

Minutes: March 1, 2017

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose III, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Mark Barry, Molly Curtin, Arthur Evans and Nicole Walters.

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Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. **Open Forum.** No discussion
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the February 15, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **Open Hearing:** *93 Abrams Hill, ca. 1879-1890, Total Demolition.*

Mr. Vose opened the hearing. The public notice that appeared in the Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 and editions of the *Duxbury Clipper* was read. Peter and Meredith Murphy, owners, were present along with six abutters. David Corey, resident, summarized a ten page history of the property he prepared and encouraged the owners to consider preservation rather than demolition. Reaction among abutters was mixed, with half favoring preservation and half allowing demolition. Options for preservation proposed by Mr. Corey were to save the house as is, move it to a new location, incorporate it into the new house to be built, incorporate it into the site plan by preserving the house and building a separate new structure. Because the demolition delay bylaw stipulates that a vote on a public hearing matter be taken "not less than ten days" following a hearing, the matter was deferred to the March 15 DHC meeting. Mr. Vose thanked all participants for their comments and closed the hearing.

4. **Other Demolition Applications**

a. *106 Powder Point Ave., Thomas Soule II Stable and Dovecote, ca. 1840. Complete Demolition.* Because this structure is in a serious state of disrepair, the owner proposes to demolish two additions to it, then dismantle and relocate the main building to another location. Commissioners agreed the building fails to meet the criteria of the bylaw, and voted unanimously to allow its demolition.

b. *54 Chapel Street, ca. 1930. Complete Demolition.* Owner proposes to demolish two small cottages, one of which has been unoccupied for several years. Because the complete application was received only on the day of this meeting, there has not been a walkaround. This was scheduled for Mar. 3, and the matter deferred to the March 15 meeting.

4. **Duxbury Clipper Invoice.** Unanimously agreed to approve payment of the bill dated Jan. 31, 2017 to the *Duxbury Clipper*.

5. Discussion: Combine the Historical Commission and the Local Historic District Commission.

Brief discussion about the suggestion to combine the Local Historic District Commission and possibly the Design Review Board with the DHC. Commissioners were skeptical that a combination of these boards could ever be possible because of the legal work involved to rewrite the bylaws involved, but agreed to cooperate and coordinate historic preservation efforts with them.

7. Adjournment. Unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:32PM.

New Items Received.

1. 14 page document dated February 2017 by David Corey titled "Comments on the Historic Structure Demolition Application, 93 Abrams Hill Road."
2. Historic Structure Demolition Application for 54 Chapel Street. dated Feb. 24, 2017
3. Duxbury Clipper invoice dated Jan. 31., 2017.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk