

DEMOLITION OF
ATLANTIC COAST FISHERIES PLANT

1974-75



BUILDING INSPECTOR
PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

November 20, 1974

Live Fish Company
Eleventh & Smallman Streets
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222

Attention: Mr. Joseph Beckoff

Gentlemen:

An inspection team has completed its examination of the buildings known as the Atlantic Coast Fisheries plant at the west end of Provincetown, 127 Commercial Street, in accordance with Town By-Laws (Article XI, Section 8B).

The consensus of the inspection team is that the buildings are: 1. A health hazard, 2. a fire hazard, 3. an attractive nuisance, 4. structurally unsound.

It is my duty to inform you that you have sixty (60) days in which to raze these buildings or to suitably rehabilitate as follows:

1. To take immediate effect a roving guard to be placed on the property to physically inspect each building every hour twenty four hours a day seven days a week. A telephone call to be made to the Provincetown Police upon notice of any trespass.
2. All debris must be taken from the area to provide access for emergency equipment.
3. The east side of the main building must be made structually sound so as to prevent further collapse.
4. All holes, doors, windows and any other potential entrances to the buildings must be securely locked and/or boarded up so as to prevent access by unauthorized people.

Enclosed are copies of the inspection reports and the pertinent Town By-Laws. I expect that the spirit of grave displeasure and concern that the Town takes at the apparent previous indifference of your company to the alarming hazard which your building has become to our community is evident, and hope further action will not be necessary.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Wilkins
Building Inspector

cc: Board of Selectmen
Town Manager
Planning Board
Fire Chief
Health Inspector

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BUILDING INSPECTOR
PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

November 7, 1974

The Reverend John Perry
Chairman
The Planning Board
11 Prince Street
Provincetown, Mass. 02657

Dear Members:

After a detailed inspection of the west end cold storage (Atlantic Coast Fisheries, 127 Commercial Street) I have found it unsafe and extremely hazardous to the public health, safety, morals and general welfare of the Town of Provincetown.

- 1 - The east side of the main building which collapsed on the 1st of September has left the already rapidly deteriorating building exposed to the elements. A substantial wind storm could cause more collapse.
- 2 - The debris from the collapsed portion has created a fire hazard in ~~as~~ as much as the highly combustible materials would block fire and rescue operations from the east side of the building.
- 3 - The abandoned buildings are particularly attractive to vagrants and youngsters in the community which creates a unique health and fire hazard.

It is my recommendation that the main building and the building on the pier be razed.

Sincerely,

Robert D. Wilkins
Building Inspector

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cc: Board of Selectmen
Town Manager
Fire Chief
Board of Health

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BUILDING INSPECTOR
PROVINCETOWN, MASS.

August 6, 1974

The Planning Board
Provincetown, Mass. 02697

Dear Members of the Board:

I have inspected the Atlantic Coast Fisheries storage building and the building on the pier at 127 Commercial Street. I found both buildings to be unsound and unsafe for use.

I would expect the Planning Board to take immediate action concerning this in accordance with Article XI of the Building Code.

Sincerely,

Robert U. Wilkins
Building Inspector

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cc: Town Manager























