

## DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved April 7, 2021

Minutes: March 17, 2021

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

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:02 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](mailto: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.

- Acknowledged receipt of postcard from Martin Dudek, Regional Director of Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc. a firm that specializes in cultural resource management. No action taken.
- The DRHS is preparing to present its preservation plan to the Town.

### 2. Minutes. Discussion deferred until later in the meeting.

### 3. New Demolition Delay Applications:

a. 106 Powder Point Avenue, Thomas Soule II House (DUX 653), partial demolition/addition. Contractor Nate Popoloski participated. Plan is to add 16' x 30' two story addition with roof deck to east side of main house. Dormer door to roof deck constructed in 2020. Commissioners' views varied: proposed revisions were in keeping with the historic nature of the house, demolition would be minimal, damage to original design of the house was done in previous renovations, the house is historic on its own and in relation to two abutting houses. A motion the structure is historically significant, so a public hearing should be held passed by a 6-0 vote. Hearing scheduled for April 7 meeting.

b. 63 Chestnut Street shed. No application received; it was sufficient the HC was notified of demolition by the Building Department. A motion to waive the need for an application passed 6-0.

### 4. Demolition Delays in Effect

a. 313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021. No contact with owners.

b. 57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021. Waiting to hear further from Patrick Shea and Leanne Brooks about their interest in relocating the house. Moving it by barge remains a possible, but maybe not a feasible option. Owners, the Hadleys, intend to demolish at the end of the demo expiration period leaving little time for further negotiations and underscored the importance of setting deadlines for

action. Mr. Mayo offered that a possible location for moving the house may be a peninsula off Marshall Street; he will follow-up and report back at the April 7 meeting. There is no other “Plan B.” for saving this historic structure.

c. *184 Marshall Street, expired Feb 6, 2021.* Mr. Mayo reported the owner, Eric Pontiff, is still uncertain about what to do with this house. He has been in contact with the Shea’s about moving it.

d . *761 Temple Street, expired Oct. 1, 2020.* House is not empty and littered with tools, books, clothes, etc. Ms. Lynch-Benttinen said the Knitting Club is interested in acquiring knitting items, and suggested Ed Saarela, who does estate sales, be contacted for selling off other items. She will provide contact info. The property still needs to be subdivided into pastureland and sites for affordable housing; proposals to be brought to the 2022 ATM .

**5. LHDC Update.** No new info. Mr. Mayo, contact person to the LHDC, to reach out.

**6. CPC Update.** Five items are being considered by the FinCom for the 2021 ATM.

**7. Administration**

a. Preservation Award. Subject got lost in details and is now up in the air. Needs a “prime mover;” there were no volunteers. Mr. Carpenter allowed the idea has merit but needs to be done right. Mr. Mayo noted other communities such as Cambridge and Plymouth have awards; the MHC also has a list of places that offer awards and offers awards on its own. He will circulate examples. To be carried over for discussion at the next meeting.

**8. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:00PM. The Commission will meet again remotely April 7.

New Materials Received:

1. Postcard from Martin Dudek, Regional Director at Commonwealth Heritage Group, Inc.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*