

TOWN CLERK

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

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DUXBURY, MASS.

Minutes: February 16, 2022

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Ed Mayo, Vice-Chair, Chris Andrew, Andrew Burns, Michel Carlson, Arthur Evans, and Brendan Wall (appointed, but not yet sworn in)

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 7:02 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.** Nothing discussed.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the Feb. 2, 2022, meeting were approved by a 6-0 vote.
3. **New Demolition Delay Applications:**
 - a. *42 Josselyn Ave., ca. 1930. Partial demolition; addition*
Structure is a 4 square house built in 1930 that has been modified by several additions and renovations since then. New owners intend to remove existing roof and side porch from the original house, install proper foundations, then rebuild these to span over the new floor area. Extension of living area at rear of the house is not antique and will be demolished and rebuilt. The structure is one of at least three 4 square houses in the neighborhood, only one of which remains in its original condition. Commissioners discussed the significance of 4 square houses in town, most of which have been extensively renovated, like this one. A motion was made and seconded the house at 42 Josselyn Ave. does not meet the criteria of the demolition delay bylaw and should not be considered a regulated structure. Passed 6-0.
4. **Town Meeting Articles.** The Chair noted three articles in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting March 12 are relevant to the Historical Commission: Article 21: Dedication of the Issac Simmons Farm; Article 28: Proposal for a Keene's Brook Historic District; Article 29: Proposal for a Temple Street Historic District. The Warrant is not yet available, but information about the last two of these articles can be found on the LHDC website. There is no known opposition to any of the articles, and commissioners were encouraged to attend the ATM and ask others to vote in favor of them.
4. **761 Temple Street, Issac Simmons Farm: Preservation Restriction.** Town Counsel has reviewed the draft preservation and conservation restriction document discussed at the last meeting and suggested many revisions to make this as strong as possible. The Chair shared the marked copy of the document online at the meeting, calling attention to these revisions. In order that commissioners could review this in

more detail, the Chair will circulate the marked up copy of the document along with a revised version that incorporates Town Counsel's revisions. Commissioners were asked to review this and send any comments they might have about it directly to the Chair prior to the next meeting.

5. Historical Commission Preservation Programs. In an email sent prior to the meeting, the Chair proposed a discussion of an organization plan for calendar 2022 that arranges the activities of the HC into five programs: 1) Demolition Delay Program; 2) National Register of Historic Places Program; 3) Local Historic District Recruitment Program; 4) Customer Communications Program; 5) Preservation Easement Program. The first four activities are in place, and only the Preservation Easement Program - brought about by the involvement of the HC as the legal entity in town responsible for preservation restrictions in general and the one being proposed for 761 Temple St. - is new. Commissioners were asked to consider the proposal and select one or more of the programs in which they might want to be involved, either as a chair, or an assistant chair/clerk. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. CPC Update. Nothing new; there will be one Article in the Town Warrant to support conversion of a tennis court behind the library to a pickle ball court.

7. LHDC Update. The need for a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the HC and LHDC to clearly define responsibilities for future management of 761 Temple Street was noted.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:12 PM. All agreed.

New Materials Received:

1. Complete Historic Structure Demolition Application dated Feb. 7, 2022, for 42 Josselyn Ave.
2. Email dated Feb. 15, 2022, from Tag Carpenter re: HC Programs Synopsis

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk