

# Provincetown Historical Commission

May 23, 2001

9:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** John Dowd, Roger Keene, Austin Knight, Ardis Markarian, Steve Milkewicz, and Gino Verzone

**Members Absent:** none

## AGENDA

### **Work Session 9:00 a.m.**

Review applications for Public Meeting

Since there was only one case on the agenda, most of the work session was devoted to it.

### **Meeting 9:30 a.m.**

**Public Statements** – There were none.

**Old Cases** – There were none.

### **New Case**

Case # 2001-029 Sherry Turkle represented by Architects Studio, Ltd.,

#### **619 Commercial Street**

[Map/Parcel 15-3-007; MHC # 362; Historic Name: Maurice Stern Cottage;

Date: c 1910, 1980's; Style: Astylistic Victorian, windows altered; Contributing]

Structural repairs to include elevating the building and installing new foundation, new roof, second floor windows

Joy Cumming and Trevor Poncbrianc, dba Architects Studio, Ltd., presented the plans to the Commissioners. Trevor described the building as being unstable and falling in. Sherry, the owner, wants to bring the house up to “structural integrity” by replacing the foundation and roof. The roof is said to be bowing on the main section of the house. Trevor further said the amount of work required is more than 50% of the value of the house thus Joy’s plan calls for rebuilding.

There were many questions and answers given about the project. After a great deal of discussion by the Commissioners, the following motion was agreed upon:

**Motion: Gino Verzone made a motion to approve the plan as presented with the following conditions:**

- 1. Windows on east façade bump-out to have three equal panes each.**
- 2. North elevation mezzanine windows to be divided either 6 or 3.**

**Ardis Markarian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

Gino Verzone discussed the building on Franklin Street which is next to Stephen Fletcher’s house. It has been redone for condos without any approval or hearing from the Historical Commission. Roger Keene told Judith Oset that the Historical Commission was not happy with this oversight. Evidently not all of the houses which should be are on the list of historical homes. Any house over 50 years of age should have been included in the register. The house in question has inappropriate windows without casings, etc.

John Dowd wondered what could be done about it – after the fact. Gino Verzone said a “letter of concern” to the realtors stating need for more control. Gino will do a draft letter and run it past Town Counsel on behalf of the Commissioners.

John Dowd left at 10:15 a.m.

**Motion: Ardis Markarian made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting as amended. Austin Knight seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Any other business which shall properly come before the Commission.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.**

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> .

Respectfully submitted,

**Evelyn Gaudiano**

Evelyn Rogers Gaudiano

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
Roger Keene, Chairman date

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