

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved Nov. 18, 2020

Minutes: November 4, 2020

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

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:06 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 1-929-436-2866 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.** Commissioner Mayo asked for information about his responsibilities as Treasurer.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the October 21 meeting were approved as written by a 6-0 vote.
3. **New Demolition Delay Applications:**
 - a. 72 Plymouth Ave. ca 1920, partial demolition/renovation. Owner proposes to raze all enclosed and open porches, replace aluminum siding, and renovate the structure including its foundation. A motion was made and seconded that after a review of the house at 72 Plymouth Ave. it was determined it is not a regulated structure and therefore not subject to a demolition delay. Passed 6-0.
4. **Demolition Delays in Effect**
 - a. 184 Marshall Street, expires Feb 6, 2021. Alternatives meeting held remotely October 26. Relocation of the house is dubious, but the owner continues to consider possible sites and alternatives. He is in no rush in deciding what to do and wants to keep lines of communication with the Commission open. Discussion to be continued in early December.
 - b. 313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021. New owners plan to live in this historic home for a year, become familiar with it, and then consider remodeling. Decided to set an "alternatives" meeting for May/June 2021.
 - c. 260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021. A draft letter to owners following up on the alternatives meeting held in late August remains a work in progress. Owners have verbally agreed to preserve streetscape but have yet to submit plans for this. Commissioner Mayo to draft letter asking for drawings and possibly other information.
 - d. 57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021. Alternatives meeting scheduled for Nov. 2 failed to materialize. To be rescheduled for Monday, Nov. 23 at 3 PM. Meeting to be held remotely.

5. Administrative Matters

a. CPC Project: Millbrook School/Legion Hall. A proposal to use CPC funds to renovate this historic structure (DUX 608) was discussed. The Chair reported on research that shows it is a common practice in other towns to use CPC funds for restoring legion halls. Moved and seconded the DHC support restoration of the Legion Hall as outlined in the CPC proposal. Passed 6-0.

b. Review of Fee Structure and Demolition Delay Application form. In response to the Town's Finance Department's annual review of departmental fees, it was decided to leave fees involved with processing Demolition Delay Applications as they are, as follows:

- \$25 fee for filing Application for Historical Demolition;
- \$30 fee for creating abutters list from the Assessors Office;
- \$90 (\$45/occurrence) advertising fee paid to the Duxbury Clipper;
- Mailing fees for sending certified letters to abutters.

Demolition Application form. A final draft was briefly discussed and will be circulated by the Chair.

c. New draft of Town history. An initial draft of a revised history prepared by Commissioner Andrew's father had been distributed prior to the meeting and was briefly discussed. Generally agreed this is a major step forward that needs further fact checking and revision to reduce its length. Commissioner Evans to edit and submit a draft revision possibly in time for the next meeting; Commissioners were asked to send any comments and suggestions they might have for revision directly to Commissioner Evans.

d. Annual Town report. The Chair will circulate the draft of text to go along with statistics he prepared to submit to the BOS. Due November 30.

e. Preservation Award. Brief discussion of proposed awardees; commissioners encouraged to communicate among themselves about these by email in advance of the next meeting.

6. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:32 PM. The next meeting of the Commission will be held remotely on Wednesday, November 18 at 7:00 PM.

New Materials Received:

1. Demolition Application dated October 30 for 72 Plymouth Ave.
2. Memo dated Oct. 26, 2020 from John Q. Adams, Finance Director to Department Heads re: departmental fees.
3. Letter dated Oct. 27, 2020 from Betsy Friedberg, MHC, to Wendy Frontiero re: National Register nomination for OldTown Hall District in Duxbury.
4. Letter dated Oct. 27, 2020 from Betsy Friedberg, MHC to Virginia Adams, Senior Architectural Historian re: National Historic Register nomination for the Myles Standish House Site and Park.
5. Memo dated Oct. 14, 2020 from Duxbury American Legion Post 223 to Community Preservation Committee re: CPA Funding Request – Oct. 2020 for Millbrook School House/American Legion Post 223.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk