcting this will be a priority once a new person is hired as Collection's manager.

A general discussion ensued regarding the accepting of new works to the Collection. It was agreed that each piece would be considered on a case by case basis.

The issue of utilizing the Freeman St. building as a storage place for the collection as well as display space was discussed. Peggy Prichett said that the Art Commission had made this suggestion at a planning meeting on the re-use of the building earlier this year. It was generally felt that the Art Commission would continue these discussions when further planning meetings were held and other opportunities for discussion arose.

The date of the next meeting has been set as December 20, 2004.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:45 PM.

Moved by: James Bakker

Seconded by: Stephen Borkowski

Yea: 5 Nay: 0

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Glasser
Recording Secretary

Approved by: _____ on _____
Stephen Borkowski (Chairman) December 20, 2004