

**DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

TOWN CLERK  
**APPROVED JUNE 15, 2022**  
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DUXBURY, MASS.

**Minutes: June 1, 2022**

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Ed Mayo, Vice Chair, Michael Carlson, and Arthur Evans. Chris Andrew, Andrew Burns 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 7:02 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.** Received new demolition delay application for 1 Bradford Rd. A walkaround will be scheduled for June 14 and the application considered at the June 15 meeting.

**2. Minutes.** The May 18, 2022, minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote.

**3. New Demolition Delay Applications:**

*a. 2 Elm Hill Lane, ca. 1880, total demolition.* This and two abutting properties (231 Parks St., and 1 Hidden Hollow Lane) have been purchased by builder/realtor Jonathan W. Marks who proposes to demolish them. 231 Parks St. was built in the 1950’s and is not historic. Neither 2 Elm Hill Lane nor 1 Hidden Hollow are listed in MACRIS and neither have date boards, although MACRIS draft notes for 2 Elm Hill Lane indicate it may date from the mid 1800’s and was owned by S. Loring in 1879. There are no architectural or historical comments. At the walkaround May 31 commissioners noted the charm of the house and wanted to know more about its history before determining if it was a regulated structure. Moved and seconded to extend consideration of the property to the June 15 meeting, hoping Mr. Marks will be able to attend. Passed 4-0.

*b. 1 Hidden Hollow Lane, ca. 1940.* See above discussion for 2 Elm Hill Lane.

**4. 761 Temple Street - Issac Simmons Farm**

- a. Advertising.* The virtual walk through is complete and ready to go, but the contact person at the Town for interested parties should be in touch with still needs to be named. This is a decision for the Town Manager to make, but he is out ill for 1 – 2 weeks. The Request for Proposals is currently scheduled to be released July 11 with inquiries due by August 24, “the day of reckoning.”
- b. Appraisal.* The Harrington Working Group met with the appraiser, Stephen DeCastro, this afternoon to discuss his concerns with the HPR. The Chair summarized this discussion for commissioners and will follow-up with an email listing details. Mr. DeCastro advised that he will

not be able to provide any appraisal until he sees the revisions made to the Preservation Restriction in writing.

- c. *Open House.* The open house initially scheduled for June 4 has been moved to a date yet to be decided.

**5. Historical Commission Preservation Programs.**

- a. *Demolition Delay.* The Local Historic District Commission is considering the draft Memorandum of Understanding between it and the HC but has been hampered by a backlog of work.
- b. *National Register of Historic Places Listings.* The Clerk reported a draft of this has been prepared and will be circulated to commissioners following tonight's meeting.
- c. *Preservation Easement.* Work on this continues.

**6. Preservation Plan.** Work on this continues

**7. CPC Update.** Mr. Carpenter was nominated to continue as the commission's liaison with the CPC for another term. Passed 4-0. He reported the CPC is short of funds, making it urgent to have the tax override that supports its activities raised from the current 1% to 3%. Requires a vote at the annual town meeting

**8. LHDC Update.** The current chair, Renee Meirzejewski, will step down from her position June 30, but will continue as a member of the LHDC. A new promotional video from the LHDC is available on the Town's website; commissioners were encouraged to view it.

**9. Cove Street Historic District.** Mr. Evans will contact Town Historian Tony Kelso about the possible distribution of National Register of Historic Places certificates of recognition to Cove St. residents at a tour he will give of the area on June 12.

**10. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 7:46 PM. Passed 4-0.

New Materials Received:

- 1. Complete Demolition Delay Application dated May 26, 2022, for 1 Bradford Road.

*Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*