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## HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF MEETING

Date: Wednesday, January 26, 2011 11:30 AM

Place: Orleans Town Hall

Present:

Absent:

James Hadley, Chair  
Richard Besciak  
Catherine Southworth  
Ann Sinclair  
Bonnie Snow  
Sarah Bartholomew  
Dennis Dowd

Sue Christie (Selectmen's liaison to the OHC)

1. Review of previous minutes  
The minutes were reviewed. Catherine Southworth moved and Dennis Dowd seconded a motion to approve the minutes. MOTION PASSED

2. Public Hearing 10 Nichols Road  
Dennis Dowd moved and Richard Besciak seconded a motion to reopen the Public Hearing on the request for demolition of a structure at 10 Nichols Road. MOTION PASSED.

Letters from the owners, Nancy and Alex Gambal, have been received. They authorize Mr. Lamaitre to be their agent. This completes the application. Dennis Dowd moved and Catherine Southworth seconded a motion to declare, in accordance with Chapter 10 of the by-laws of Orleans that the structure at 10 Nichols Road is a preferably preserved building, thereby instituting a demolition delay of twelve months. MOTION PASSED

Richard Besciak moved and Dennis Dowd seconded a motion to close the public hearing. MOTION PASSED.

3. CPC Funding  
Catherine Southworth, the OHC representative to the CPC, presented a group of projects for which the CPC has received funding requests. The Orleans Historical Commission was asked to determine whether these projects are appropriate for funding.

The first project is from the Orleans Historical Society for the preservation of its archives. This is a continuing project. It was noted that this has been funded previously by the CPC, and that the OHC had previously found the archival preservation to be an appropriate use of CPC funding for historical projects. It was then moved by Sarah Bartholomew and seconded by Ann Sinclair that this project is appropriate for funding. MOTION PASSED.

The Commission next reviewed an additional project from the Orleans Historical Society for a land and septic survey. The OHS meetinghouse building is on the National Register of Historic Places. It was moved by Dennis Dowd and seconded by Richard Besciak that this project is appropriate for funding. MOTION PASSED.

The Snow Library has requested funds to digitize past issues of the Cape Codder newspaper. The entire project will cost \$65,000. The Library will release \$17,000 from the Cummings Trust fund and has applied for two grants as well as CPC money. There was concern that there is an overlap with the request from the Historical Society which was going to digitize only some of the Cape Codder newspapers. Bonnie Snow moved and Dennis Dowd seconded a motion to reaffirm our stance that preservation of records should receive CPC funding. MOTION PASSED.

Sea Call farm has asked for money to restore the pasture. It is currently filled with invasive species. Burning the meadow has been tried unsuccessfully. The method proposed is to kill the present vegetation and replant with an appropriate seed mix. The Sea Call Farm property is on the National Register of Historic Places. Dennis Dowd moved and Richard Besciak seconded a motion that this project is appropriate for funding. MOTION PASSED

4. Discussion of the draft memo to the Planning Board

Sarah Bartholomew presented her draft memo to John Fallender and the Orleans Planning Board regarding a subdivision plan that had been approved by the Planning Board showing the new demising property line passing through an historic house. There was discussion of the wording. Sarah will revise the letter and ask that we be put on the Planning Board agenda towards the end of February so that we can discuss the process to be followed when there is an historic house on a property to be subdivided.

5. New Business

Bonnie Snow brought up an article in the Cape Codder telling how Harwich is moving toward a two year demo delay. There was a discussion. The Commission thinks the demo permit itself should have a 12 month time limit. We will put something on the Town Warrant to that effect.

Bonnie also brought up the proposed Main Street Historic District. There was discussion, regarding finding someone was willing to take the project over.

Copies to: OHC, Selectmen, Town Mgr. Building Dept., Charles Lemaitre

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**Board of Assessors Meeting .....January 26, 2011 ..... 4:30PM**

Present: Tim Brady, Cynthia Eagar, board and Ken Hull, Assessor

The following documents were sign and approved by the board:

- 18 West Rd Unit 203 granted Blind exemption \$500.00
- 125 Rock Harbor Rd granted Deferral
- Motor Vehicle Excise Abatements
- Boat Excise Abatements
- Motor Vehicle Excise Commitment

The following Re Abatement requests were reviewed by the board:

**29-17 – 15 High St – Charm.... Offer abate to \$1,001,200 Unanimous**  
**29-89 – 187 Beach Rd – Hickman .... Offer abate to \$730,900 Unanimous**  
**30-72 – 207 Beach Rd – Boardman .... Deny Unanimous**  
**44-97 – 7 Blossom Ln – Bourque .... Offer abate to \$1,909,900 Unanimous**  
**56-4 – 32 Jack Knife Rd – Langley .... Deny Unanimous**  
**57-30 – 3 Payson Ln – Robert .... Need more time to review, hold**  
**34-10 – 33 Cove Rd – Pike .... Deny Unanimous**  
**26-56 – 23 Cottage St – Viet ..... Offer abate to \$363,700 Unanimous**  
**33-54-65 – 55 Old Colony Wy – Cummings..... Deny Unanimous**  
**33-28-1002 – 45 West Rd – Kirk..... Deny Unanimous**

Next meeting February 2, 2011 @ 4:30pm

Adjourned @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Micah J. Gilmore, Recording Secretary