

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: April 7, 2021

Approved May 5, 2021

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

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:03 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."

1. Open Forum. Nothing discussed.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the March 3 and March 17 meetings were approved by a 7-0 vote. Minutes of the March 3 Executive Session Meeting were also approved by a 7-0 vote, but not for public distribution.

3. Public Hearing: 106 Powder Point Avenue. *Thomas Soule II House (DUX 653), partial demolition/addition.* Mr. Carpenter opened the hearing at 7:10 PM; contractor Nate Popoloski and two abutters participated. Both abutters agreed historic houses must be allowed to evolve over time, with their owners having the right to make additions and renovations, preferably that do not distract from the design of the original structure. They allowed 106 Powder Pt. Ave. has been well cared for and were grateful it was not demolished. They questioned how the addition of a large dormer on the east roof of #106 was allowed last year and noted the design of the house will be further altered by the proposed addition and the plan to replace the present doorway with a portico that will reduce the size of a window above it. Commissioners agreed, but because these are architectural design issues that did not involve demolition, they were beyond the commission's control. It was suggested the Building Commissioner be contacted to consider just what he approves on his own and what is appropriate for review by the Historic Commission. At present there is no architectural review by the Design Review Board of proposed renovations unless a special permit is involved. It was also suggested the above design concerns be conveyed to the owner of 106 Powder Pt. Ave. either by the Building Commissioner or the Historic Commission. A motion to close the public hearing passed by a 7 – 0 vote.

A motion that the Demolition Application for 106 Powder Point Avenue did not meet the criteria of the Demolition Delay Bylaw, but that concerns about design of the renovation by conveyed to the owner passed by a 7 – 0 vote.

4. Demolition Delays in Effect

a. *761 Temple Street, expired October 1, 2020.* Mr. Carpenter visited the property with Tony Kelso, Town Historian, and members of DRHS to review its contents, and found there were not enough items suitable for an estate sale other than some tools, etc. in the barn and workshop. The house is structurally sound and will eventually be sold. The open land, now owned by the town, will be leased out. Maps showing how the property is to be divided have yet to be made, and an application to get the property included in a Local Historic District has yet to be prepared.

b. *313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021.* Mr. Carpenter is to contact owners.

c. *260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* No response to the letter sent in December following up on the alternatives meeting in August 2020.

d. *57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021.* In a March 30 email, Patrick Shea and Leanne Brooks report they are continuing to work with three building moving companies (Geddy's, Sylvester, and Aquidneck) on the feasibility of moving this structure and a timeline for it. Commissioners were concerned that time is getting short; the owners intend to demolish it at the end of the demo expiration period. A second party is also interested in acquiring the property and moving it, but no details were available.

5. LHDC Update. A joint meeting with the Historic Commission was proposed, and has yet to be arranged.

6. CPC Update. Nothing new.

7. Misc. Public Notice needs to be given to the recent acceptance of the Myles Standish Homestead and Town Hall into the National Register of Historic Places. The *Duxbury Clipper* will be notified.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:07PM. The Commission will meet again remotely April 21.

New Materials Received:

1. Email dated March 30, 2021 from Leanne Brooks re: 57 Shipyard Lane.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk