

Provincetown Art Commission
April 29, 2005 - 2:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Provincetown, MA 02657

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

Stephen Borkowski, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. in the Judge Welsh Room.

Minutes from the previous meeting were circulated and reviewed, with slight suggested changes.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March 21, 2005 with corrections.

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

Peggy Prichett presented copies of the acquisition policy with changes for review, noting that there are changes to Section 7. The Chair said that it should be noted that they were revised and approved with the date on the bottom if changes were approved by the Commission.

A motion was made to accept the revised acquisition policy as presented today.

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

At 2:25 Keith Bergman arrived to talk to the Commission at the invitation of the Chair. The first subject of discussion was the construction planned for Town Hall. He said that the schedule has not been set, but construction will probably begin in the fall with the potential length of the work to be determined. A full and thorough discussion ensued.

There followed a discussion of the portion of the collection currently hung in the Manor, and of the potential for New England Deaconess, which is taking over the Manor, to host part of the Town's art collection on a loan basis.

James Bakker asked if the Commission needed to go to the Board of Selectmen every time they wanted to lend artwork from the collection. Mr. Bergman said that the BOS does have control of the artwork, but they could vote to give the Town Manager authority to approve loans. He suggested that the Art Commission make a resolution to streamline the procedure. The Chair initiated a discussion about the future funding of the efforts of the Commission, it was suggested that the Commission needed to articulate a clear plan on how much money would be needed to conserve and maintain the collection. The Chair initiated a discussion about the uses of the gift funds for conservation purposes.

After these discussions with the thanks of the Commission, Mr. Bergman left the meeting at 3:07.

Chairman's Report

The Chair began his report by discussion the recent conservation efforts and the successful current loan to the Cahoon Museum and their future loans

Discussions ensued about the restoration and re-framing of paintings. The Chairman encouraged individual members to be proactive about pieces they especially are interested in and invited discussion about works to be placed in line for conservation.

A motion was made to authorize that whenever a picture is conserved and re-framed, that an appropriate label will be ordered and affixed to the piece.

Moved by: Napi Van Dereck **Seconded by:** Peggy Prichett **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

The Chair announced that a painting of J. Arthur Lopes by Henry Hensche was willed to the Library as part of the estate of Arthur F. Griffin. Mr. Lopes was a trustee of the Library, and the Library would like to hang the painting there if the Art Commission agreed. After some discussion, the Commission conceded that it was a good idea, but agreed that the painting needed to be reframed.

A motion was made to accept the painting into the collection and to then re-frame it.

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

Jim Bakker will investigate the re-framing of this piece, in consultation with the Chairman.

The Chairman noted that two Currier and Ives prints of firefighters are in the collection and he suggested that perhaps they would be hung in the Firehouse on Shank Painter Road. Georgia Coxe volunteered to take them to the Firehouse for hanging.

Treasurer's Report

Peggy Prichett elaborated on the state of the current fiscal report, discussing current year and encumbered funds. It was noted that the fiscal year ends on June 30, 2005. A full and thorough discussion ensued and several projects and their cost, which would be charged to the budget, were discussed. It was agreed that the issue would be discussed again in depth at the next meeting in June.

A motion was made to authorize the Chairman and James Bakker to spend up to \$3,500.00 for framing and plaques, as they see fit.

Moved by: Peggy Prichett **Seconded by:** Napi Van Dereck **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Moved by: Stephen Borkowski **Seconded by:** Georgia Coxe **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

Georgia Coxe said that there is a bronze plaque at the beginning of MacMillan Pier which needs attention. She said that something should be done so that it is not damaged inadvertently by the D.P.W. Georgia offered to pursue the cleaning of this piece.

Old Business

It was noted that some digital photos must be taken of the pictures that are missing from the web site, finding the appropriate person to do this will be pursued by the Chair.

Mr. Bakker said that the Commission should advertise for a new person to work in Collections Management. Mr. Borkowski said that it should be done in June, so that someone could potentially be in place for the new fiscal year. A job description had already been written and copies were distributed for purposes of suggesting revisions at the next meeting.. The position requires a wide range of skills. It was suggested that if one person who can do everything can't be found, the position could be divided. The question was raised as to how the person would be supervised.

New Business

James Bakker stated that the Provincetown Art Association wants to borrow some works for upcoming shows, he outlined the request verbally.

A motion was made to permit the Provincetown Art Association to borrow three pieces: Del Deo's, Giovanna's Rose; Blanche Lazzell's Lady Slipper Monoprint and the Lazzell Floral Oil for their "Secret Garden" exhibit in conjunction with the Garden Tour.

Moved by: James Bakker **Seconded by:** Stephen Borkowski **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

A motion was made to permit the Provincetown Art Association to borrow the Rogers painting for an exhibition during the Portuguese Festival.

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

A motion was made to lend the Cahoon Museum five paintings they have requested for shows in June and October.

Moved by: Stephen Borkowski **Seconded by:** Peggy Prichett **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

The discussion returned to the pictures coming back from the Cahoon Museum and it was agreed that some would be hung at the library in space appropriate places. The Chairman agreed to supervise the return and hanging at the Library.

A motion was made to request that the Selectmen permit the approval of painting loans by written request to the BOS or for the BOS to grant the Town Manager the authority to approve loan requests as a matter of policy.

Moved by: Stephen Borkowski **Seconded by:** James Bakker **Yea: 5 Nay: 0**

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 9th at 3:00 p.m. or as close thereto as possible.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:40 p.m.

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