

Bourne Historical Commission  
30 Keene Street, P.O. Box 3131, Bourne, MA 02532  
Regular Meeting  
September 13, 2022

Chairman Carl Georgeson called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Members Present: Deborah M. Burgess, Jean Campbell, Blanche Cody, Carl Georgeson, Neil Langille,  
Mary P. Reid, and Judith Riordan  
Associate Members: Judith House and Toni Dering  
Absent: Karl Spilhaus and Richard Kantor

Demolition Delay Hearings for 52 Baxendale Road, Cataumet; 60 Red Brook Harbor Road, Cataumet, and  
72 Megansett Road, Cataumet were held. Minutes are recorded separately.

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Secretary's Report: August 8, 2022, was accepted as printed.

Unfinished Business

- \* Local Historical Commission News –
  - \* Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument State Restoration Nomination – No further information about the Preservation Awards.
  - \* Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument - Repair of Eagle – Carl Georgeson reported that the quote for \$14,700 for cleaning and restoring the eagle is over \$10,000 and means there would have to be 2 more quotes secured. He got another quote from Royalston Arts Foundry for \$5,000. Quotes under \$10,000 can be accepted without more quotes being secured. He had further discussions with Royalston. It is not recommended to remove the present finish except in places where repairs are needed. Also, Royalston told him that coating the eagle with wax would need to be done every 6 months and they didn't recommend doing so. They will clean and remove white spots and prepare the entire eagle for coats of Incralac. Total price is \$8,400.  
Jean Campbell moved to accept the bid. Judith Riordan seconded. Motion passed on a voice vote unanimously. CPA Funding STM Oct, 2014 – 6315-99-999).
- \* Demolition Delay Public Hearing Schedule – There are no Demolition Delay Hearings scheduled at this time.
- \* National Historic Register Plaques – Installation of plaques for the Town Hall and the Jonathan Bourne Public Library (now the Jonathan Bourne Historical Center) – No further information on when this will be done.
- \* Work Group Reports –
  - \* Buzzards Bay Bank Pediment, Signage, and Main Street History – Richard Kantor could not attend today's meeting. He emailed the revised copy of the signage with the spelling corrected and a magnifying glass indicating the location of the bank building rather than the prior blue arrow. All agreed it was better.
  - \* Demolition Delay Law Review – No report.
  - \* Emergency Demolition Delays – No report.
  - \* Demolition Delay Property Guidelines – Discussion about the need to include with the Building Application information which the Commission needs.
  - \* Demolition Delay 9 Sandwich Road Working Notes – Work is being done to save this building. The Group isn't ready to give details. However, staying in situ or being moved to a new location are possible.
  - \* Hoxie – Overseeing of Historical Restriction dated June 9, 2015 – Carl Georgeson said that the town has started advertising to sell the building. Deborah Burgess reminded everyone that the Historical Restriction remains with the property.
  - \* Historic Survey and National Register – No report.
  - \* Publishing – No report.
  - \* Under-Represented History – Judith Riordan asked for guidance on this new Work Group. Deborah Burgess will email information.
  - \* Website – Slow progress is being made.

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- \* Cape Cod Canal Highway Bridges – No new information at this time. Deborah Burgess read an excerpt from the Barnstable Patriot, 12-29-1919, about work being done in preparation for new bridge. That was 16 years before the present highway bridges were opened.
- \* Historical Center – Restoration of stained glass windows in the reading room and around the entrance door using CPA funds, Article 18, approved at the November 2018 Special Town Meeting. – The Request for Proposals (RFP) is ready. Brianne Van Vorst is working with the town Administrator's Office and Kathleen Thut to have the RFP posted.

#### New Business

- \* Town Hall report – None at this time.
- \* General Operating Concerns –
  - Deborah Burgess had several items to report:
    - \* She suggested that it might be good for members to subscribe to the Preservation Massachusetts website. They are located in Plymouth and may be of help in the future.
    - \* She read from the Barnstable Patriot May 1884 two entries about new office furniture having been received for the town offices and another stating, "The new town of Bourne has at last got established."
    - \* Finally, the date when Town Hall was built has been corrected on the assessors record. Previously, it read that Town Hall was built in 1844 which is before there was a Town of Bourne! It has been corrected to read 1914.
- \* Excused Absences: Karl Spilhaus and Richard Kantor
- \* Next Demolition Delay meeting – None scheduled at this time.
- \* Next regular meeting – October 11, 2022.
- \* Members were reminded to contact the Secretary if they have anything to be included on the next Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Deborah M. Burgess  
Secretary/Treasurer

Attachments:  
Agenda  
Barnstable Patriot Clippings 1884