DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION Minutes: August 7, 2019

APPROVED AUG. 21, 2019

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, Arthur Evans and Sheila Lynch-Benttinen. Michael Cole and Nicole Walters were absent. *Note: the numbering below is chronological and may not correspond to agenda item numbering*

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:09 PM.

1. Open Forum.

- Mr. Vose sent a letter to V. Massard, Town Planner, in support of the preparation of an historic preservation plan for the Town, noting the DHC was not in a position to coordinate this effort with outside consultants. Mr. Carpenter disagreed, arguing such an effort was the DHC's responsibility.
- Commissioners expressed their disappointment the BOS voted not to extend the 61A designation of 761 Temple Street .
- Mr. Vose submitted an article to the *Clipper* re: the listing of Cove St. on the National Register of Historic Places.
- 2. Minutes. Minutes of the July 17 meeting were approved by a 4-0 vote.

3. Demolition Delay in Effect.

a. 308 Summer Street, ca. 1838, total demolition. Delay expires Oct. 6, 2019. Nothing new reported.

4. New Demolition Applications

a. 208 Myrtle Street, ca.1850, Joel Peterson House, Complete Demolition. New owners propose to demolish the existing house, build a new structure, and restore the barn. Moved and seconded the property meets two of the three criteria of the Demolition Delay bylaw, and that a public hearing should be held. Passed 4-0. Hearing is scheduled for September 4, 2019.

5. Pending Sale of 761 Temple Street.

An incomplete demolition application dated May 24, 2019 from Nathan Harrington was sent to the DHC, but its receipt was unstamped and not submitted to the Zoning Enforcement Officer as stipulated in the bylaw. A discussion about the validity of the application followed. A purchase and sale agreement is in place for the property with the Banner Construction Co. of Wayland, which proposes to build either a number of large homes or a 40B development. It was not clear how to proceed until the status of the Demolition Delay Application was determined, but Commissioners were unanimous in their opposition to a 40B development in this rural part of Town.

6. Selection of New Commissioner.

Four persons applied and were interviewed for the open position on the Commission. Of the four, Mr. Ed Mayo's qualifications seemed best suited to the needs of the DHC at this time. His nomination passed by a 4-0 vote and will be submitted to the BOS for approval.

7. Review of Duxbury History on the DHC Website.

The draft of a new history to replace this has been submitted to the Town Historian for review, but no comments have been received to date.

8. Revision of DHC's Rules and Regulations.

A review of the current draft revealed that some additional changes needed to be made to this document. A new revision is to be considered at the next meeting.

- 9. CPC Update. Nothing new reported.
- 10. Local Historic District Update. Nothing new reported.
- 11. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:50 PM; approved 4-0.

New Materials Received:

- 1. Incomplete Demolition Application dated May 24, 2019 for 761 Temple Street.
- 2. Complete Demolition Application dated July 16, 2019 for 208 Myrtle Street.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk