

**Provincetown Historical Commission**  
**October 3, 2008**  
**Minutes**

Meeting called to order 9:00 AM

Members Present: Stephen Borkowski, Polly Burnell, Steve Desroches, Steve Milkewicz and Char Priolo  
Members Absent: Eric Dray

Also Present: Doug Johnstone and Laurel Guadazno

**1. Approve Agenda**

Stephen Borkowski moved to approve the agenda. Steve Desroches seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

**2. Public Statements**

Laurel Guadazno came before the Commission to protest a recent article that appeared in the Banner detailing Commission discussions regarding the inclusion of 531 Commercial Street on the Pilgrim Monument House Tour. An open discussion ensued. Commission members took issue with the inclusion of a home whose owners had repeatedly flouted Town by-laws and the decisions of its regulatory boards. In addition, members noted that the description of the home as "historic" in the tour guidebook was inaccurate.

**3. Letter to Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum**

Members discussed a letter to be sent to the Pilgrim Monument and Provincetown Museum. After discussion, Polly Burnell moved to send the letter as amended. Priolo seconded.

Vote: 5-0-0

**4. Community Preservation Committee/Preservation Restrictions**

Polites discussed the preservation restrictions related to previously approved grants. Commission members reviewed the restrictions and provided their comments to Assistant Town Manager David Gardner.

**5. Historic Walking Tour**

Polites updated the Commission on the Historic Walking Tour.

**6. Survey of Town Buildings**

A discussion ensued regarding the migration of the Survey of Town Buildings from the current Access database on disc to the History Preservation Project Website. Johnstone is looking for bids and donations to cover the migration cost.

**7. History Summit Follow-up**

Members discussed establishing a listserv for interested parties in the community, but were uncertain how to handle public meeting laws. Discussion was tabled pending investigation of options for the establishment of a listserv.

**8. Location of Future Meetings**

The Library was proposed as a site for future meetings after Town Hall is closed.

**9. New Business**

Desroches and Burnell were notified that their terms would expire at year end.

David Gardner presented an update on the status of the Memo of Understanding related to 2 Commercial Street. A discussion followed. Members will wait for a full draft of the memo.

Desroches mentioned possibilities for putting signs back on the historic firehouses, originally proposed by Cheryl Andrews.

Desroches and Priolo mentioned that they would be meeting with Librarian Debra DeJonker-Berry to strategize about the Oral History Project.

There being no more business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

**Next Meeting: October 17, 2008 9AM**