

# Provincetown Historical Commission

June 27, 2001

9:30 a.m.

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

**Members Absent:** none

## Work Session:

The Commissioners will speak to the Department of Regulatory Management (DRM) regarding having applicants provide full photos of any changes in the façade of a building. They need a full picture of the building. Also get the timeframe nailed down for the “life” of a permit. Is it one year? – or, with an extension – is it two years?

One of the Commissioners wondered aloud why Ted Malone isn't mandated to finish one Affordable Housing project i.e., the old A & P before he ruminates about another? (Meadows Motel was cause of question.)

The Commissioners have jurisdiction over any building over 50 years old and they wonder why this can't be easily validated given the information the Assessor's Office has and given the fact that the Town has spent a lot of money on computers, specifically to give any and all Town Boards easy access to questions about age, etc. Thus far, in trying to address this problem, Judith has requested a list from the Cape Cod Commission and Roger Keene has requested a list from the Massachusetts Historical Association. Austin Knight continued, the Assessor's Office has all the information necessary on where and when any building was built.

Gino Verzone said the DRM has slipped up on at least six issues of late. The Taves property is a case in point. Roger Keene had a copy of a letter to the Board of Selectmen (BoS) stating that the Taves house on Shankpainter Road will eventually be waived.

Roger Keene next gave the group an overview on Jay Critchley's project. Jay will be presenting the proposal during the regular meeting.

The meeting was called to order promptly at 9:30 a.m.

## 621 Commercial Street - Case # 2001-032

Ellen Rousseau Construction representing Martin Lynde, [Map/Parcel 15-3-005A; MHC # 442; Historic Name: cottage/studio; Date: 1882-1920; 1960's-80's; Style: Arts and Crafts; extensive alterations, Contributing]

Replace two casement windows and one double-hung window; re-shingle street side 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance side of house.

Ellen presented the plan and proposed reshingling the east and north sides of the house and replacing two casement windows, etc. Replacement windows will be a bit taller and the trim will be more important. Roger Keene said the only issue he has with the plan was the attic window. **Motion: Roger Keene made a motion to approve the plan as presented with the one condition Gino Verzone had suggested: that the attic window be replaced with a six over one with exterior applied muntins. Ardis Markarian seconded it and it passed unanimously.**

**10 Johnson Street** – John Hopkins presented for the owner.

Roger Keene, the Chairman, read the original decision summary and the owner doesn't want the suggested 6 over 6 windows. He'd ideally like 1 over 1 but since he can replace in kind, he would prefer keeping them exactly as they are – 2 over 1.

**Motion Gino Verzone made a motion to approve a new condition for the windows to be two over one with true divides. Roger Keene seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**

**Jay Critchley** - proposal for Provincetown Historic Septic District

Jay Critchley proposes establishing a Provincetown Historic Septic District. It basically was a request to the Provincetown Historical Commission to pen a letter of support. He has already received some funding from the LEF foundation. (Neither an amount nor an explanation of what LEF stood for was offered.) Some of the group agreed to look over a letter of support (written by Jay) in order to approve its submission for funding of whatever sort.

The secretary suggested that the Provincetown Board of Health has regulations mandating the filling in of any septic no longer in use because of safety and health concerns. Mr. Critchley said he knew of this regulation. Only Austin Knight saw the proposal as flying in the face of Town regulations and felt the Commission could not take a stand because of Town regulations.

Jay left to write his "support" letter and to drop it off in the Historical Commission's mail box.

### **Old Business**

Case # 2001-027 Strubel/McNaught represented by Robert Valois, **73 Commercial Street**

[Map/Parcel 06-1-012; MHC # none; Historic Name: sidehall house; Date: c. 1875-;1970's; Style: Italianate, additions; Contributing]

Revised plans were presented as approved at May 2, 2001 meeting. No further action was necessary since the revised plans for 73 Commercial fulfilled the request.

Robert Valois for **409 Commercial Street**, revised plans

Once more Robert Valois presented his plans for 409 Commercial Street. On the meeting of June 6<sup>th</sup> a motion was made as follows:

**[Motion: Gino Verzone made a motion stating that if Robert Valois make the changes suggested at today's meeting then he would vote to "not refer" the project to the Cape Cod Commission. Ardis Markarian seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.]**

Based on the June 6<sup>th</sup> motion, Robert Valois went back to the drawing board and redesigned the house. The one thing there was confusion about was small transom-like windows on the second floor deck. One member felt the owners had enough decks and then the changes began. John Dowd said he didn't see any reason for gutters over the front entry door. "It's going to rain in anyway so what's the point?," John said. Each member had objections and questions about a lot of the design.

*(During the decision making process Alice Foley burst in and told the Historical Commission they had to vacate at 11:00 a.m. because she had people coming in from the state. She concluded by shouting, "Get out, now!") We did hastily vacate as ordered.*

After the Foley scene, the following motion was made in Caucus Hall:

**Motion: Roger Keene made a motion to approve the plan for 409 Commercial Street with the following conditions:**

- 1. no gutters on porch – replace with cornice molding.**
- 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> floor beachside balcony to change from pointed to chamfered to reflect the bay beneath.**
- 3. Eliminate rafter ends at eaves.**

**Ardis Markarian seconded the motion and it was approved by 4, John Dowd abstained.**

Roger Keene also told the members who were still busily redesigning the project that all of their proposed changes should have been done prior to the meeting and not after the applicant arrived.

A specific area of concern remains: 3 Franklin Street – they haven't come before the Historical Commission at all.

**Motion: Roger Keene made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Gino Verzone seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.**

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**. – Please mark your calendars!

Respectfully submitted,

**Evelyn Gaudiano**

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

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