

In accordance with Article 16th
in the Warrant issued by the Selectmen
of Provincetown January 19th 1884. calling
the Annual Town Meeting at Masonic Hall
in said Provincetown February 11th 1884.
which reads as follows.

"To see if the Town will appoint a Committee
to consider the advisability of procuring a lot
of land and erecting thereon a new Town Hall,
said Committee to report at the next Annual Meeting"

The following named persons were appointed
as that Committee

James Gifford
Lyander N. Paine
Marshall L. Adams
William Matheson
Samuel S. Swift
Henry Cook
George O. Knowles
James A. Small
Stephen T. Nickerson
William A. Atkins.

Providence March 1st 1884

The committee appointed at the last Annual Town meeting to take into consideration the advisability of procuring a lot of land and erecting Tom Hall
do. met at the office of Mr James Gifford at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ ^{o'clock} P.M.
The following named, members of the Committee present. James Gifford, Henry Cook, William A. Atkins, Lyander N. Paine, M. L. Adams, Samuel S. Swift, and James A. Small. The meeting was called to order at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P.M. by Mr James Gifford

A permanent organization of the Committee was effected by choice of James Gifford as chairman and James A. Small Secretary

on Motion of Mr. Paine it was deemed advisable to purchase a suitable lot for the erection of a Tom Hall

on motion of Mr Paine a subcommittee of three was appointed to view suitable sites for a Tom Hall and report at an adjourned meeting of the Committee as follows. W. A. Atkins L. N. Paine & S. Swift

It was voted that the committee as a whole examine at every opportunity, Tom Halls at such places as it shall be the fortune of the Committee to be in and report at an adjourned meeting of the Committee
meeting adjourned until to the 13th day of June 1884. at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock P.M. at the office of James Gifford

James A. Small
Secretary,

Provincetown June 13th 1884

A meeting of the Committee was held at the office of the Chairman Mr James Gifford and called to order by the chair at 3 1/2 o'clock P.M. Members of the Committee present Messrs James Gifford, Henry Cook, William A. Atkins, L. A. Paine, George O. Knowles, and James A. Small. Records of last meeting of the Committee read and approved.

Mr L. A. Paine of the subcommittee appointed to view suitable building lots, reported that they had examined lots at follows. Pilgrim House Estate and the Ryder Estate, but made no recommendations, and no action was taken on their report. but they were instructed by the Committee to ascertain if the Ryder Estate could be bought, and at what price, also such other estates as they may deem advisable and report at a future meeting of the Committee. On motion of Mr Atkins a subcommittee of two was appointed to visit and examine two Hulls recently built in the state and report particulars of cost of construction, style, capacity &c. Mr George O. Knowles and James A. Small were appointed that Committee.

Adjourned subject to the call of the subcommittee and the Secretary

James A. Small
Secretary

Provincetown July 26. 1884

A meeting of the Committee was held at the Office of Mr James Gifford and called to order at 7 1/2 O'clock by the chairman members of the Committee present. James Gifford Henry Cook, M L Adams Mrs Matheson. Geo C. Knowles. S. S. Swift and James A. Small

A Letter received by the sub Committee, was read from Dr. W. H. Ryder in regard to the Ryder Estate.

Mr. Paine of the subcommittee was by vote instructed to answer the letter and express the appreciation of the committee for his generous proposition. Mr. Paine was also instructed to continue negotiations with the Widow Ryder in regard to purchase or removal of the Ryder Block & C

Committee then adjourned subject to the call of the Secy Secretary
James A. Small
Secretary

Prommelton Sept 25th 1881
A special meeting of the committee
was held at the town rooms over the
Post Office. Mr. L. A. Paine of the
committee presided. Rev. Dr. William
H. Ryder was present. from Chicago
and explained the terms of the proposition
contained in his communication to
the committee of date July 14th 1881
He also supplemented his proposition
contained in said communication
with the proposition to pay five hundred
dollars toward the land on which the
Ryder Block now stands and also five
hundred dollar additional to be devoted
toward the purchase of the Ryder Block

James A. Small
Secretary

Provincetown Dec. 16. 1884

A meeting of the Committee on Town Hall was held at Tom Rooms over the Post Office at 7 1/2 O'clock, the Chairman Mr James Gifford presided.

Records of last meeting were read and approved.

On motion Mr. L. St Paine it was voted that the Committee recommend in their report the purchase the Ryder estate in accordance with the terms submitted by Rev Dr Ryder.

and as far as the building of a Town Hall was concerned that the building be postponed, and the matter be referred to a new Committee to be appointed.

Mr Knowles of the subcommittee appointed June 13th to visit Town Hall recently constructed, and report thereon reported that they had visited Mansfield and Canton and reported the model of the Mansfield Hall as the most desirable building for us.

Report accepted -

Meeting adjourned Subject to the call of the Chairman and Secretary

James A Small
Secretary

Provincetown January 3 1885

A meeting of the Committee was held 7 P.M.
at the Office of the Chairman Mr James
Gifford records of last meeting read and
approved

Report drafted by the Chairman Mr
James Gifford to be submitted to the
Town was read and adopted by
unanimous vote of the Committee
on ^{motion of} Mr M L Adams ^{Sec} was instructed
to send copy of the Town report as soon
as issued to Rev. Dr. Ryder. of Chicago
meeting dissolved

Committee present

James Gifford

Henry Cook

Wm Matheson

William A. Atkins

Geo O Knowles

L. St Paine

M. L. Adams

James A. Small

James A. Small
Secretary

Prometown Feb 5 1885

A Special meeting of the Town Hall
Committee was held at the Office of the
Chairman Mr. James Gifford at 2 O'clock
P.M. meeting called to order by the Chairman
Members present. James Gifford William A
Atkins Alexander N. Paine. George O. Knowles
W. L. Adams William Matheson and James
A. Small

A proposition to amend the report submitted
to the town by the committee, by recommending
the purchase of the Joshua F. Dyer Estate
and the Delia A. Mills Estate if satisfactory terms
can be arranged was adopted.

Adjourned

James A. Small
Secretary