

Provincetown Historical Commission Meeting September 7, 2012 called to order 10:00 am

Present: Borkowski, Dray, Minsky

Absent: Avellar, Milkewicz, Priolo (Excused), Burnell (Unexcused)

1. Review and approve minutes, August 10, 2012 – **Postponed**, did not have three people attending who were at that meeting.
2. Public comments – **None**
3. Oral History update - **None**
4. Interpretive Materials
  - a. **Historic Walking Tour map reprint** – Eric Dray reported the VSB has okayed funding for map reprint. He has been conferring with Ewa Nogiec about revisions and reprint. Rick Murray (VSB member) asked for a list of map distribution points suggesting contributions from recipients to help pay for walking tour map. Eric Dray opposed this idea – “I want the maps to be handed out to anyone who wants them.” Recommends a table at the Fire House, not in the public restrooms. Dray and Borkowski agree that the Historic Commission should not be the conduit for the distribution of the map that it should be handled through the Tourism Office.
  - b. **Sanborn Insurance Maps** – Dray commented – they are available on CD’s now – where should they be housed for maximum use? SB- suggested making them available in the Provincetown Library archive room or keep discs in the Town Hall safe where they can be accessed on request for in house use.  
Dray - wants to print the maps and make them available to the Historic District Commission meetings. There are 40-50 pages of maps to print and bind in a book at the building department office. We should make this resource available in designated Town places. Recommends going back to microfilms of earlier maps.
  - c. **Other** – S. Borkowski is researching Provincetown’s historical role as a whaling community, in anticipation of the 2014 sailing of the restored Charles W. Morgan to Provincetown.

The Pilgrim Monument has a whaling journal, the last remaining in Provincetown and it is being transcribed for the History Project. Another large resource is the Providence Public Library has a large repository of Provincetown whaling journals. SB has suggested a paper conservator from

Boston to examine for conservation the old Town maps – a perfect group to scan. He also reported that a 1918 map of all the weir locations in town was found in the building dept. archives.

5. **Heritage Collection Assessment** – PAAM borrowed Long Point Gallery signs for exhibition. A costume collection professional from Historic Deerfield will be making an evaluation and report to Doug Johnstone, providing “very light inventory.”
6. **New Business** – Potential efforts to restore the Cyrus Dallin Bas Relief was discussed. Reminders: - 2014 Sailing of the Morgan in July, and the PAAM founding Centennial celebration. 2020 Celebration of 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Provincetown Pilgrim Landing
7. **Next Meeting** – scheduled for October 10, 2012, 10:00 am Provincetown Library

These minutes recorded and submitted by Deborah Minsky, with profuse apologies for delay. 11/2/2012