

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved April 7, 2021

Minutes: March 3, 2021

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

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:07 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."

A roll call vote taken on a motion to open an Executive Session to discuss Preservation Award Nominations passed by a 4-0 vote. After 45 minutes the Executive Session was closed and the main meeting reopened.

1. Open Forum.

- Re: preservation of 339 Powder Point Ave. The house has been successfully lowered onto its new foundation; the garage/barn has now been raised awaiting a new foundation.
- Re: Proposed Village at Harlow Brook 40B development off Temple Street. The Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on this proposal Thursday, March 11, 2021. Forty units are involved including ten affordable homes.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the Feb. 17, 2021 meeting were approved as written by a 4-0 vote.

3. New Demolition Delay Applications: Receipt of an application dated March 3 for 106 Powder Point Ave. was acknowledged and will be discussed at the March 17 meeting. A walkaround was tentatively scheduled for March 9 and will be confirmed later.

4. Demolition Delays in Effect

a. *184 Marshall Street, expired Feb 6, 2021.* Commissioners still want to hear from Ed Mayo, DHC contact person on this application, for any recent news he might have about relocating this structure. In an email to the Chair, Ms. Leanne Brooks expressed an interest in the house and said she has been in touch with the owner, Eric Pontiff. Her opinion was that he is still undecided about what to do with it.

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. Nothing new to report.

d. 57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021. Patrick Shea and Leanne Brooks report the Shea family is still interested in the house and continue to consider ways of having it moved to a new location. They have been in touch with five moving firms and are still waiting for replies from three of them, including Sylvester Moving, which seems to be their best option. They asked if the Commission knew of any other recent projects involving moving an historical house over water. The Clerk will post this question on the MassHistPress listserv. A further update is scheduled for the week of March 15.

5. Administration

a. Preservation Award. Discussed in Executive session. Ceremony will be held remotely sometime in the second quarter of the year, likely April or May. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

b. Mr. Carpenter circulated proposed revisions to the “Applicants Guide to the Historic Structure Demolition Application” prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the revisions passed by a 4-0 vote; Municipal Services will be informed.

c. Revised Town History for DHC website. Nothing new reported.

d. Process Guide. Deferred to next meeting.

6. CPC Update.

a. 761 Temple Street. The CPC met in an Executive Session to discuss which part(s) of the property should be allocated to the Affordable Housing Trust. The age of the house is still in question. Tony Kelso, Town Historian, allowed the historic landscape would be preserved, and suggested Historic New England as a source for dating houses. Commissioner Lynch-Benttinen referred to emails she previously shared with Commission members about the Boston Dendrochronology Project as a possible way to date historic buildings. The time frame and potential cost of these projects is a concern.

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

8. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:30PM. The Commission will meet again March 17.

New Materials Received:

1. Email dated March 2, 2021 from Leanne Brooks to Tag Carpenter re: 57 Shipyard Lane.
2. Demolition Application dated March 3, 2021 for 106 Powder Point Avenue.
3. Email from Commissioner Lynch-Benttinen dated 2/23/2021 to the DHC re: resources for dating older homes and forwarding court documentation for 761 Temple St.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk