

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved July 6, 2021

Minutes: June 2, 2021

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Chris Andrew, Arthur Evans, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen, and Ed Mayo. Nicole Walters and Dante Iannazzo have resigned from the Commission.

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. The Chair was contacted by Skip Taylor, owner of a house on Clark's Island who is seeking information about preserving it.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the May 19 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.

3. Public Hearing: *199 Depot Street, ca. 1900, total demolition.*

The Chair opened the hearing. Jarrah Lankas, General Manager of Oak Development & Design and three abutters participated. Mr. Lankas presented a site plan but had no other information about the design of the new structure, which may be done by Jonathan Aprea, a Hingham architect who has done other work for Oak. He assured the Commission that it would be a single-family home. The three abutters were concerned about what the new house would look like rather than the historical significance of the existing structure, noting new design was out of the authority of the Historical Commission. It was acknowledged that 199 Depot Street had been renovated several times over the years and was significant primarily because it was originally built and lived in by the Freeman family of Duxbury, and in recent years was the home of the late Jane F. Collins, a prominent courtroom artist. After a lengthy discussion, the Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the public hearing.

While Mr. Lankas was still present, a motion was made and seconded that although the house at 199 Depot Street had some historical significance, it did not meet the criteria of the demo delay bylaw and a building permit should be allowed. Passed 5-0. Ms. Lynch-Benttinen appealed to Mr. Lankas and Oak Development to consider the style of existing neighboring houses on Depot Street when designing the new structure.

4. New Commissioner Interview.

Michael Carlson of High Street, who recently submitted a talent bank form expressing interest in joining the Historical Commission, was present at the meeting and asked and answered several questions about

the function of the Commission, etc. Because three others have also submitted talent bank forms and have yet to be contacted, no action was taken.

5. Demolition Delays in Effect

- a. *313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021.* No discussion
- b. *260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* No discussion
- c. *57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021.* No discussion

6. CPC Update. Nothing new reported.

7. Local Historic District Commission. Minutes from the joint LHDC and HC held on May 11 have yet to be received.

8. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:10 PM. Passed 5-0.

New Materials Received:

- 1. Talent Bank form for Michael Carlson

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk