

# Provincetown Historical Commission

Meeting of  
April 9, 2003, 9:00 AM

**Members Present:** John Dowd, Roger Keene, Ardis Markarian, Stephen Milkewicz, and Austin Knight

**Excused Absence:** Lawrence Riley

**Town Hall Representative:** Maxine Notaro, Permit Coordinator

A **Work Session** commenced at 9:00 AM with a general discussion of each of the Cases to be presented during the Public Meeting.

## Public Meeting

John Dowd called the Public Meeting to order at 9:30 AM introducing the members present.

### *Old Business*

**Case #2002-054** Tom Thompson representing Richard Murray & William Dougal, 63 Commercial Street, [Map/Parcel 06-2-18; MHC #1428; Historic Name: Workshop; Date: pre- 1930; 1970s; Style: Astylistic] *Review proposed skylight reconfiguration.*

A motion was made to approve the request as presented with the following Amendments and the vote for each:

1. Skylights on East upper side will be changed to three longer and two shorter skylights. 5-0-0
2. Reducing the number of skylights from five to two on lower level. 5-0-0
3. Add two singled knee walls to West balcony equidistant apart. 5-0-0
4. Add skylight to West side bathroom of approximately 24' x 30'. 3-2-0
5. Change two West windows in bathroom to sliding glass door. 3-2-0

In item 4, Stephen Milkewicz and Roger Keene voted against; in item 5, Stephen Milkewicz and Austin Knight voted against.

Tom Thompson will return with revised plans to be signed by the Commission members.

**Case #2003-020** Tom Thompson representing Gary Palochako, 14 Court Street, [Map/Parcel 07-2-149; MHC None; Historic Name: Central chimney ½ house; Date: 1800-1830; Style: Timber frame; Victorian alteration] *Approval for the addition of a set of stairs as a second means of egress.*

Warren Alexander, Building Commissioner, submitted a memo in response to questions from Stephen Milkewicz. A discussion ensued regarding the use and terminology of windows as a means of emergency escape. Roger Dias came in to clarify terminology and size of lower part of double-hung window to act as emergency escape when part of a renovation of old buildings.

It was moved to accept the plans with conditions:

1. North elevation: Windows will be replaced in their original location except the middle first floor window will be moved to line up with the attic window.
2. Stairs approved with captured balusters on South side.

The Commission suggested that the dining room French doors be two double-hung windows. Also the windows on the second floor paired with elevation might look better separated and lined up in a better rhythm. First floor bedroom may be a single glass door instead of a French door.

### *New Cases*

**Case #2003-027 David Moulton, 11 Johnson Street, [Map/Parcel 12-1-109; MHC #81; Historic Name: Sidehall cottage; Date: 1875; Style: Astylistic Victorian sidehall cottage] Change several windows, doors and add skylights.**

It was moved to accept the plan as presented with the following suggestions to the owner of the property:

The Commission suggests that the laundry room door be changed to a "P-town" or a board and batten door.

The owner, David Moulton, is in the process of removing the vinyl siding (or has removed it) and will be replacing the entablatures (projecting lintels) above the windows and other missing trim.

**Motion by:** John Dowd

**Seconded by:** Roger Keene

**Vote:** 5-0-0

A discussion ensued regarding the demolition of the building at **11 Cottage Street**. It was decided to make a site visit to the property. A certified letter will be sent regarding the significance of the building and a public hearing to be held in 30 days.

During the site visit, the Commission found that the upper level is fine. The lower level would need to be raised to increase head room, the sills and first floor would need to be replaced as well. The owners would also like to move the building away from the lot line. The Commission could not find any written historical documentation on this building. The neighbors, at the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting regarding this demolition proposal, all agreed to allow demolition plans for this building to proceed as long as the new structure is the same size and style as the original, as agreed upon. The Historical Commission will, in this case, allow demolition to occur considering the absence of documentation (written or oral) and the neighbors and owners wishes. The new building will be built to current codes and will be, in appearance and size, as close to the original as possible.

The Commission members decided on the design for a Preservation Award Certificate which will be ordered from a certificate supplier.

It was moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2003.

**Motion by:** Ardis Markarian

**Seconded by:** Stephen Milkewicz

**Vote:** 5-0-0

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 PM for a site visit to **11 Carter Street**.

**Motion by:** Austin Knight

**Seconded by:** Stephen Milkewicz

**Vote:** 5-0-0

Respectfully Submitted  
Joel Glasser

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
John Dowd, Chair Date