

Town of Harwich
HISTORIC DISTRICT AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES
Wednesday March 15, 2023, 6:00pm
Town Hall – Small Hearing Room

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Board Members Present: Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Vice Chairperson Julia Eldredge, Robert Doane, Brendan Lowney, and Lynne Zalesak

Board Members Absent:

Other Attendees: Rachel Lohr Board Secretary

I. CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Maslowski called the meeting into order at 6:00pm.

II. PUBLIC HEARINGS:

HH2023-06: Darrin Tangeman, owner, has applied for a Certificate of Appropriateness to alter a building or structure in the Harwich Center Historic District. Alterations to include trim/siding, doors, and paint color. The subject property is **705 Main Street, Map 40 Parcel Y5. (Continued from February 15, 2023)**

Mr. Darrin Tangeman presented on his own behalf.

Mr. Tangeman presented updated plans to the Board Members, where the egress from the building had been relocated.

Mr. Tangeman gave a brief summary of his application and plans that he submitted to the Commission, and stated the paint color they are choosing is the same as the existing.

Mr. Doane stated he did not oppose the proposed project.

The Board Members agreed with Mr. Doane.

Ms. Zalesak moved to close the public hearing. Seconded by Mr. Doane. Vote unanimously in favor. Motion carries: public hearing closed.

Members of the Board Voting; Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Vice Chairperson Julia Eldredge, Robert Doane, Brendan Lowery, and Lynne Zalesak

Motion: Move to grant the Certificate of Appropriateness to alter a building or structure in the Harwich Center Historic District located at 705 Main Street, Map 40 Parcel Y5.

Mr. Lowney stated he thinks this case should be continued.

Mr. Bustamante made his case for it to be approved at this meeting.

Mr. Doane asked to make replacing the shutters a condition, and then went on to note he wanted to see the color of the shutters before he approves it.

Mr. Bustamante asked the Board if all the shutters were previously removed from the front side.

Mr. Doane stated they had.

The board members discussed the previous color of the shutters, concluding that they had previously been a dark green and then white.

Mr. Bustamante asked if a condition could be black shutters.

Ms. Maslowski stated the board would like to see the window schedule and colors on shutters.

Mr. Bustamante again stated they would be black for shutters, and then went on to explain the grill pattern for the windows had not been discussed since they applied for CONA but, they could come back with window schedule. The members and the applicant then agreed on 2 over 2 for the applied grill pattern.

Ms. Maslowski suggested 5 min recess for the applicant to discuss windows and shutters with client.

Diane Rinkacks abutters to 328 Bank St, stated there are shutters on the side of the building you can't see from the street that are white, and that the front of the building once had a handicap entrance, which plays into parking issue.

Ms. Maslowski explained to the abutter the scope of the Commissions jurisdiction over the project and what they would have a say in, that being aesthetic purposes.

Ms. Eldredge made a motion to hold a 5-minute recess. Mr. Lowney Seconded. Vote unanimously in favor. Motion carries: Meeting adjourned for 5 minutes.

Ms. Maslowski called the meeting into order at 6:39pm.

Mr. Bustamante stated he is replacing like for like, if the board wants to make changes to the grill patterns for the windows then, he would request that would be placed as a condition of approval.

Mr. Bustamante requested the shutters to be black.

Mr. Lowney stated he did not have an issue with windows.

III. PUBLIC MEETING:

A. Approval of Minutes

- Regular meeting of February 15, 2023

Members of the Board Voting; Chairperson Mary Maslowski, Vice Chairperson Julia Eldredge, Brendan Lowery, and Lynne Zalesak

Motion: Move to approve the Meeting Minutes from the regular meeting of February 18, 2023, as printed.

Approved

Motion: Doane **Second:** Zalesack **Vote:** 5-0

B. New Business

1. Discussion of culvert under Punkhorn Rd.

Ms. Zalesack read an email from the Historic Society.

Mr. Doane stated he would like to go look at the bridge/culvert.

The Board agreed, this discussion was continued to the next meeting of May 17, 2023

2. Informal discussion replacement of sign at Exchange Place.

Mr. Doane stated the sign has deteriorated.

Ms. Maslowski asked for comments from the Board.

Ms. Eldredge stated she thought it should be larger.

Ms. Maslowski asked for thoughts on the design.

The Members did not oppose it.

The Board discussed options for the location of the sign.

Ms. Maslowski stated she would get back to the rec department.

-----Forwarded message-----

From: **MSN** <gwbeetham@msn.com>

Date: Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 1:00 PM

Subject: Culvert under Punkhorn Road

To: <Director@harwichhistoricalsociety.org>

Dear Ms. Zahn,

I am writing to you after reading an article in the Cape Cod Chronicle titled "Regional Partnership Seeks To Restore Herring River, Cold Brook" dated March 1, 2023. Here is a link to the article in case you have not read it.
<https://capecodchronicle.com/en/5809/harwich/10028/Regional-Partnership-Seeks-To-Restore-Herring-River-Cold-Brook-Conservation-Waterways-Herring.htm>

The part that concerns me is that the town is apparently considering replacing the "culvert" under Punkhorn Rd. between Hinkley's Pond and Seymour Pond.

That "culvert" is a historical structure in my opinion and that is why I am bringing it to your attention. To my knowledge it was built by Alvin Cahoon back around 1850 when he hand dug the Cahoon Canal which links the two ponds. He did this to help irrigate his cranberry bogs which were the first in Harwich. The bridge has stood the test of time and as I understand, never been altered since he built it. It slightly narrows the path of the canal but does not impede the passage of river herring. Punkhorn Road is a old sand road with limited traffic and I cannot see any need to replace it with a modern culvert.

I would hope that the Harwich Historical Society would have a plan to preserve it. I hope that this historical structure built at the beginning of the cranberry industry in Harwich would not be disposed of.

Gerald Beetham

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