

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED MAY 18, 2022 11:46 AM

Minutes: May 4, 2022

DUXBURY, MASS.

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Andrew Burns, Arthur Evans, and Ed Mayo. Chris Andrew, Michael Carlson, and Brendan Wall were 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 7:04 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. An article in today's *Duxbury Clipper* provides an update on the status of the proposed Village at Harlow Brook 40B development. Also, another 40B development is being proposed for 0 North Street, at the intersection of Keene and North Streets.

2. Minutes. The April 20, 2022, minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote.

3. New Demolition Delay Applications:

a. *322 King Caesar Road Garage, ca. 1917, total demolition.* Application just received; a walkaround has been scheduled for May 17 at 5 P.M.

4. Sampson-White Joiner Shop. The National Historic Landmarks Committee meets Wednesday and Thursday, May 11, and May 12 to consider this property along with six others nationwide that have been nominated for listing on the NHL. A detailed agenda and access information is available online, with written comments supporting nominations welcomed. Commissioner Mayo volunteered to prepare and send a letter to the NHL Committee expressing the HC's strong support of the nomination of the Sampson-White Joiner Shop.

5. 761 Temple Street - Issac Simmons Farm

a. *Preservation Restriction.* The final draft has been submitted to Town Counsel for comment and will then be submitted to the MHC for review and final approval. The Chair shared an online copy of the final draft including photos with commissioners.

b. *Request for Proposals (RFP).* A final draft of this document has also been sent to Town Counsel for review and comment.

c. *Hanney PS Proposal.* Funding of \$975 for this proposal for a photo gallery and virtual tour of the house and grounds at 761 Temple Street was approved by the CPC at its April 21 meeting. Work on this is expected to begin soon.

d. *Marketing Plan.* A marketing calendar is included in the RFP, tentatively scheduled to be issued July 11. Prior to that date, an Open House is tentatively scheduled for June 4. A price for the property was

discussed, with \$500k mentioned as a minimum, and \$700-\$750k mentioned as a probable sales price. A professional appraisal will be done in early June. At present it is not clear who will be the Town's contact person for receiving RFP's with the retirement of Joe Grady, Conservation Commissioner, at the end of August. His assistant, Nancy Rufo, is next in line. Commissioner Mayo suggested consideration of the website, "For the Love of Old Houses" for a possible listing of the property. The Chair will follow-up and discuss with the Town Manager and Harrington Working Group.

5. Historical Commission Preservation Programs. Information on houses in Duxbury recommended for the NHRP has been gathered, but the report has yet to be written.

6. CPC Update. As noted above, funding for the Hanney proposal has been approved. The CPC currently has debt going forward, and there are no further funds available for the purchase of historic properties. A discussion about restoring the override to 3% from the current 1% is ongoing.

7. LHDC Update. No news. The current Chair, Renee Mierzejewski has indicated she wants to step down from her position; a new Chair has yet to be selected.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 7:48 PM. Passed 4-0.

New Materials Received:

1. Complete demolition application dated May 3, 2022 for garage at 322 King Caesar Road.
2. Letter dated April 7, 2022 from the U.S. Department of the Interior re: Sampson-White Joiner Shop.
3. E-mail from Tag Carpenter dated April 27, 2022 re: application of Sampson-White Joiner Shop to NHL listing with links to a property overview of property and complete NHL application.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk