

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MARCH 3, 2021

Minutes: February 17, 2021

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Nicole Walters, Vice Chair, Arthur Evans and Sheila Lynch-Benttinen. Chris Andrew, Ed Mayo 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 7:05 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. The Commission acknowledged receipt of a Public Hearing Notice issued by the Planning Board for a hearing on February 22. This is a citizen's petition for an Article to be presented at the 2021 ATM to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Article 905.2. The Commission was in favor of the Article.

The Commission agreed to commend the DRHS for its preparation and placement of 16 "You Are Here" notices around town highlighting points of historic interest. Ms. Lynch-Benttinen will follow up with an email to the DRHS.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the Jan. 20, 2021 meeting were approved as written by a 4-0 vote.

3. New Demolition Delay Applications: None

4. Demolition Delays in Effect

a. *184 Marshall Street, expired Feb 6, 2021.* Although this demo delay has expired, Commissioners wanted to hear from Ed Mayo, DHC contact person on this application, for any recent news he might have about the intent of the owners to relocate the structure.

b. *313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021.* Mr. Carpenter will contact the owners for an update on their renovation plans.

c. *260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* Still 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.* Patrick Shea and his wife, son and daughter-in-law of Anne Marie Shea of Bay Rd. who is interested in having the historic part of the house moved to her property, participated. They have submitted bid requests to five firms that move houses; two have replied

as being not interested and three are pending. Replies are expected by the end of March/early April. It was confirmed that while the owners of 57 Shipyard are offering the structure for free, they will not accept any further expenses involved in relocating it: liability insurance, etc. Further, if the house is not moved by the end of the demo delay period they intend to demolish it. The Shea's will update the Commission on the status of their efforts to find a firm to move the house in two weeks, and provide further follow-up after that. The Shea's were also interested in other historic structures that may be available for moving; 184 Marshall Street was mentioned as one current possibility.

5. Administration

- a. Preservation Award. The list of candidates for the award and a draft of the certificate were circulated to commissioners immediately before the meeting. Rather than have a public discussion of these, commissioners agreed to communicate with Ms. Lynch-Benttinen by email with their reactions and suggestions before the next DHC meeting March 3rd. An awards ceremony will be held remotely later that month.
- b. Mr. Carpenter will circulate suggested revisions to the "Applicants Guide to the Historic Structure Demolition Application" for discussion at the next meeting.
- c. Revised Town History for DHC website. The Chair is working on a draft of this.

6. CPC Update.

- a. 761 Temple Street. The CPC is to meet with the Affordable Housing Trust to determine which part(s) of this property should be allocated to the Trust. Mr. Carpenter has received copy of an affidavit to begin the process of placing 761 Temple St. in a Local Historic District.

7. LHDC Update. See above for note on 761 Temple Street.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:05 PM. The Commission will meet again March 3.

New Materials Received:

1. Public Hearing Notice, Duxbury Planning Board, for Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk