

Provincetown Historical Commission
February 16, 2007
Minutes

Meeting called to order 9:00 AM

Members Present: Eric Dray, Austin Knight, Stephen Milkewicz, Taylor Polites

Members Absent: Polly Burnell (excused), Char Priolo (excused)

Also present: Sandra Turner, DPW, Tony Lemme, DPW

1. CPC Funding Request to Repair Town Hall Clock

Sandy Turner presented the Commission with a CPC Funding request to repair the mechanism that controls the time and ringing of the bell in the Town Hall clock. Turner described the age and wear on the current mechanism, the gears of which are so worn that the bell will ring repeatedly beyond the number of strikes that would indicate the proper hour. In addition, an arm is missing off of the western face of the clock. Turner identified the Verdin Company, which has a long history of repair work on the clock, as the vendor who will oversee the replacement of the mechanism and parts. Turner assured the Commission that the replicated arm will be identical to the original and that the gold leaf on the arms and numerals and black paint on the face will all be painted, the cost of which will be incorporated into the CPC funding request.

Dray moved to support the funding request given the stipulation that the aggregate \$20,000 funding request be used to both replace the clock mechanism and repair and repaint the clock face, with any excess unused funds to be returned to the CPC. Milkewicz seconded.

Vote: 4-0-0

2. CPC Funding Request to Build Archival Storage and Research Space

Doug Johnstone described a funding request to the Commission at the February 2, 2007 meeting that involved building a secured, climate controlled storage area in the basement of the Provincetown Public Library. Johnstone told the Commission that the Library Board of Trustees had voted to support the funding request and construction of a conservation room in the basement of the library building. The space will be dedicated to housing the Heritage Collections owned by the Town of Provincetown as well as collection currently held by the Library with the opportunity for the integration of private collections within the archive in the future. The space will also include technical equipment to enable the scanning and posting of historic documents in the online research collection on the internet.

Dray moved to approve the \$17,635 funding request. Milkewicz seconded.

Vote: 4-0-0

3. Approval of Minutes

Polites moved to approve the minutes of the February 2, 2007 meeting. Milkewicz seconded.

Vote: 4-0-0

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: Friday, March 2, 2007 9:00 AM