

Provincetown Cultural Council

Meeting Minutes

June 25, 2012 6:00-7:10 pm

Provincetown Town Hall, Caucus Hall

Present: Cherie Mittenthal, acting chair; Francine D'Olimpio, Robert Speiser, Judy Cicero, Brian O'Malley

Minutes of Jan. 23, 2012 were approved as distributed.

Discussion on the long-planned AIDS memorial:

Despite repeated efforts, Chairwoman Trudel has been unable to persuade Chairman Borkowski of the Arts Commission to schedule a joint meeting. Cicero attended a meeting of the Arts Commission this spring to request such a joint meeting, heard that the issue would be discussed, but there has been no further communication. Borkowski cites MGL Ch. 41 Sect 84 (below), concerning the authority of Arts Commissions, for his unwillingness to engage in joint discussion.

The Cultural Council raises the question whether the proposed memorial is, in fact, art, and whether the Art Council has appropriate jurisdiction.

We approved unanimously a motion to circulate the RPF for this project which was developed years ago, for revision and updating by email correspondence; then to plan a joint meeting with all members of the Arts Council, the ED of the Aids Support Group, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council in September for final draft language; then to ask the BOS for approval. Rindler will facilitate this process.

The agenda item concerning feedback from the MA Cultural Council concerning the AIDS Memorial was tabled, as we had no relevant information about this communication.

The group had consensus that our meeting process would be more effective if we had regularly scheduled meetings, with an agenda and all relevant background materials for discussion available in advance of our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian O'Malley MD, acting Clerk

MGL Ch. 41 Sect. 84. *In any town which has accepted section eighty-two or corresponding provisions of earlier laws, no municipal structure shall be erected, and no work of art or ornament or object of utility, except authorized structures of public service corporations and public watering troughs or drinking fountains not constituting works of art or ornament, shall be placed on any public ways or on any public lands other than cemeteries, and no work of art or object of decoration shall be placed in or upon any public or municipal building or be removed, relocated or altered, unless the design thereof or the action to be taken therewith shall have been approved in writing by the art commission, or unless said commission shall have failed to disapprove the same in writing within thirty days after its submission. Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than two hundred dollars.*