

**Provincetown Art Commission  
Meeting of  
June 7, 2005, 3:00 PM  
Town Hall, Provincetown, MA 02657**

**Members Present:** Stephen Borkowski, Chair; Peggy Prichett, Treasurer; Jim Bakker, Napi van Dereck, Georgia Coxe, and Erna Partoll (Alternate)

Stephen Borkowski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:07 PM.

*Minutes*

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the April 29, 2005 meeting with minor corrections.

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

*Chairman's Report*

The Chair noted that several works had been returned from conservation and reframing. He stated that the fiscal year would close on June 30<sup>th</sup> and he and the Treasurer had discussed potential encumbrances that might need to occur for artwork still undergoing conservation and their subsequent reframing.

*Treasurer's Report*

Peggy Prichett briefly verbally outlined the current funds and recapped the potential encumbrances, stating that all previously encumbered funds will be spent. A final list of encumbered funds will be brought to the meeting following the close of the fiscal year.

*Old Business*

A general discussion ensued regarding the photographing of works currently missing images on the website and the times available for such purpose.

The Board discussed the notice for the position of part-time, temporary Collection Manager. Stephen Borkowski requested information from the Town Manager's Secretary regarding the process of approvals and subsequent posting.

After some discussion amongst the members, minor changes were suggested and made to the previous posting.

A motion was made to accept the notice as corrected.

**Moved by:** Peggy Prichett      **Seconded by:** Jim Bakker      **Yea:** 5 **Nay:** 0

Georgia Coxe brought up the bronze plaque at the park at the pier. She stated that it needed attention and that she had spoken to the Department of Public Works. They replied that they are going to upgrade the area at some time in the future but not immediately. Georgia Coxe got an estimated cost to refurbish the plaque for \$900.

Ms Coxe also brought the two Currier & Ives firefighter prints to the firehouse for display. Napi van Dereck will talk to the Fire Chief and explain that they should be hung with care.

Georgia Coxe also felt that the Board of Selectmen should take over the five pieces of sculpture which the Town owns. She will draft a letter to the Board of Selectmen regarding this and bring in the draft at the next meeting.

**New Business**

Stephen Borkowski was approached recently regarding the donations of works, an image of one painting by a local artist was circulated. The donor had also indicated that they would like it placed in a specific location and was advised that the Art Commission does not accept paintings (artwork) for specific locations. The photo of the painting proved it not to be a Provincetown scene or related to Provincetown. A discussion followed regarding the acceptance of the painting.

Napi van Dereck suggested that the Board create a “form” letter to be sent in the case of a painting not being accepted into the collection. It was agreed in this case to follow up via email thanking the donor but advising them that the work was not accepted that that the subject matter does not relate to the Town. This was followed by a discussion about the acceptance of art work only pertaining to Provincetown.

A motion was made not to accept the painting.

**Moved by:** Georgia Coxe                      **Seconded by:** Peggy Prichett                      **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

Peggy Prichett, Georgia Coxe and Erna Partoll will create a form letter and submit the draft at the next meeting.

Napi van Dereck brought up the subject of having students from the High School get involved with art and the Art Commission so that they might have a stronger knowledge of local artwork and be more involved in the selection of artwork for display at the school.

