

## DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved Aug. 18, 2021

**Minutes: July 28, 2021**

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Arthur Evans, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen, and Ed Mayo. Chris Andrew and Michael Carlson were absent.

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:08. This was the first in-person meeting of the Commission since April 1, 2020.

### **1. Open Forum.**

- The ZBA will consider demolition of a cottage located at 1 Abrams Hill at its July 29 meeting.
- Leslie Lawrence, former Historical Commission member, died recently at the age of 78. Among other accomplishments, she wrote the history of the Town that currently appears on the Town's website.
- Commissioners confirmed they prefer to receive online copies of Demolition Delay Applications and no longer need to receive paper copies.

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the July 6 meeting were approved by a 4-0 vote.

### **3. Demolition Delays in Effect**

- 313 Washington Street, expired July 20, 2021.* No discussion
- 260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* No discussion
- 57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021.* Demolition and possible relocation of the historic section of this house are on the agenda for the ZBA meeting July 29.

### **4. New Demolition Applications**

- 57 Gurnet Road, 1905, complete demolition.* New owners propose to demolish the house and garage (1993) and build new structures better suited to their needs. The original house, thought to have been a shingled cottage, has been significantly altered and added to over the years and now has a stucco exterior. The present house apparently has been well cared for, but is reported to have water damage in basement. A motion that although old, the house at 57 Gurnet Rd. has been so significantly altered and renovated over the years that none of its possible historic significance remains, so the demo bylaw does not apply was seconded and passed by a 4-0 vote. Demolition is allowed.

**5. 761 Temple Street (Issac Simmons Farm).** A ten-member working group that includes the Town Historian, Conservation Commissioner, representative(s) from the Local Historic District Commission, Historic Commission and others has been formed to plan for the restoration of the property and subdivision of the land. Mr. Carpenter represents the Historic Commission.

**6. New Commissioner Search.** The appointment of Michael Carlson to fill one of the two vacant seats was approved by the Selectboard. His term expires June 30, 2023. No other candidates have filled out talent bank forms, leaving one vacancy open. It was suggested that departing member Nicole Walters be contacted to see if she might be interested in returning to the Commission.

**7. CPC Update.** No meeting; no news.

**8. Local Historic District Commission.** Working on a proposal to present to the 2022 Town Meeting to have 761 Temple St. included in a local historic district.

**9. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 7:35 PM. Passed 4-0.

New Materials Received:

1. Historic Structure Demolition Application dated July 9, 2021 for 57 Gurnet Ave.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*