

Minutes: July 17, 2019

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R. Tag Carpenter, Vice Chair, Michael Cole, Arthur Evans, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen and Nicole Walters. (Note: Mr. Carpenter left the meeting at 8:10PM and Ms. Walters at 8:20PM)

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.** The Chair reported the official notice of the Cove Street registration on the National Register of Historic Places had been received. It includes a certificate and cards for individual homeowners certifying the registration.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the June 19 meeting were approved by a 6-0 vote.

3. **Prospective New Commissioner Interviews.**

Evelyn Walker. Ms. Walker, born on Cove Street, is a professional librarian with a specialty in cataloguing rare books. A member of the Alden Kindred, she and her husband have restored their historic dateboarded home on Keene Street, and would like to contribute to and participate in historic preservation in the Town as a whole. Because two commission members had to leave the meeting early, a vote on selecting a new commissioner from the four candidates interviewed to date was deferred to the next meeting.

4. **Demolition Delay in Effect**

- a. *308 Summer Street, ca. 1838, total demolition. Delay expires Oct. 6, 2010.*
Nothing new to report.

5. **New Demolition Applications:**

- a. *339 Powder Point Avenue, James Otis House and Garage, ca. 1890. Complete Demolition.* Application withdrawn.

- b. *261 High Street, Dr. Thomas Delano House, ca. 1667.* Renovation/addition. Owner proposes to enlarge existing kitchen added in the 1990's and add a covered back porch. No demolition to the main house is involved. Moved and seconded that the extent of the renovation is not covered by the demolition delay bylaw, and it should not apply. Passed 6-0

- c. *72 Washington Street, Capt. Waite-Freeman Wadsworth and Weston House, a. 1810.* Partial demolition/addition. Owner proposes to construct a 10' x 15' addition to the inside corner of the house to connect the existing living and dining rooms and replace rotted sills. No remarkable features on the exterior will be removed, and the new trim profile and materials will match the existing structure. Moved and seconded that because the application is consistent with historic preservation of the structure and involves minimal demolition, a demolition delay should not be imposed. Passed 6-0.

- d. *38 Laurel Street, Partial demolition/addition.* Demolition involves removal of a small addition at the rear of the house and a major addition to add more living space and bedrooms.

Moved and seconded that because the demolition involved is minimal, there is no need for a demolition delay. Passed 6-0.

6. Pending Sale of 761 Temple Street

Ms. Lynch-Benttinen reported that the BOS decided at its meeting July 15 not to delay lifting the lifting the current 61 A designation from this property, allowing its sale to a developer to proceed. The developer's plans for the property were not known at this time.

- 7. Joint Meeting with Members of the Local Historic District Commission.** Five members of the LHDC responded to the DHC's invitation for a joint meeting to consider combining the two commissions as requested by the Town Manager and own Planner. After a lively discussion it was agreed there was no clear advantage for the commissions to join forces, nor were there any economic benefits re: historic preservation to be gained from such a union at this time. Recognizing their common interests, the commissions agreed to meet together quarterly beginning in October 2019.

- 8. June 25 meeting re: grant funding for historic preservation plan.** Organized by Town Planner Valerie Massard, this meeting was well attended by members of various groups in Duxbury interested and involved with historic preservation. The draft of a plan based one used by the Town of Lenox was presented as an example of what is involved in a historic preservation plan, which would be prepared by outside consultants. Funding would come the Commonwealth, the CPC, or both. Ms. Massard explained that an historic preservation plan is a natural outgrowth of the Envision Duxbury study, scheduled to be completed this month. Members of attending groups were asked to review the draft document and provide feedback to it so Ms. Massard could estimate the amount of work involved and apply to the MA Historical Commission for funding.

- 9. Revisions to Town history on DHC website.** The Clerk circulated the long version of the Town's history written by former DHCCommissioner Leslie Lawrence for review. Ways to solicit a revised history were discussed without any clear resolution. The draft of a new history by Sarah Sloan Evans, author of *Ashdod: The Other Side of Duxbury* has been submitted to the Town Historian for review.

- 10. Revision of Commission's Rules and Regulations.** Because only four members were present at this point of the meeting, discussion of this was postponed until the next meeting when more commissioners would be available.

- 11. CPC Update.** Nothing new to report.

- 12. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:57 PM; approved 4-0.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

New Materials Received:

1. Historic Structure Application dated 27 June for 261 High Street.
2. Historic Structure Application dated 24 June for 72 Washington Street.
3. Historic Structure Application for 38 Laurel Street.
4. Letter from D. Hallowell re: 339 Powder Point Avenue.
5. Certificate from the MA Historical Commission re: Cove Street National Register designation.

