

Provincetown Historical Commission
May 25, 2007
Minutes

Meeting called to order 9:00 AM

Members Present: Polly Burnell, Stephen Desroches, Eric Dray, Steven Milkewicz, Taylor Polites and Char Priolo

Others Present: Jim Bakker (PMPM) and Sharon Lynn (Town Manager).

1. Approval of Agenda

Taylor Polites moved to approve the agenda with the inclusion of an opportunity for public statements. Polly Burnell seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

2. Approval of Minutes

Burnell moved to postpone discussion of the minutes. Steven Milkewicz seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

3. Meeting with Town Manager

Town Manager Sharon Lynn introduced herself to the HC. Lynn discussed her concerns regarding the state of repair of Town Hall. Eric Dray stressed the importance of the HC as the de facto advisor for Town Hall and the Library, as well as other projects concerning historic town owned buildings. Lynn also updated the HC regarding the status of the Firehouse No. 2 renovation project. Lynn stated the Board of Selectmen and she were working on identifying the requirements for the building, then they would request proposals for the project. She also said that alternative funding sources, through grants and other opportunities, were being explored to avoid as using the leverage approved by Town Meeting in April 2007. Lynn closed by affirming her intent to engage all town boards in a dialogue to build a consensus on the direction and goals of town government.

4. Candidate for Open HC Seat

Bonnie Adams Campbell introduced herself to the HC and described her background and interest in historic preservation and its importance to the town.

5. Approval of Minutes

Burnell moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2007 meeting. Steve Desroches seconded.

Vote: 4-0-0

6. Goals of the HC for 2008

Dray presented a request from the Town Manager and Board of Selectmen for an updated list of goals for the HC for 2008. After discussion, several amendments were made to the existing goals.

Polites moved to approve the amended goals for submission to the Board of Selectmen. Burnell seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

7. Meeting with Executive Director of the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum

Jim Bakker, Executive Director of the PMPM, met with the HC to discuss opportunities for the two entities to work together toward common goals. Dray detailed several of the current initiatives of the HC, including the update of the Survey of Town Building, development of an Oral History Project, and efforts to assist in the Historic Preservation Project. Bakker described some of the main initiatives of the PMPM, including working on cataloguing their archives. Bakker and the HC agreed there were many areas where the two could work together.

Given that there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Friday, June 8, 2007 9:00 AM

Action Items

- Priolo will begin collecting detailed information on the existing oral histories to create an inventory of them.
- Dray will discuss status of Town Hall with David Guertin and what level of rehabilitation is needed to correct current issues so the Commission has a better understanding of the situation.
- Desroches will check with the Martha's Vineyard Oral History Project for additional information on managing an oral history project.
- Johnson stated she would make an effort to inventory her oral histories. Burnell offered to assist her in this inventory.