

## Historical Commission for the Town of Provincetown

Minutes of the Meeting of Wednesday, May 29 2019;  
Bow Sprit Room, Provincetown Public Library

Attending: Stephen Borkowski, Polly Burnell, Julia Perry, Susan Avellar

Called to Order at 5:07 P.M.

1. There were no Public comments.
2. At this Meeting, the Members continued discussion of matters from the May 1 Meeting:
  - (1) Continued discussion of steps necessary to continue to support the History Project:
    - a. The Chair shared with the Commission her discussions with Amy Raff, Library Director, and David Gardner, Acting Town Manager about establishing a work space in the basement of the Library next to the stacks. Some work has been done but it is still ongoing.
    - b. There was a discussion of the need for a large bed scanner to scan newspaper pages and other large documents.
    - c. Stephen will check with Boston Digital Imaging about creating a scan of the Weir Map.
  - (2) Continued discussion regarding identification and storage of historic artifacts:
    - a. It was expressed that there is a continuing need to discuss the status of the historic benches in Town Hall with the Acting Town Manager. Polly will provide her research on the issue to Julia. At the May 29 Meeting, Polly shared with the group that the same person who funded the Town Hall construction was given the contract to provide seating. As previously discussed, the seating in the Town Hall Auditorium originally had sling seats made of artificial leather. When the fake leather failed, it was temporarily replaced with plywood until an appropriate replacement could be found. That never occurred.
    - b. Amy Raff had asked the Historical Commission to address the need to rewrap the Rose Dorothea sail extending into the Bow Sprit Room. Anika and Susan will address the matter.
    - c. The Commission agreed to the need for a Policy Statement regarding the Maintenance and Use of the Rose Dorothea. Julia presented a draft for comment and revision.
    - d. The Commission agreed to the need for a Policy Statement regarding the Josephine Del Deo Archive Room in the basement of the Library. Julia presented a draft for comment and revision.
    - e. The Commission discussed the need for a corrective sign on the Rose Dorothea monument in front of Town Hall. Adam Levinson was proposed as capable of creating a sign.

f. Stephen Borkowski will discuss with the Library Director and the Acting Town Manager appropriate sites to hang the Quadrant Map (once it is properly restored), the Barnstable Map, and the Nautilus Quilt.

g. There was a question whether the new Restroom signs in Town Hall should have lacquered screws to mimic aging. Anika will discuss with Geoff Semonian, the sign maker.

h. It was decided that there should be a written Policy on Accession/Deaccession of historic artifacts. Julia presented a draft for comment and revision.

3. There was discussion of the need for an article recognizing the role George Bryant played in the restoration of the Bas Relief.

Adjourned at 5:55.