

## Provincetown Historical Commission

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Meeting of Wednesday, February 27 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 5:06 P.M.

1. There were no Public comments.
2. Draft letter prepared by Chair to the Fine Arts Work Center to remodel the Stanley Kunitz Commons Room was approved as amended by the Board.
3. Chair received a copy of the State issued Register of Historic Places for 2018. Vice Chair recommended that it be offered to the Town Library as a public document. Vice Chair will bring up the issue at the Library Board of Trustees meeting.
4. Member Anika Costa confirmed that the Center for Coastal Studies is willing to donate the NOAA (National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration) map dated January 22, 1977. Member Polly Burnell will convey it to the Town Clerk for storage at Firehouse 3.
5. Chair advised the Members that she is working with Assistant Town Manager David Gardner to identify appropriate locations for storage of historic artifacts and work by the History Project volunteers.
6. There was a general discussion about prioritizing the preservation of the historic Artifacts of the Town of Provincetown:
  - a. Vice Chair Stephen Borkowski proposed that a scrapbook in the basement of the Library that has not been previously scanned should be transported to Boston and professionally scanned due to its fragile nature. The Board agreed. He will discuss with the Library.
  - b. There are maps stored in the Art Room of the Freeman Building that should be identified for prioritization. The Chair will review.
  - c. The Board agreed that the Weir blueprint (currently located in the VFW) should be prioritized.
  - d. There are Vital Records in the safe of the Town Clerk's office that should be scanned.
  - e. Member Deborah Minsky asked that the mini-cassette interviews of artists and those that knew them that she did be prioritized for digitization. It was mentioned that Char Priolo had been involved in digitization in the past.
  - f. Chair Julia Perry discussed the listing of artifacts from the Heritage Museum and offered to distribute an alphabetized Word table conversion.
7. There was discussion of the need for an accession/deaccession process and forms. The Chair will follow up.

8. Vice Chair Stephen Borkowski will talk to Library Director Amy Raff about moving the Nautilus Quilt to a location in the Library where it can be hung safely.

9. Chair Julia Perry informed the Board of her intent to work on an African-American Walking Tour to supplement the Provincetown Walking Tour that is currently available through the Tourism Office.

10. Minutes for February 6, 2019, were accepted as amended by a vote of 5-0-0.

11. Next Meeting will be March 27 at 5 pm in the Library.

Adjourned at 5:56.