

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved Sept. 16, 2020

Minutes: September 2, 2020

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Nicole Walters, Vice-Chair, Arthur Evans, Dante Iannazzo, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen, and Ed Mayo. Chris Andrew was absent.

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and confirmed that members present could be heard by mentioning their name and receiving an affirmative response. He then read the following preamble:

"This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker's Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor's Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order, which you can find posted on our agenda, allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. For public access please email at DuxHistoricalCom@gmail.com or call in at (781) 929-436-2866 for questions or comments.

This meeting is convening via Zoom video conference and is being recorded. The recording will be made available via video on-demand on PACTV's website."

1. Open Forum. The Chair read a letter of appreciation from outgoing commissioner Michael Cole, and welcomed new commissioner Dante Ianazzo.

1 Abrams Hill has been sold; a demolition application may be forthcoming.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the August 19 meeting were approved as written by a 6-0 vote, pending a correction to the Preamble.

3. Pending and Possible Demolition Delay Applications

a. *57 Shipyard Lane, the Zadock Bradford House, ca. 1795, complete demolition.* Public hearing scheduled for September 16. Former commissioner Leslie Lawrence was contacted about possible information about the house, but she had none; architectural plans for restoring the house prepared for a prospective buyer a few years ago were not available. It was questioned whether the house could be raised and turned so it would have frontage on Shipyard Lane. Owner Warren Hadley remains open to suggestions and is considering options with architects.

b. *405 Washington Street, The Nathaniel Winsor House I, ca. 1800, (DUX 212), renovation.* A proposal to "replace exterior siding, repair exterior trim, and rebuild the exterior bulkhead and handicap ramp" was received by the building department. Because the house is in a Local Historic District and being renovated only, a demolition application was not considered necessary, but the situation gave rise to recognition of the need for closer cooperation and communication between the Local Historic District Commission and the Historical Commission.

4. Demolition Delays in Effect

- a. *313 Washington Street, expires July 29, 2021.* The house has been sold; identity of new owner not known. No further information was available.
- b. *208 Myrtle Street, expires Sept. 18, 2020.* New house nearing completion at rear of existing structure. Old house is about to collapse.
- c. *761 Temple Street, expires Oct. 1, 2020.* No new information was available about the purchase of the house by the Town. It was suggested the house be put in a Local or State Historic District to discourage moves to demolish it when the demolition delay expires. Ms. Lynch-Bentinnen will explore these options and report back to the Commission.
- d. *184 Marshall Street, expires Feb. 6, 2021.* New owner is said to want to build a new house on the site rather than renovate the present structure. His efforts to move it to an adjacent site were not encouraging.
- e. *260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* A remote “alternatives to demolition” meeting was held August 31, 2020 and attended by Tag Carpenter, Arthur Evans, and Sheila Lynch-Bentinnen from the Historical Commission, owners Gary and Jennifer Worley, their architect, Building Commissioner Jim Wasielewski, Town Planner Valerie Massard, and Design Review Board Chair Sarah McCormack. Options to demolition discussed at the public hearing July 29 were discussed. Owners reiterated they do not want to move the structure on their property, and cited their need for a building that would support indoor storage of automobiles and a possible in-law apartment. The Design Review Board was concerned about the effect of a new structure on the streetscape, and urged that any new building incorporate the barn door and triangular window in the present barn. It was questioned if the structure is usable as is; the Building Commissioner agreed to a site visit later that day. The next step is to send the owners a list of suggestions for renovation, and for them to submit drawings for preserving the streetscape. Mr. Carpenter will draft a follow-up letter.

5. Town History on DHC Website.

Town Planner Valerie Massard shares the Commission’s concern about the history of the Town that appears on the Town and Commission’s website and would like to see it replaced with a new version. She allowed that the account of the Town’s history prepared by Envision Duxbury is in the public domain and could be a suitable substitute. The Clerk will review this and prepare a draft history for the Commission to consider.

- 7. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:15 PM. The next meeting of the Commission will be held remotely on Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 7 PM.

New Materials Received:

1. Email dated August 26, 2020 from Jim Wasielewski re: barn at 260 Washington Street.
2. Letter dated September 1, 2020 from Stanne Construction, Inc. re: 405 Washington Street.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk