

Minutes: April 19, 2017

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

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

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

1. **Open Forum.** Mr. Vose presented copies of three letters (see below) he received from the MHC regarding the Myles Standish House Site and Park, the Winsor House Inn, and the Old Town Hall Historic District. The letters were informational only and required no action by the DHC.

Mr. Barry mentioned an upcoming MHC Workshop regarding the administration of Demolition Delay Bylaws to be held in Acton, MA May 15. This was included in the latest Local Preservation Update E-Newsletter from the MHC that he will email to commission members.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. **Pending Demolition Applications**

- a. *93 Abrams Hill, ca. 1879-1890, Total Demolition.* Demolition delay put into effect March 15, 2017 and expires September 12, 2017. Mr. Vose to set up meeting(s) with owners to consider alternatives to demolition.

- b. *31 Crescent Street, ca. 1940. Complete Demolition.* Demolition Application not yet received. Last discussed at the meeting 1/4/2017.

4. **New Demolition Applications**

- a. *1 Lincoln Street, ca. 1933. Complete Demolition.* Unanimously agreed the structure was not significant and did not meet the criteria outlined in the demolition bylaw. A building permit is allowed.

- b.. *137 South Station Street. Partial Demolition.* Unanimously agreed that the work described in the Demolition Application dated April 12, 2017 was cosmetic and the amount of demolition involved was not significant. A building permit is allowed.

5. **At Risk Historic Structures**

a. 88 *Surplus Street*, ca.1832. *Gershom B. Weston- Hannah Bradford House* (DUX 399). This house has not yet been sold and is again on the market.

b. 232 *Surplus Street*, ca. 1736, *Ebenezer Wormall House* (DUX 23). Unofficial reports are that the new owner(s) of this property intend to add three new homes to it and not demolish the existing historic structure.

6. **CPC Update.** There have been no recent meetings.

7. **Local Historic District Update.** Mr. Vose noted there have been no new applications. The matter of payment of fees involved in the applications for twelve new historic districts that were indefinitely postponed at the Town Meeting in March has been resolved, with the Town agreeing to pay them. Three of these applications have been withdrawn; the remaining nine will be brought back to the next regular or special Town meeting

8. **Adjournment.** Unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:54PM.

New Items Received.

1. Demolition Application for 137 South Station Street
2. Letter dated March 16, 2017 from Kristen Heitart of the Public Archaeology Lab to Jessica Williams, Architect re: Myles Standish House Site and Park.
3. Letter dated March 24, 2017 from Kristen Heitart to Brian Simon, MHC re: Variance Request for the Winsor House Inn.
4. Letter dated March 16, 2017 from Betsy Friedberg of the MHC to Wendy Frontiero re: Olde Town Hall Historic District.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk