

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

March 18 2009

Grace Gouveia Building- Room 6

3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Polly Burnell, Nathan Butera, Marcene Marcoux,
and David McGlothlin (arr. @ 4:10p.m.)

Members Absent: John Dowd, Carol Neal, and Clo Tepper.

Staff: Maxine Notaro

Work Session – 3:30 p.m.

Administrative Reviews

306 Commercial St – Lee White presented this project and it was approved by all.

533 Commercial Street – remove left hand skylight and replace it with same size that is on the right. It's an artist's studio and tenant wants more light. It's a new addition and it's a non-historic building. This project was approved.

233 Bradford St – replacement in kind – 2 over 1 windows. Approved by all.

Surfside Inn – 543 Commercial St - The woman who represented the Inn said that she just wants to replace a retaining wall; it will be similar to the wall at the rear of the COA property. It was approved.

418 Commercial St – The property has 2 kinds of windows – 6 over 6 and 2 over 1 and they will replace in kind. The dormer is the only portion of the house that has 6 over 6. Polly said to tell her that she can do what she wants but advise her to do 2 over 1 throughout but it can be the owner's option.

539 Commercial St – replacing 4 existing windows with new ones. This project was approved by the HDC.

219 Bradford Street – The owner wants to rebuild a deteriorated sun deck – 4 x 4 ft area. Polly wondered if this qualifies as administrative but the HDC needs to see the doors that are also part of the plan. If they had more information then a decision could be made; the owners have to come back to answer questions.

Minutes of March 4, 2009

Motion: Move to approve the minutes of March 4th as amended.

Motion was made, approved and seconded by all. Vote: 4-0-0.

Polly Burnell opened up the public hearing phase of the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Public Hearing 4:00 p.m.

2009-06

Application by Nickerson Home Improvement on behalf of Joe Meehan and Rich Gruber 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 enlarge window openings, install new windows and re-roof at the property located at **25 Winthrop Street, Unit #5, Provincetown, MA.**

The contractor from Nickerson Home Improvement said that there are 2 projects going on in this application. He had a new product for the roof, had a sample, and explained its application. Polly said that there's a by-law that says we have to have shingles on roofs.

The other project refers to the left hand side and the owners are looking at four casement windows and they'd like to increase the size of the casements and put in two more casements. They would also like to increase the size of the double hung window. (Reason: the owners want to get a little more air into the house.) Also they have stained glass art works that they'd like to hang in the newly enlarged windows.

The owner of Unit 3 at 25 Winthrop Street wrote to say that he had no objections but he wanted to make sure they were not increasing the decks.

Motion: Move to O.K. the enlarged windows since the house was built in the early 1950s and has had many alterations. The new product for the roof was not approved and the roof must be shingled.

Motion: Polly Burnell Seconded: Nathan Butera Vote: 4-0-0.

2009-07

Application by Fine Arts Work Center in Provincetown, Inc. 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 install a foundation, replace windows and doors, construct a free-standing two-story lift for handicapped accessibility, replace an existing balcony, convert an existing doorway to a new front entrance and construct new doorways, remove two nonfunctional chimneys and replace shingles and clapboard at the property located at **24 Pearl Street, Provincetown, MA.**

Polly Burnell stepped down from the case.

Margaret Murphy, the FAWC Director and John, the architect, presented the plan to the HDC. It was a complete, lengthy presentation and the only issue the Commissioners had was with the removal of the two existing chimneys.

There were posters of the old building presented which showed that the original didn't have any chimneys. Sometime during the last century five chimneys were added and of those five only two remained. It was decided that the remaining two chimneys were not historically significant and that their removal would be allowed.

There were 17 letters received in favor of the renovation and none in opposition.

The overall plan is to demolish in phases and attempt to become as handicapped accessible and ecologically sensitive as possible. Each of the three Commissioners sitting on the case reacted to the plan enthusiastically with the following motion being presented:

Motion: Move to approve the plan as presented.

Motion: Nathan Butera Seconded: David McGlothlin Vote: 3-0-0

Administrative Reviews (cont.)

7 Dyer Street – The owner wants to remove the existing brick steps and landing and replace them with wood stairs and a railing. This project was approved by the HDC.

26 Brewster Street – They're installing a photo voltaic unit on the south roof. It was thought that this will probably wind up becoming a full review. No definitive decision was made on this project but it was thought that the HDC really needs a policy on this since others will be proposing similar projects.

22 Brewster Street will be heard on April 15th.

15 Montello Street will be heard at the next meeting on April 1st.

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

E. Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by _____ on _____, 2009.
Polly Burnell