

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

February 4, 2009

Grace Gouveia Building- Room 6

3:30 p.m.

Members Present: David McGlothlin, Marcene Marcoux,
Carol Neal, and Clo Tepper.

Members Absent: Polly Burnell, Nathan Butera, and John Dowd.

Staff: Russell Braun and Maxine Notaro

Administrative Reviews 3:30 p.m.

♦Marc Schaefer on behalf of Andus Baker to replace skylight, re-shingle and re-roof. – No action was taken on this at the meeting.

Town Hall Auditorium Grant

Michelle Jarusiewicz attended the meeting and told the Commissioners that she is working on a grant application for the town hall auditorium. This is a grant for historic preservation and the maximum amount is for \$100K. The application is due on February 20th and Michelle is looking for a letter of support from the HDC. The architects have pictures of what the town hall used to look like and the application package looks good - so far. The project has to be independent of phase 1 and phase 2. There are also restrictions regarding its use in perpetuity. Michelle suggested that if some of the HDC members have special views that you want to include – their ideas would be welcome – just send Michelle an e-mail or a phone call.

Motion: Move to write a letter of support to the MA Historical Society in support of this grant application.

Motion: Carol Neal Seconded: Marcene Marcoux Vote: 4-0-0.

♦Minutes

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of the January 21st meeting as amended.

Motion: Clo Tepper Seconded: Carol Neal Vote: 3-0-1 ab (MM)

Fine Arts Work Center (FAWC)

Maxine said she spoke to Margaret Murphy of the FAWC just a few minutes ago. Margaret wanted to know the difference between John Dowd's group and Eric Dray's group. She now knows that she'll need to be coming before the HDC with complete plans. The plan calls for lifting the building to put in a new foundation. Maxine wants to know if it has to be a full case or an administrative review?

A discussion ensued regarding setting up a policy on whether specific plans need only an Administrative Review or a full hearing.

Town Hall Review

Russell Braun – in an effort to clarify questions raised by some of the Commissioners – said that you're not dealing with any changes in the plans here.

Russell said that if it were a dormer that would have been added, then that would be an issue. This is – at its core – a repair job, i.e., fixing the rot, stabilizing the structure, repairing flashing, etc.

The two changes have to do with proper restoration. On the west side of the building a window was inserted some time in the past. It's not an original window and thus will not be replaced.

Also - referring to the arched window over the main portico – there are two flanking windows. At some point in time a repair was made to these two windows and – for whatever reason – they were shortened. They will now be replaced to their original configuration.

Russell also said that most of the windows are out and are being sent back to the shop in Middletown. The contractors took one window out and they brought back a sample repair which was approved. That basically was the update by Mr. Braun.

Motion: Move to accept the amendment to the town hall plans as stated in the February 4, 2009 letter.

Motion: Carol Neal Seconded: Clo Tepper Vote: 4-0-0.

◆Any other business that shall properly come before the board

A woman from the FAWC came bearing a set of plans to be presented at a future meeting. She wanted to know if the plans – as presented – were appropriate for their future hearing. She was assured that they were.

◆Discussion on Bylaw Revisions

A letter was received from the town's counsel regarding the proposed by-law change as it referred to roof decks. After a discussion it was decided that the original change as submitted by Carol Neal was the best alternative for submission. The only change to Carol's by-law was in 9b. - deleting "Where possible" at the beginning of that sentence.

Motion: Move to agree with the language originally submitted by the Commission with the removal of "where possible" from 9b.

Motion: Clo Tepper Seconded: Marcene Marcoux Vote: 4-0-0.

Public Hearing 4:00 p.m.

2009-03 (Continued from January 7 & 21, 2009)

Application by Mark Kinnane of Cape Associates, Inc. on behalf of Jim Watkins for a Certificate to be issued in accordance with the Provincetown Historic District Commission established under the General By-Laws, Chapter 15 of the Town of Provincetown. The applicant seeks approval to construct a roof top deck and enlarge an existing second floor deck at the property located at **6 Nickerson Street, Provincetown, MA.**

A letter was received from Mark Kinnane requesting a continuance of the case until the February 18th meeting.

Motion: Move to continue the case until the February 18th meeting.

Motion: David McGlothlin Seconded: Clo Tepper Vote: 4-0-0.

2009-04

Application by Deborah Paine, Inc. on behalf of John Winterle for a Certificate to be issued in accordance with the Provincetown Historic District Commission established under the General By-

Nathan Butera's Booklet

Nathan took it upon himself to compile a book for a handout to anyone in the historical district who is contemplating renovations, etc. It details what is and what is not acceptable by supplying the by-laws. It was well received but Carol Neal said that the HDC should hold off on this until after the town meeting on April 6th.

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
E. Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by _____ on _____, 2009.
Carol Neal