

Minutes: June 6, 2018

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose III, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Mark Barry, Arthur Evans, and Nicole Walters.

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

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. **Open Forum.** No discussion.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the May 16 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote with the correction of one typo.
3. **Pier Project at 685 Washington Street**

Four members of the Friends of the Bluefish River Group were present to discuss the status of this project: Kathryn Palmer, Sherman Hoyt, and Mr. and Mrs. Hall. Construction of the pier had been previously denied by the Conservation Commission, and the owner is now applying to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for a special permit. Because the property in question is on the National Register of Historic Places (the Old Shpuilders District) the Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) is involved along with the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, which formally owned the property and sold it to the present owners. The ZBA is asking various Town boards and commissions for their opinions on the matter, with the DHC considered the local consulting party by the ACE.

At this point in the discussion Mr. Vose, a member of the Bluefish River Group, recused himself and left the room.

After some deliberation, the Commission voted unanimously to continue its opposition to the proposed pier project. Commissioner Amory volunteered to review previous DHC correspondence and draft a new letter addressed to the ZBA, with a due date of June 14. The letter was to be signed by the Vice-chair and all Commission members except Mr. Vose.

4. **New Demolition Applications.**
 - a. **262 Marshall Street. Building Application to move structure ~~35~~ feet and pour new foundation.**

Proposed demolition of sections of this structure were presented to the DHC August 23, 2017, and followed by a public hearing Sept, 20, 2017. At the Oct. 4, 2017 meeting it was agreed the proposed renovations were preservationist in nature, and no demolition delay was imposed. The Commission felt that because the new application was different from the original in that it involved moving the structure, a new Demolition Application was in order. Concern about the possible presence of historic

artifacts that might be on the property was again expressed, and the Commission asked that the owners engage experts to evaluate any that may be discovered. Mr. Vose was to follow-up with the Building Commissioner.

5. **New Commission Member(s).** None of the four possible candidates discussed at the previous meeting were available to serve on the Commission, requiring a new review of talent bank forms for members. The possibility of placing an ad in the *Clipper* was discussed but not agreed on.
6. **Proposed Revisions to the Demolition Delay Bylaw (#609).** As discussed at the previous meeting, the Planning Board has taken over this process, with the DHC's participation limited to speaking at various public meetings and hearings.
7. **CPC.** The Commission has not held a recent meeting, but Mr. Vose reported that leftover CPC funds may be available to use on the application to place Tinkertown of the National Register of Historic Places.
8. **Local Historic District Update.** No new information.
9. **Motion to adjourn.** Made at 8:25; approved by a 6-0 vote.

New Materials Received:

1. Letter dated March 28, 2012 from Norman Tucker, DHC Chair, to Karen Adams, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
2. Letter dated Sept. 14, 2012 from Karen Adams to N. Tucker, DHC re: proposed pier at 685 Washington St.
3. Letter dated Nov. 16, 2012 from the DHC to P.J. Sneeringer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers re: pier at 685 Washington St.
4. Letter dated March 12, 2015 from the DHC to the Duxbury Conservation Commission.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

