

## DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved Sept. 1, 2021

Minutes: August 18, 2021

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

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

The meeting was held remotely via Zoom. Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM and confirmed that members present could be heard by calling for a roll call. He then read the following preamble:

*“Pursuant to Governor Baker’s Chapter 20 of the Acts of 2021 dated June 16, 2021, An Act Relative to Extending Certain Covid-19 Measures Adopted During the State of Emergency regarding suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, the Town of Duxbury’s Board and/or Committee meetings will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible with members. For this meeting, members of the public who wish to watch the meeting may do so by following the ZOOM meeting links.”*

The meeting was convened via Zoom video conference and recorded. The recording is available via video on-demand on PACT’s website.

**1. Open Forum.** Ms. Lynch-Benttinen reported the auction website Invaluables.com recently featured four 19 c. watercolors of Duxbury that were purchased by Town Historian Tony Kelso.

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the July 28 meeting were approved by a 6-0 vote.

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

a. *260 Washington Street Barn, expired August 5, 2021.* No discussion. The barn still stands.

b. *57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021.* Demolition did not receive required ZBA approval at their meeting July 29. Plans for relocating the antique portion of the structure are not clear as of this writing.

### **4. New Demolition Applications: None**

**5. New Commissioner Search.** New applicant Andrew Burns was present. Following new guidelines for commission appointments issued by the Town Manager, two members of the Selectboard - Cindy Ladd Fiorini and Mike McGee - also participated in the discussion. Mr. Burns grew up in Pembroke, has lived in Duxbury since 2016, and exhibited a keen interest in learning about Duxbury’s history and participating in town affairs. After fielding questions from Commission members, he was asked if he had questions of his own. The Chair then closed the interview. Because no other candidates were scheduled to be interviewed, it was considered appropriate to vote on Mr. Burns’s application while he and members of the Selectboard were present. A motion to recommend his appointment to the Historical Commission to the Selectboard was made, seconded, and passed by a 6-0 vote.

**6. 761 Temple Street (Issac Simmons Farm).** The working group overseeing development of this property has met twice and is working to develop three motions to present to the Annual Town Meeting November 8, 2021. Wendy Frontiero, an independent historic preservation consultant, will visit the site to examine the interior and attempt to settle the question of it being a first period house. The group expects

to submit its report/plan to the Massachusetts Historical Commission by September 1 to allow for the required 60 day waiting period before a public hearing is held the week of Nov. 1 before the ATM.

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

**8. Local Historic District Commission.** No news other than involvement with item #6.

**9. Massachusetts Historical Commission – New Contact.** Jennifer B. Doherty has been appointed the new Local Government Programs Coordinator for the Massachusetts Historical Commission. She has already reached out to local historic commissions for ideas about possible future workshops and promises to be a helpful source for information and guidance.

**9. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 7:51 PM. Passed 6-0.

New Materials Received:           None

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