

**PROVINCETOWN ART COMMISSION
TOWN HALL 260 COMMERCIAL STREET
JUDGE WELSH ROOM
3:00 PM DECEMBER 9, 2010**

Chairman Stephen Borkowski convened the meeting at 3:04 p.m. noting the following attendees:
Members present: Stephen Borkowski, Chairperson; James Bakker; Georgia Coxe; Erna Partoll;
Excused absence : Napi Van Dereck, John Dowd, Alternate

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting minutes for the previously not approved April 29, 2009 meeting were circulated for review and discussion. A spelling correction was noted. The following motion was made:

To approve the minutes of the April 29, 2010 meeting with a minor correction.

Moved by: Georgia Coxe Seconded by: James Bakker Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chair circulated a copy of the Chapters of Mass General Law including Chapter 41: Section 84 that deal with the powers and duties of the Art Commission as questions have arisen about the authority of the art commission regarding acceptance and care of works of art into the Town Collection.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chair circulated the current treasury report for informational purposes.

OLD BUSINESS

It was noted that the search functions for the website containing the art collection is often in correct and that the artist titles needed to be inserted into the primary data.

NEW BUSINESS

The project managers for the library restoration have stated that the statue by Chaim Gross "Tourists" may have to be moved during the construction work planned for the library. A discussion ensued as to whether the piece can be secured in a way to ensure it's safety or must it be moved. It was also noted that during the Library renovation any paintings impacted by the construction would have to be put into storage or moved to another location.

A motion was made to the following effect:

It was the strong preference of the Art Commission that the Chaim Gross “Tourists” statue will remain on site during the library renovation. However, if it is deemed necessary by the project managers that the statue be removed for safety sake, then all costs associated with such removal, storage and reinstallation and all risk and insurance costs related to such removal, storage and reinstallation will be borne by the project managers. The Art Commission must be consulted prior to the reinstallation of the statue in it’s original location on the library property and retains control over the placement upon re-installation. The Chair is empowered to negotiate details and keep the Art Commission apprised.

Moved by: James Bakker Seconded by: Erna Partoll Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

A packet of information left by Frank Vasello, Cultural Council Chairman was circulated for review by the Art Commission regarding the proposed AIDS Memorial. After some discussion the following motion was made:

A motion was made to ask the Cultural Council to appear before the art commission prior to issuing an RFP for the proposed AIDS Memorial.

“That the Art Commission request that a representative of the Cultural Council appear before the Art Commission at a mutually convenient date to discuss the proposed AIDS Memorial before issuing an RFP.”

Moved by: Stephen Borkowski Seconded by: James Bakker Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

The Chair circulated a request from the New Britain (CT) Museum of American Art for the loan of 4 works of art for an exhibition at the Museum that would also travel. Material about the museum was circulated and a discussion ensued reinforcing the desirability of this exposure and the opportunity to have the Town Collection associated with this exhibition.

A motion was made to grant the request for loans.

“The Art Commission approves the request for the loan of artwork by the New Britain Museum of American Art and will pass the request to the Board of Selectmen for their approval”

Moved by: Stephen Borkowski Seconded by: James Bakker Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

There has been no formal notification to the Art Commission about any plans for a *Fisherman’s Memorial*. Therefore any information shared at this point is anecdotal and speculative based on the appearance of a “Memorial Committee” at the Board of Selectmen and the mention of an article in the daily Cape Cod Times today. The Art Commission will look forward to working with the Committee once they are able to make a presentation to the Art Commission.

A photograph portrait of John White, restroom attendant by artist Mischa Richter was offered to the Town Collection by the artist, after some discussion it was agreed to entertain the offer for the painting to enter the Town Collection.

A motion was made to accept the painting into the Town Collection.

Moved by: Stephen Borkowski Seconded by: James Bakker Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

It was noted that with the reinstallation of paintings in Town Hall that permanent labels might be pursued. The Chair stated that he had already made inquiries of Small Corp. in Greenfield, MA regarding labels that might be affixed to the woodwork. He will keep the art commission apprised.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 4:49 P.M.

Moved by: James Bakker Seconded by: Stephen Borkowski Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

**APPROVED BY A VOTE OF 3-0-0 AT A MEETING OF THE ART COMMISSION ON
MAY 23, 2011**