

# Provincetown Historical Commission

Meeting of

June 19th, 2002, 9:30 AM

**Members Present:** Gino Verzone, John Dowd, Ardis Markarian, Stephen Milkewicz, Roger Keene, and Lawrence Riley

**Excused Absence:** Austin Knight

**Town Hall Representative:** Maxine Notaro

A general work session was held between 9:00 and 9:30 AM.

Gino Verzone mentioned that he received a letter on May 14th regarding 179 Commercial Street from the Cape Cod Commission. The letter stated that the project needs to be reviewed by the Cape Cod Commission, the Provincetown Historical Commission and Massachusetts Historical Commission.

## **Work Session:**

There was a discussion of the new plans submitted for 398 Commercial Street (Case #2002-046).

Lawrence Riley handed out copies of a letter he sent to Charles Urauhart answering questions about Provincetown history. The members thought the letter was good and should be sent.

There was a discussion regarding the obtaining of award certificates and more research into the printing of the certificates will have to be done. Information should be brought in at the next meeting.

Gino Verzone called the regular meeting to order at 9:30 AM.

**Case #2002-046**      *Architect Studios representing Marsha Ross, 398 Commercial Street, [Map/Parcel 12-2-49; MHC #688; house; Date: c 1820; 1960s; Style: Federalist; commercial alterations]* Relocate existing house on lot and construct addition to rear of building.

The members of the Commission made a site visit to more fully understand what the moving of the building would look like and cause. At the site, Elena Hall, an abutter, stated that she was against the moving of the house as it would destroy the symmetry of the houses along the street at that location.

The owner wants the house to be moved about 2.5 feet in from Commercial Street to be able to have a larger balcony. Columns suggested for the rear facade were omitted.

Ardis Markarian does not want the building to be moved in either direction and especially moved back. Gino Verzone agreed with her.

Roger Keene stated that the #1 rule in preservation is not to move a building but would not object to the building being moved in this case. He was against the sliding glass doors on the front. But because of the commercial use of the building, it might be necessary. Stephen Milkewicz agreed with what was stated by the other members of the Commission.

John Dowd likes the new facade better than the way the old, altered facade looks at present and stated that the porch should be kept smaller.

Gino Verzone moved that the plan, as revised, be approved with the setback from Washington Street but not from Commercial Street. There were no seconds to this motion.

Stephen Milkewicz wanted information on how storefront changes were handled in the past.

A motion was made that the moving of the building should be determined by the Zoning Board and the community.

**Moved by:** John Dowd

**Seconded by:** Roger Keene

**Vote:** 2-2-0

Stephen Milkewicz and Ardis Markarian voted against.

A motion was made to approve preliminary architectural design with the following recommendations:

1. Approval of design only, and is contingent upon approval of Cape Cod Commission for the move of five feet from Washington Street. This approval is not for moving the building back 2.5 feet from Commercial Street.
2. All existing windows, size and trim, will remain the same.
3. Foundation will be brick faced.
4. Shingle all sides of the building.
5. Platform for porch and stairs will be wood.
6. Finalization of design will be represented, i.e., door surrounds, trim details, balusters, etc.
7. Wood frame door.

**Moved by:** Gino Vezone

**Seconded by:** Roger Keene

**Vote:** 4-1-0

Stephen Milkewicz voted against.

**Case # 2002-047 John K. Fowler, 3 Bangs Street [Map/Parcel 12-4-135; MHC #None; Historic Name: side hall cottage; Date: c 1870-80; c 1970-80; Style: Astylistic Victorian; entry re-located]** Relocate entry to original historic front location; add two dormers to side of house (one for second means of egress and the other to match).

It was moved to accept the plans as presented with the following changes: Both dormer roofs to be hipped to match dormer on other side, captured balusters/ boxed posts (support).

**Moved by:** John Dowd

**Seconded by:** Gino Vezone

**Vote:** 5-0-0

**New Business:**

Gino Verzone brought up the monies in the Community Preservation Act with would come to \$30,000 a year for the Historical Commission. He suggested that the members think about what the money can be used for. He suggested that other Boards be approached to do projects together.

The problem with the door on Joe's Bakery was brought up and it was decided to leave the issue with Warren Alexander.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of June 5th

**Moved by:** Roger Keene

**Seconded by:** Gino Verzone

**Vote:** 5-0-0

It was moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:00 Noon.

**Motion by:** John Dowd

**Seconded by:** Ardis Markarian

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted  
Joel Glasser

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
John Dowd, Chair Date