

Provincetown Historical Commission

Meeting of Wednesday, April 11, 2018; Bow Sprit Room, Provincetown Public Library

Attending: Susan Avellar, Stephen Borkowski, Polly Burnell, Anika Costa, Deborah Minsky, Julia Perry

Absent Excused: None

Called to Order at 6:00 P.M.

1. No Public Statements.
2. Amy Raff, the new Library Director appeared before the Commission to ask that the Commission agree to donate \$420 toward the publication of a new brochure about the Rose Dorothea. The Commission agreed by a vote of 6-0-0.
3. The Commission discussed the need to clarify who is responsible for the cleaning and general maintenance of the Rose Dorothea. Julia Perry, as the new Chair, agreed to talk to the DPW.
4. The Commission discussed the need to correct the Monument in front of Town Hall that references the Rose Dorothea and the Lipton Cup and indicates that the Lipton Cup is located in Town Hall. It was suggested that a small plaque next to the Monument might be sufficient. Julia Perry will follow up with the Town Manager.
5. Julia Perry briefed the Commission on the status of the Bas Relief project. It was proposed that the Bas Relief project should somehow recognize George Bryant as the person who pushed for the construction of the Bas Relief.
6. The Commission reviewed the letter prepared by the Chair addressing the proposed Pilgrim Monument/Provincetown Museum Funicular Project and offered revisions. It was proposed that a new vote be taken. It was determined by a vote of 6-0-0 that the Funicular Project presents an inappropriate incursion on the historic townscape of the Bas Relief Project. The Chair will submit the revised letter to the Historic District Commission.
7. The Commission reviewed the proposal by member Anika Costa to complete the Restroom signs restoration by approving a proposal to have the new historically accurate signs prepared based on a proposal by Geoffrey Semonian. The Commission voted to provide Mr. Semonian with a 50% deposit of \$240 by a vote of 6-0-0.
8. The Commission discussed the status of funding for the Historical Commission / History Project. It was proposed that future History Project costs might be supported through a CPC (Cultural Preservation Council) grant.

9. The Commission discussed the status of the stability review of Town Hall conducted last year. A proposal for Auditorium improvements was prepared in February 2018. The Chair was authorized to address the status of the stability review with the Town Manager.
10. The Chair was authorized to discuss the protection of the auditorium seating as an historic artifact with the Town Manager.
11. The Chair was authorized to discuss the need to secure artifacts currently stored at the VFW Building and which might be used in other Town buildings.
12. The Commission discussed the need to convert interviews of artists that had been conducted by various individuals from cassette tape to MP3.
13. There was a discussion of the need to preserve stenciling at Town Hall.
14. There was a discussion of whether it is possible to install a diaper changing station in the upstairs restroom without impacting the historic character of the Building.
15. On request the Chair agreed to share the State regulations on the purview of the Historical Commission at the next meeting.
16. The Commission approved the Minutes from March 14, 2018, as amended.

Next Meeting: May 9, 2018 at 5:30 P.M. in the Bow Sprit Room of the Provincetown Public Library.

Adjourned at 7:10 P.M.