

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved Oct. 17, 2023

Minutes: October 3, 2023

Present in person: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Andrew Burns, Arthur Evans, and Ed Mayo.

Present by remote: Chris Andrew. Michael Carlson and Brendan Wall were absent.

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

This was an in-person meeting with a hybrid option. Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and confirmed that remote members present could be heard by calling for a roll call. He then read the following preamble:

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting will be conducted in person and, as a courtesy, via remote means in accordance with applicable law. Please note that while an option for remote attendance and/or participation is being provided, the meeting/hearing will not be suspended or terminated if there are technological problems, unless required by law.

1. Open Forum.

- The Sept. 28 reception at the Senior Center recognizing the contributions of Lorrie Hall and Pat Loring to the community was well attended.
- The MHC announced the annual grant program is open for applications.
- An article appeared in last week's Patriot Ledger about the historic Miramar Retreat Center.
- The former Wildland Trust office on West Street is for sale. Waterfront Realty has the listing.
- Demolition of the bungalow at 144 Winter Street has been set aside for now by the O'Neill Farm Trust. The HC voted the structure was not historically significant at the Feb. 12, 2023, meeting.
- The renovation of 326 Marshal St. is more extensive than the plan presented to the Commission when it was considered at the Jan. 4, 2023, meeting.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the September 12 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.

3. Demolition Delays in Effect

- a. *12 Samoset Place.* The meeting with the Building Director to consider alternatives to demolition scheduled for October 15 will be attended only by the Chair and Jonathan Mark, builder.
- b. *424 Franklin Street.* No new developments.
- c. *1335 Tremont Street.* No new developments.

4. Annual Report. A draft prepared by the Clerk is being reviewed by the Chair and will be circulated to Commissioners.

5. 761 Temple Street Update. New owners have done some initial renovation work to the carriage house.

6. Scheduling Future Agenda Topics (backlog). Progress on action items listed for the Historical Commission in *Envision Duxbury* was reviewed, particularly those that relate to the MACRIS inventory. In an effort to keep MACRIS current, a list of homes that have been demolished was sent to the MHC last spring by the clerk. A second list of homes "renovated beyond recognition" still needs photographs of the new structure before it can be sent to the MHC; Mr. Mayo may be able to provide these. The clerk will send him the list. A start also was made on identifying homes on MACRIS recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places last spring, but this needs further work. The clerk will circulate what has been done to date to commissioners for their comment and input.

7. Administration of Resources listed in the NHRP. Brief discussion primarily about the question of whether the HC should make any comment or provide input to the proposed sidewalk on Washington Street – an historic district. Nothing decided.
8. CPC Update. Noted the October 15 deadline for submitting applications is coming up fast.
9. LHDC Update. No news.
10. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:03 pm. Passed 5-0.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk