

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TOWN CLERK
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DUXBURY, MASS.

Minutes: January 19, 2022

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Ed Mayo, Vice-Chair, Chris Andrew, Andrew Burns, Michael Carlson, and Arthur Evans.

Note: the numbering below is chronological and may not correspond to agenda item numbering.

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom. Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and confirmed that members present could be heard by calling for a roll call. He then read the following preamble:

"Pursuant to Governor Baker's Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 dated June 16, 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency regarding suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, the Town of Duxbury's Board and/or Committee meetings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible with members. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so by following the ZOOM meeting links."

The meeting was convened via Zoom video conference and recorded. The recording is available via video on-demand on PACT's website.

1. **Open Forum.** It was noted that Sheila Lynch-Benttinen submitted her resignation from the Commission. Everyone joined in thanking her for her four years of service, and all look forward to following her continued work with archaeological research in Town
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the Jan. 5, 2022, meeting were approved by a 6-0 vote. The Clerk will circulate a list of demolition delays imposed over the past three years.
3. **New Demolition Delay Applications:** None
4. **761 Temple Street, Issac Simmons Farm: Preservation Restriction Discussion.** The Chair led this discussion, and advised commissioners that according to Town Counsel, the HC, and not the LHDC, is the body legally empowered to hold a preservation restriction on this, or any other historic property owned by the Town. A preservation restriction may be placed on the house concurrently with a conservation restriction on the land. The Chair then shared sample preservation restrictions from Boxborough and West Springfield along with the template of a conservation restriction provided by Pat Loring of the Open Space Committee. After these were discussed at some length, the Chair asked commissioners to consider what basic items of the property need to be protected and included in a preservation restriction. The goal is to provide a reasonable agreement that makes sense to all parties concerned.
5. **New Commissioner Search. CPC Update.** Candidate Gary Powell attended the meeting and outlined reasons for his interest in serving on the Commission. He is a retired 40+ year resident of Duxbury, interested in the Town's history, and very familiar with the historic Peabody-Bradford House in Kingston that had been owned by his parents for many years. He winters in Florida for four months of the year, but is otherwise available for walkarounds, etc. The Chair thanked him for his interest and mentioned there are other candidates to be interviewed before a decision is made.
6. **CPC.** The last scheduled meeting was cancelled.

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6. **LHDC.** Continues to work on developing material to present to the Town Meeting in March. A public hearing on including 761 Temple Street in a LHDC has yet to be scheduled.

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7. **MHC Spring Workshops.** The Chair advised that recording tickets for these sessions will be available for those who were not able to attend the remote sessions. More info to follow.

8. **Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:10 PM. All agreed.

New Materials Received:

1. Email dated Jan. 11, 2022, from Sheila Lynch-Benttinen to Tag Carpenter re: her resignation from the Commission.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk