

Historical Commission for the Town of Provincetown

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, May 1 2019;
Bow Sprit Room, Provincetown Public Library

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

Called to Order at 5:10 P.M.

1. There were no Public comments.
2. Continued discussion of steps necessary to continue to support the History Project:
 - a. The Chair shared with the Commission her discussions with Amy Raff, Library Director, and David Gardner, Acting Town Manager about establishing a work space in the basement of the Library next to the stacks.
 - b. There was a discussion of the need for a large bed scanner to scan newspaper pages and other large documents.
 - c. Stephen will check with Boston Digital Imaging about creating a scan of the Weir Map.
3. Continued discussion regarding identification and storage of historic artifacts:
 - a. It was expressed that there is a continuing need to discuss the status of the historic benches in Town Hall with the Acting Town Manager. Polly will provide her research on the issue to Julia.
 - b. Julia shared with the Commission that Amy Raff asked the Historical Commission to address the need to rewrap the Rose Dorothea sail extending into the Bow Sprit Room. Anika and Susan will address the matter.
 - c. The Commission agreed to the need for a Policy Statement regarding the Maintenance and Use of the Rose Dorothea. Julia will draft.
 - d. The Commission agreed to the need for a Policy Statement regarding the Josephine Del Deo Archive Room in the basement of the Library. Julia will draft.
 - e. The Commission discussed the need for a corrective sign on the Rose Dorothea monument in front of Town Hall. Adam Levinson was proposed as capable of creating a sign.
 - f. Stephen Borkowski will discuss with the Library Director and the Acting Town Manager appropriate sites to hang the Quadrant Map (once it is properly restored), the Barnstable Map, and the Nautilus Quilt.
 - g. There was a question whether the new Restroom signs in Town Hall should have lacquered screws to mimic aging. Anika will discuss with Geoff Semonian, the sign maker.
 - h. It was decided that there should be a written Policy on Accession/Deaccession of historic artifacts. Julia will draft.

4. Stephen proposed that the Commission consider and adopt a set of Core Values. They were accepted by a vote of 5-0-0.
5. Julia will check with Alex Williams about the status of the Gift Fund monies and the money for the Walking Tour Map.
6. It was proposed that an article should be submitted to the Banner on the difference between the Historical Commission and the Historic District Commission. Julia will draft.
7. It was proposed that a member of the Historical Commission should serve on the Building Committee. Julia will investigate.7`
8. Minutes for March 27, 2019, were accepted as amended by a vote of 5-0-0.
9. Next Meeting will be May 29 at 5 pm in the Library.

Adjourned at 5:25.