

**Town of Barnstable
Old King's Highway Historic District**

**MINUTES
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
6:30pm**

To all persons deemed interested or affected by the Town of Barnstable's Old King's Highway Historic District Act under Section 9 of Chapter 470, Acts of 1973 as amended. You are hereby notified that a hearing was held on the following application:

Carrie Bearse	Absent
George Jessop	Present
Bill Mullin	Present
Mary Blair Petiet	Present
Ellen Merritt	Present

Due to the absence of Chair Bearse, a Motion was duly made by Bill Mullin, seconded by Mary Blair Petiet to Appoint George Jessop Temporary Chair for tonight's meeting.

A quorum being met, Chair Jessop called the hearing to order at 6:30pm. The Chair explained the hearing and appeal process and invited the public to address the Committee and view the plans of interest.

CONTINUED APPLICATIONS

St Peter, Stanley, 3715 Main Street, Barnstable, Map 317, Parcel 081

Demolish Existing Garage

(Continued from February 13, 2013)

Represented by Attorney Jeni Landers

Attorney Landers reminded the members that this application originated in October, 2012 for a demolition of a garage that was built in the 1980's and a small portion of this structure extended onto the property located at 3705 Main Street. The abutters were present that night and questioned ownership of the garage. This Committee, at that time, did indicate that there was no historical significance to the garage; however, clear ownership would need to be determined in order for them to approve the demolition. She has received notice from the Courts that this case was dismissed and is now ready to move forward with this application. George Jessop inquired if an opportunity has been given to the abutters to move the garage onto their property and Attorney Landers indicated that there is a new buyer who wishes to proceed and there has been talk of granting an easement to the abutters.

Motion duly made by Bill Mullin, seconded by Mary Blair Petiet to Approve the Certificate of Demolition for Stanley St Peter, 3715 Main Street, Barnstable as Submitted. (Exhibit A)

So Voted Unanimously

NEW APPLICATIONS

NOTE: Bill Mullin recuses himself from the discussion and vote on the following application as he is a direct abutter

Nelson, Mark Edwin & Kapp, Kristie, 307 Willow Street, W. Barnstable, Map 131, Parcel 020

Extend Existing Screen Porch, Add Roof Covering to Side Entrance, Replace Masonry Steps with Wood Frame and Wood Deck

Represented by Mark Nelson and Contractor David Gady

Mr. Gady described the project. There is an existing screened in porch on the rear and they are looking to extend the roof line and enclose the additional space and match up the outer lines of the existing deck. George Jessop confirmed that this would be in lieu of the existing arbor and that this would come down. The second portion of the project is to construct an enclosure/roof covering for the front door which is exposed to the weather. A shed roof is proposed and the roof line will match that on the very front of the house. Lastly, they wish to add steps and a railing on the new entrance enclosure. The railing will be a handrail. The masonry steps will be replaced with wood right over the existing steps.

Motion duly made by Mary Blair Petiet, seconded by Ellen Merritt to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Mark Edwin Nelson & Kristie Kapp at 307 Willow Street, W. Barnstable as Submitted. (Exhibit B)

So Voted Unanimously

NOTE: Bill Mullin returns for the remainder of the Meeting

Brandin, Jan, 54 Scudder Lane, Barnstable, Map 258, Parcel 021

Install Two Skylights

Represented by Victor Wiinikainen

Mr. Wiinikainen stated that the skylights would be located five feet from the gable end and three feet down from the ridge; one opposite the other. They will not be visible from the road.

Motion duly made by Bill Mullin, seconded by Ellen Merritt to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Jan Brandin at 54 Scudder Lane, Barnstable as Submitted. (Exhibit C)

So Voted Unanimously

Schoonmaker, Judith, 393 Old Jail Lane, Barnstable, Map 277, Parcel 033

Install Solar Panels on Roof (Rear Elevation)

Represented by Greg Lagasse, Trinity Solar Co.

Mr. Lagasse informed the Members that the solar panels will not be visible from any vantage point. They will be located on the rear of the house. George Jessop inquired as to why the panels did not extend to the chimney and Mr. Lagasse indicated that it was most likely due to shading issues.

Motion duly made by Mary Blair Petiet, seconded by Bill Mullin to Approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for Judith Schoonmaker at 303 Old Jail Lane, Barnstable as Submitted. (Exhibit D)

So Voted Unanimously

INFORMAL DISCUSSION

MassDOT Highway Division

Sidewalk Reconstruction Along 6A, Hyannis Road to Commerce Road

Although the Old King's Highway does not have jurisdiction for sidewalks, an Informal Discussion has been requested.

No Vote is required, nor will one be taken

Represented by James Greene, MassDOT Highway Division

The Chair recognized a Letter received by Nancy Trafton dated March 11, 2013, which he read into the record.

(Exhibit E). Mr. Greene detailed the project as beginning at the Coast Guard Museum and commencing at Commerce Road. The duration of the project is estimated to take 3-4 weeks and hopefully if they can begin soon it will be completed by Memorial Day. If not, they will put it on hold until after Labor Day. All work is within the State Highway limits and will consist of tree trimming, removal of existing sidewalk materials and upgrade wheelchair ramps. They do not propose to replace granite except at Braggs Lane. They will also upgrade the crosswalks, which Mr. Greene stated that this Committee could determine the color if desired. George Jessop commented that he has always been concerned with granite curbing and Mr. Greene offered to relay this to his supervisors. Ellen Merritt asked if they would be using the old granite curbing and Mr. Greene noted they would extend the existing to match so that they can add the wheelchair ramps. George Jessop stated that he would prefer a slope surface and Mr. Greene noted that they would have to review the property lines and the state highway lines. The existing sidewalk is four feet and the new would be five feet. Ellen Merritt voiced concern for the trees root systems. Members next discussed the options of the crosswalk colors and both Mary Blair Petiet and George Jessop noted that they would prefer the colonial red. Bill Mullin wanted to know about the stone wall between 3610 Main Street and 3620 Main Street and Mr. Greene stated that they will not touch the stone wall. They will only be taking up the sidewalk and simply placing it back down. If the sidewalk is 4 ½ feet now, they will put it back at 4 ½ feet. He volunteered to be at this location when they get to this point in the sidewalk to oversee.

Public comment was made by Terry Reilly who wished to comment that she was concerned that this would set a precedent in other villages and wished to know what percentage of the public is physically impaired and why they need these types of sidewalks. Bill Mullin concluded that if the Old King's Highway does not have jurisdiction, he would suggest any concerned citizen get involved with their Civic Association.

CERTIFICATE OF EXEMPTIONS

Town of Barnstable/US Custom House, 3353 Main Street, Barnstable, Map 299, Parcel 046

Wood Restoration, Painting of Existing Wood Windows and Cast Iron Window Molding, Minor Repointing and Sealing

Motion duly made by Bill Mullin, seconded by Ellen Merritt to Approve the Certificate of Exemption for the Town of Barnstable/US Custom House at 3353 Main Street, Barnstable as Submitted. (Exhibit F)

So Voted Unanimously

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

February 27, 2013

Motion duly made by Mary Blair Petiet, seconded by Bill Mullin to Approve the Minutes of February 27, 2013 as Submitted.

So Voted Unanimously

**Having no further business before this Committee, a motion was made by Bill Mullin, seconded by Mary Blair Petiet to Adjourn the Meeting at 7:50pm.
So Voted Unanimously**

Respectfully submitted,
Marylou Fair
Recording Secretary

Exhibit A – Certificate of Appropriateness – File 317/081 dated 10/24/2012
Exhibit B – Certificate of Appropriateness – File 131/020 dated 3/13/2013
Exhibit C – Certificate of Appropriateness – File 258/021 dated 3/13/2013
Exhibit D – Certificate of Appropriateness – File 277/033 dated 3/13/2013
Exhibit E – Letter from Nancy Trafton – File Route 6A Sidewalks
Exhibit F – Certificate of Exemption – Exemption File 299/046 dated 3/13/2013