

Minutes: May 17, 2017

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose III, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Arthur Evans, and Nicole Walters. Mark Barry and Molly Curtin were 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.** No discussion.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **Pending Demolition Applications**
 - a. *93 Abrams Hill, ca. 1879-1890, Total Demolition. Demolition delay put in effect March 15, 2017; expires September 12, 2017.*
Attempts to reach the owners following the "Alternatives to Demolition" meeting on April 24, have not been successful. Mr. Vose will continue efforts to contact them.
4. **New Demolition Applications**
 - a. *170 West Street, ca. 1938. Addition.* New owners propose to rebuild a screen porch and add a garage with a bedroom and connector on the second floor. Main structure would not be altered. By a unanimous vote, it was determined the project does not meet the criteria of the demolition bylaw, with no further action required by the DHC. Owners are to be thanked for their application and information about the project.
5. **At Risk Historic Structures**
 - a. *88 Surplus Street, ca.1832. Gershom B. Weston- Hannah Bradford House (DUX 399).* House has not yet been sold and remains on the market.
 - b. *232 Surplus Street, ca. 1736, Ebenezer Wormall House (DUX 23).* Nothing new since last meeting.
 - c. *31 Crescent Street, ca. 1940. Complete Demolition.* Demolition Application not yet received. See minutes of meeting 1/4/2017.
6. **CPC Update.** Nothing to report.

7. **Local Historic District Update.** The pending applications for nine homes to be included in local historic districts will be brought to the next regular or special Town Meeting for approval.
8. **Battelle Property.** According to an article in the May 17 edition of the *Duxbury Clipper*, Batelle and Diamond Sinacori LLC have a new purchase and sale agreement that involves an as-of-right subdivision plan to divide the land into eight home sites. The plan will affect three historic homes on the property. Previous plans for subdividing the site and information about the historic homes on it are to be reviewed at the next DHC meeting.
9. **MHC Workshop on Administering Demolition Delay Bylaws.** Held in Acton, MA May 10, 2017. Messrs. Vose and Carpenter attended, and found it a useful and informative review and overview of demolition delay bylaws. The need for local historic commissions to form a constituency of supporters and a general outreach program in their communities was stressed. Preservation bylaws are generally fine as written, but not effective without broad engagement of a community. The book *Fine Time for Heritage* was suggested as recommended reading for members of historical commissions. Additional workshops will be held later in the year, one possibly on Cape Cod.
10. **Revised Demolition Delay Bylaw.** No discussion; add to agenda for June DHC meetings.
11. **Adjournment.** Unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:14PM.

New Items Received.

1. Historic Structure Demolition Application dated May 17, 2017 for 170 West Street.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk