

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved Feb. 17, 2021

Minutes: January 20, 2021

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Nicole Walters, Vice Chair, Arthur Evans, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen, and Ed Mayo. Chris Andrew and Dante Iannazzo were absent.

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM and confirmed that members present could be heard by mentioning their name and receiving an affirmative response. He then read the following preamble:

"This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order, which you can find posted on our agenda, allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. For public access please email at DuxHistoricalCom@gmail.com or call in at 1-929-436-2866 for questions or comments.

This meeting is convening via Zoom video conference and is being recorded. The recording will be made available via video on-demand on PACTV's website."

1. Open Forum. Nothing reported.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the Jan. 6, 2021 meeting were approved as written by a 5-0 vote.

3. New Demolition Delay Applications:

a. *256 King Caesar Road, the Clairborn D. Garret House, 1911 (DUX 638). Partial demolition/addition.* Kevin Dahlen, contractor, represented the owners. Demolition involves removing a small garage and replacing it with a larger structure to include garage, master suite, and storage space. Main house stays as is. A motion made and seconded that because the proposed demolition is minimal and does not affect the historic part of the house, the application does not meet the requirements of the demolition delay bylaw. Passed 5-0.

b. *51 Upland Road.* Owner Theodore Schiavoni and former DHC Chair Terry Vose participated. History of this house is vague. It is thought to have been a barn for a home on King Caesar Rd when Upland Rd. was known as Doll House Rd. in the early 20th century, was moved at least once, and converted to a home in about 1950. Present owners propose to replace an existing porch with a two story addition and change the roof line of the main house. The house is not in the MACRIS inventory of historic homes, nor does it have a date board. A motion made and seconded the house at 51 Upland Road meets at least one criteria of the bylaw as a regulated structure was defeated 0 – 5, allowing renovations to proceed

4. Demolition Delays in Effect

a. *184 Marshall Street, expires Feb 6, 2021.* Nothing new.

b. *313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021.* Alternatives meeting to be set up this month.

c. *260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* There still has been no reply to the letter sent in December following up on the alternatives meeting with the owners in late August.

d. *57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021.* Owners have been in touch with Anne Marie Shea of Bay Rd. who is interested in having the historic part of the house moved to her property. Kevin Dahlen of Dahlen Construction has been involved with similar projects and expressed an interest in possibly overseeing the relocation of this home. He suggested the project would require an estimate of demolition costs, of moving the house - possibly by barge, pouring a new foundation, and completing a build-out before he could make a definite commitment to being involved. Mr. Carpenter proposed he arrange a Zoom meeting to include the owners, Ms. Shea, Mr. Dahlen, and one or two members of the Historical Commission as follow-up. All agreed.

5. Administration

a. Town History for DHC website. The contract proposal for this project from writer Erin Brenner received a cool reception from the Town Manager, who thought it was not a good investment of funds when the Town is dealing with a very tight budget situation for FY22 and there are local individuals who could write such a history. It was decided not to hire an outside writer as a result. Rather than drop the project, Mr. Carpenter volunteered to try his hand at preparing this.

b. Preservation Award. The list of candidates for this award will now be circulated to commissioners by the end of January, with a decision made at the February 4 meeting. The awards ceremony will then be held remotely later that month.

c. Mr. Carpenter will circulate suggested revisions to the "Applicants Guide to the Historic Structure Demolition Application" for discussion at the next meeting.

6. CPC Update. Nothing new reported.

7. LHDC Update. Plans for the renovation 47 Surplus Street were reported to have been approved. The current status of 761 Temple Street remains an open question.

8. National Register Applications for Old Town Hall and Myles Standish Homestead Park. Commissioners thanked Mr. Vose for his part in preparing these applications as noted in an article in the Jan. 20 edition of the *Duxbury Clipper*.

9. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 7:56 PM. The Commission will meet again Feb. 4.

New Materials Received:

1. Complete demolition application dated Jan. 6, 2021 for 256 King Caesar Road.
2. Complete demolition application dated Jan. 6, 2021 for 51 Upland Road.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk