

**MINUTES
PROVINCETOWN HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MAY 16, 2008**

Meeting called to order at 9:04 a.m.

Members present: Taylor Polites, Steve Milkewicz, Eric Dray, Stephen Borkkowski, and Char Priolo.

Members absent: Stephen Desroches (excused) and Polly Burnell (unexcused).

Also present: Doug Johnstone and Michelle DeMarco

1. Review and Approve Agenda

Polites so moved; Priolo seconded.

Approved: 4-0-1.

2. Review and Approve Minutes

Amended by Johnstone; moved to approve as amended by Borkkowski; seconded by Polites.

Approved: 4-0-1.

3. Public Statements

None

4. History Summit Planning

DeMarco, summit facilitator, inquired re: our vision. Discussion included:

- our using verbs, i.e. promote and preserve to educate the Town as to what we're doing
- our focus that History is the primary engine running Provincetown
- what our goals are
- revealing how layers of Town history are found in its architecture
- asking invitees to speak to how they use History in their mission.

Burnell entered the meeting.

DeMarco asked re: how many invitation responses we've received thus far; five was the answer.

Burnell will follow-up with Zimmerman of PMPM. **

Priolo will follow up with Bakker of PMPM. **

DeMarco commented that what we want to establish is the accord of invitees' appreciation of Town's architecture, the honoring of its history, and basic love of the Town. Her basic surmised blueprint of our presentation to invitees was:

- Personal -- define History
- Reality -- identify your use of History in supporting your Mission
- Vision -- identify how you'd like to see History used in accomplishing your Goals

And apparent Goals to come from the day's event were:

- Interconnectedness of invitees' organizations vis a vis History
- Identification of common Goals, perhaps a shared Wish List
- Collaboratively achieving Goals
- Visioning where we go from here

Her own structural Goals for the day will be:

- Establishing a Time-Line within which to work
- Break-out Groups
- Keeping the day's event light , not heady

5. Other Business

Discussion of Town-Wide Goals

Dray distributed copies of the FY2008 Town-Wide Goals previously prepared by the HC. After discussion, Polites agreed to prepare and distribute, via Johnstone, a new set of Goals for discussion at the HC's May

30th meeting. The deadline for the Goals to be presented to the Town Manager is also May 30.

Library

Dray updated the CH regarding the status of the Library Renovation Project. He noted that Tom Boland was now on the Board of Trustees and That Lynn Spencer had been hired as a Preservation Consultant by Coastal Engineering, the Firm contracted by the Library. Dray explained that the Library currently has approximately \$220K on hand to pursue the refurbishment of the lantern and upper façade; and stated that his presence as a liaison to its Board would ensure the HC's notification about last-minute changes to the building's historic aspect.

Firehouse #2

Dray updated the HC re: the renovation of Firehouse #2, saying that plans had been completed and progress was being made.

6. Oral History Project Update

Since the Oral History Project will be under the auspices of the Library, and its Oral History Program, there will be no update until after the Library's celebration of Heritage Day.

7. New Business

Dray updated the HC re: his meeting with David Dunlap, who works for the New York Times, and is planning a street-by-street photographic summary of Provincetown's notable and historic buildings. Dray provided the Commission with Dunlap's email address in case we wanted to provide him with any information or offer assistance.

Dray had a discussion with Bill Rann (sp?) re: support to the Historic District Commission. Rann asked if there was a citizen's support group for the HDC. A discussion ensued.

8. Set Agenda and Date for next Meeting

Friday, May 30, 2008, 9a.m.

An HC member moved to adjourn; another seconded.

Approved: 5-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted, Priolo and Polites.

(** indicates an Action Item.)