

**DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

TOWN CLERK  
**APPROVED APRIL 6, 2022 9:54**

**Minutes: March 16, 2022**

**DUXBURY, MASS.**

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Ed Mayo, Vice-Chair, Chris Andrew, Brendan Wall, Michel Carlson, and Arthur Evans. Andrew Burns was absent.

*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 7:03 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.

**1. Open Forum.** Article 28 and Article 29 presented at the annual Town Meeting March 12 creating a Keene's Brook Local Historic District and a Temple Street Local Historic District were approved.

**2. Minutes.** Corrections to the draft minutes of the March 2, 2022 meeting were noted; a revised draft will be circulated and considered at the April 6 meeting.

**3. New Demolition Delay Applications:**

a. *87 Gurnet Road, (DUX 564), 1925, Total demolition.* Structure is one of 15 summer homes known collectively as Webster Island (DUX H) on MACRIS. No detailed description is given. New owner Robert Weintraub, his attorney Steven Guard, and contractor Kerri Johnson participated. Mr. Weintraub introduced Mr. Guard, who, after stating the criteria of the demo delay bylaw, concluded 87 Gurnet Road does not meet any of them so demolition should be allowed. The issue of what sentimental value the house might have to the town as part of the Webster Island group was mentioned but not acted on. Ms. Johnson said the structural condition of the house was poor at best and beyond renovation. After further discussion a motion was made and seconded the house at 87 Gurnet Rd. did not meet the demo delay bylaw criteria as a regulated structure. Passed 5-0. Demolition allowed.

**4. 761 Temple Street, Issac Simmons Farm**

a. *Preservation Restriction.* The draft document circulated to commissioners March 9 has been sent to Historic New England for comment and the Massachusetts Historical Commission for preliminary review. The Harrington Working Group has finished their work on this. Municipal Services will be involved with enforcing the restriction, and the Chair will meet with Jim Wasilewski, Building Inspector, to discuss this further. Commissioner Burns will also be involved.

The Chair asked for opinions on whether to hold a public hearing on the document. Reaction to this was mixed; it was agreed the RFP should be in hand before reaching a decision. Re: the RFP - Joe Grady is to get an appraisal on the land portion of the property, and the Chair will meet with Town Council about

preparing the RFP. When available and reviewed it will then be distributed to mandatory lists for RFP's, listings of antique homes, etc.

**5. Historical Commission Preservation Programs.** The organization plan presented at the Feb. 16 meeting to divide work of the commission into five programs was discussed to pair volunteers with each effort. In summary: (1) the demolition delay program is largely ongoing with all commissioners participating. (2) the National Register of Historic Places: Mr. Evans reported that recommendations for listings in the NRHP are in each of the three town wide community surveys prepared in 2001, 2002, and 2004. He will work with Commissioner Wall to bring a summary these reports of these to the commission by the end of April. (3) Local Historic District Recruitment Program: The Chair and Commissioner Mayo are involved. (4) Preservation Easement Program: A new effort; the Chair and Commissioner Burns will follow-up. (5) Customer Communications Program: Not discussed in detail except to note the Open Meeting Law requires that only one or two persons can be involved standing committee.

**6. CPC Update.** As noted in the Open Forum, item 1. above.

**7. LHDC Update.** No recent contact.

**8. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 7:57 PM. All agreed.

New Materials Received:

1. Completed Historic Structure Demolition Application dated March 2, 2022 for 87 Gurnet Rd.

*Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*