

Provincetown Historical Commission

(Approved 5-0-0, on February 6)

Meeting of Wednesday, November 28, 2018; Bow Sprit Room, Provincetown Public Library

Attending: Susan Avellar, Stephen Borkowski, Polly Burnell, Anika Costa, Deborah Minsky, Julia Perry

Called to Order at 5:00 P.M.

1. It was voted that the Chair would draft a letter to David Dunlap about the options for republishing the book "Building Provincetown".
2. Commission reaffirmed its decision to apply for a Community Preservation Committee grant to restore the Quadrant Map.
3. Artifacts of the Town of Provincetown - general discussion:
 - a. There are Peter Hunt chairs that go with the Peter Hunt table at the COA. Can we discuss with Chris Hottle whether the chairs can be stored with the table in such a way as to prevent their use (hanging?)?
 - b. There are clock hands that were previously stored in the attic of Town Hall. Should we ask Adam Levinson to restore them?
 - c. Current storage locations - the VFW, upstairs at Firehouse 1, the COA, the attic of Town Hall, Freeman Building (PTV levels, 2 areas), metal cabinet of the Archive Room in Town Hall basement, Library.
 - d. Should the Weir blueprint (currently located in the VFW) be prioritized for restoration?
 - e. What happened to the Weir model that used to be at the Pilgrim Monument/Provincetown Museum (PMPM)? Was there a loan agreement with PMPM?
 - f. The Nautilus Club Quilt in the Public Library - should we propose to the Library that it should be cleaned and then moved to the finished basement area?
 - g. Is Don (last name?) still photographing Town historic artifacts? (Check with Darlene.)
4. The History Project - general discussion:
 - a. Need to ensure the continuance of the History Project.
 - b. Need for a location for two workplaces - including a scanner and a computer at each.
 - c. Need to have a scheduler for volunteer work.
 - d. Need to determine priorities for the work to be done.
 - e. Need to continue labeling and scanning historic documents and artifacts.
 - f. Need to effectively manage the database - discussion with Lynne Martin.
 - g. Need for General Management. If the Town Clerk is unable to provide this service, should the matter be assigned to the Assistant Town Clerk and the Chair of the Historical Commission.

5. Auditorium Seating - The Historical Commission has a commitment to the preservation of the original seating as an historic artifact. We hereby object to any alterations - including that already done - without the approval of the Historical Commission.

6. Minutes for October 24, 2018, were accepted by a vote of 4-0-0.

7. Next Meeting will be January 30 at 5 pm in the Library.

Adjourned at 6:02.