

Provincetown Historical Commission

(Approved 11/28/18, 4-0-0)

Meeting of Wednesday, October 24, 2018; Bow Sprit Room, Provincetown Public Library

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

Called to Order at 5:01 P.M.

1. Public Statements - Statements were made by representatives of East End Books and the Provincetown Book Store regarding the possibility of republishing the book "Building Provincetown".
2. Geoff Semonian, of Cape Cod Woodcarving, presented the Town Hall restroom signs, which were highly admired. He has offered to be part of installing them in Town Hall. The Chair will contact David Gardner/Rich Waldo to coordinate with Geoff. Since full payment of \$480 for the signs was previously approved by the Commission, and a deposit of half, or \$240 was previously paid, the Commission merely confirmed that Geoff Semonian is now entitled to the remainder of the price being \$240. Geoff had prepared an additional sign, but waived the cost for that piece as his gift to the Historical Commission Gift Fund.
3. There was discussion with David Dunlap about reprinting "Building Provincetown". Although there was interest in the project, the Commission determined that it needed additional information to make a final decision. For example, the original cost for publishing by Puritan Press was \$12,500 for one thousand copies, but it was not known if that was still the available price. There was also discussion about the possibility of using an "on-demand" printer instead.
4. David Dunlap and Julia Perry reported on their visit to the basement of the Banner building, where it was confirmed that there are bound copies of the Advocate dating back to 1869 (the first copy). Further research is necessary to confirm whether there are issues missing from the archive in the Library that could be supplemented by making digital copies of the Banner archive. It is likely that the years 1918-1930 are missing due to a fire at the Advocate.
5. A proposal by Amy Raff, Library Director to have the Commission provide additional funding for the Rose Dorothea brochure was discussed. Although it was suggested that future requests go to the Visitor Services Board, which had funding for brochures to aid visitors, the Commission decided by a vote of 6-0-0 (motion by Susan Avellar, second by Polly Burnell) to provide the \$317.59 in the History Project Gift Fund and to close that account out. The Historical Commission Gift Fund shall remain open.

6. The Chair and the Vice Chair reported that they had visited the VFW site to review protected artifacts (on the Heritage Museum listing), and confirmed that they were in good condition. Additional site visits are proposed.
7. There was a Motion by Stephen Borkowski, with a second by Susan Avellar, that the Chair complete an application to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for a \$2,500 grant to restore the Quadrant Map. It was approved by a vote of 6-0-0.
8. Minutes for September 26, 2018, were accepted by a vote of 6-0-0.
9. Next Meeting will be November 28 at 5 pm in the Library.

Adjourned at 6:45 P.M.