

Provincetown Art Commission
Minutes for meeting August 7, 2003

Meeting convened at 3:05 pm

Members present Stephen Borkowski, Peggy Prichett, Georgia Coxé, Peter Seigel. Diane Shumway was excused.

Minutes for meeting July 3 - The minutes were distributed for review. Peggy moved to accept the minutes. Georgia seconded. Upon a unanimous vote the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report Peggy gave us report on the current finances. After discussion Stephen moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Georgia seconded. Upon unanimous vote the Treasurer's report was accepted.

Conservation Report Update The Chairman noted that we had a total of 80 completed reports in hand. A discussion ensued about the payments due under the contract which would expire in August. It was agreed that we would continue to pay for work done on conservation assessment reports up to the amount of the original contract. After exhaustion of these funds the Commission would determine how much work still remained and then determine whether to continue to have the work on the reports continued.

Old Business A discussion ensued regarding the relative difficulty of caring for the Peter Hunt furniture by the Art Commission. It was noted that without a proper secure storage space the Commission could not be responsible for the safety of the furniture. It was the consensus of the Commission that we should not accept the responsibility for the Hunt painted furniture.

The issue of fee's for public use of illustrations of works in the Town Collection was discussed, Peter Siegel presented a sample fee schedule presently used by major museums. It was determined that no action would be taken until further discussion has been taken.

New Business A written request from the Fall Arts Festival "FAF" Coordinator was presented asking for the use of paintings in the Town Collection for an exhibition at Town Hall during the "FAF". A vigorous discussion ensued, nothing that that due to the delays in the completion of the secure storage space, the majority of the work was still wrapped and not sorted for easy access but rather for secure storage. The difficulty of accessing the requested works was noted. And the lack of ability on the part of the Commission members to be available to supervise or move the work. In addition it was felt that currently hung works should not be moved. Peggy moved that we not participate in the Fall Arts Festival for the reasons cited. Peter seconded, and upon unanimous voted it was decided not to participate in this years "FAF" as requested.

Georgia initiated a discussion regarding the repairs to the base of the Pepitone statue and the relative costs savings of having the repairs done by DPW as opposed to an outside vendor. After some discussion it was agreed that Georgia would continue to work with Pepitone and DPW to effect these repairs.

Stephen Borkowski announced his intention to donate to the collection a painting titled Giovanna's Rose, by Sal Del Deo, in memory of his partner. The painting was shown to the Commission and a motion was made by Peter Siegel to accept the painting, Georgia Coxé seconded and by unanimous vote the painting was accepted into the collection.

Meeting adjourned 4:37 pm

Respectfully submitted:

Stephen Borkowski, acting Secretary

REPORT TO SELECTMAN

The Art Commission has