

Provincetown Historical Commission

Meeting of Wednesday, May 9, 2018; Bow Sprit Room, Provincetown Public Library

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

Absent Excused: Deborah Minsky

Called to Order at 5:32 P.M.

1. No Public Statements.
2. It was agreed that Julia Perry would send a thank you letter to McLaughlin.
3. Anika Costa agreed to get the approved design for the Town Hall restroom signs to Geoff Semonian.
4. It was agreed to ask Deborah Minsky to draft an article about the restroom signs for publication in the Banner.
5. Julia Perry notified the Commission that it had available funds that would lapse at the end of the fiscal year, per the Town Accountant. Based on that information, the Commission agreed to amend its approval from the last meeting to donate \$420 toward the publication of a new brochure about the Rose Dorothea at the request of Amy Raff, the Library Director, to donate \$500 toward the publication of the new brochure. Moved by Stephen Borkowski, seconded by Polly Burnell; the Commission agreed by a vote of 5-0-0.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. The Commission continued discussion of the potential impact of the proposed Funicular project by the Pilgrim Monument/Provincetown Museum on the Bas Relief site. Concerns included:
 - the potential impact on the historic viewshed of the Bas Relief site;
 - whether construction of the proposed Funicular - including the removal of trees on the hill - will undermine the stability of the High Pole Hill;
 - whether the construction will add to the problem of flooding in the Town;
 - whether the site is a potential archeological site, given that it is the site of the former Burch property.

The Historical Commission has not been asked for its opinion on this matter. A letter expressing concern with the impact on the historic viewshed has been submitted to the revised letter to the Historic District Commission.

9. The Commission agreed to not meet during the summer months due to members' commitments and the Chair's upcoming surgery. Next meeting will be scheduled in September.

Adjourned at 7:50 P.M.