

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: November 6, 2019

APPROVED NOV. 20, 2019

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R. Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, Arthur Evans, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen, and Nicole Walters. Michael Cole and Ed Mayo were absent.

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

Mr. Vose called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

1. Open Forum. The Town of Norwell will hold an auction for the 1670 Sargent Samuel Stetson house on Friday, Nov. 8 at 1 PM. The house has been shrink-wrapped and on pallets since 2012.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the October 30 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.

3. Updates on Expired Demolition Delays.

a. *208 Summer Street. Delay expired Oct. 6.* In response to an inquiry from Kathy Cross about the status of the house, owner Pete Delprete says he is not in a hurry to demolish it and will likely leave it as is throughout the winter. He is willing to have someone take the structure; otherwise he will harvest it for use in other restoration projects. Nothing came from an inquiry he had from a person wanting to build a house in VT; it was suggested that Full Circle Homes in Plympton, which has expressed an interest in 208 Myrtle St. might be interested.

4. Demolition Delays in Effect

a. *208 Myrtle Street, Joel Peterson House (DUX 455) ca. 1850, complete demolition.* Twelve-month demolition delay was imposed Sept. 18, 2019 and expires Sept. 17, 2020. The letter outlining the partnership arrangement outlined in the minutes of the Oct. 30 meeting were passed to the Inspectional Services Officer, and efforts continue to find a new owner for the front section of the house. A classified ad for this as a "Free House" remains in the *Clipper*; the notice on the "Duxbury Helping Duxbury" social media forum produced a promising inquiry from Full Circle Homes in Plympton. By a 5-0 vote, Commissioners agreed that it would be acceptable if the house were to be moved out of Duxbury.

b. *761 Temple Street*

A twelve-month demolition delay was invoked Oct 31 and expires Oct. 30, 2020. Ms. Lynch-Benttinen reported on conversations she has had with the developer in the past week, and said she understood at least one preservation agency was considering purchasing the property. The Selectmen have yet to assign their right of first refusal on the property, and not much can or will happen until that happens or the right expires. For now it is a waiting game, with developments expected in the near future.

5. Election of New Officers.

At this point in the meeting time was taken to recognize Chairman Robert C. (Terry) Vose III, who has resigned from the Commission effective today, Nov. 6. Mr. Vose has been a member of the HC since 2005, served as vice chair for two years, then became chair in 2013. The clerk read a list of accomplishments of the Commission during that time gleaned from the Town's annual reports, and Ms. Lynch-Benttinen read and presented Mr. Vose with a Certificate of Congratulations from the Massachusetts House of Representatives signed by the Speaker and stamped with the official Seal of the Commonwealth. Everyone present offered congratulations to Mr. Vose and assured him he would be missed.

Vice-Chairman Carpenter agreed to serve as acting Chair until the next meeting when it is hoped all members will be present to elect a new Chair.

6. Plymouth 2020 Events Sponsored by the Historical Commission. Events and the dates for them planned by the Duxbury 2020 group for this celebration were discussed. The proposed lighting of the Myles Standish Monument has met some obstacles such as cost and concern from Standish Shore residents, but these are being dealt with. The lights will be rented and on trailers, be on for two or three nights, and from dusk to 10 PM only. The HC has yet to firm up its plans for how it will participate in the celebration.

7. CPC Update/New Liaison. Mr. Carpenter will be the new Commission liaison to the CPC.

8. Local Historic District Commission. Continues to work on details for presenting applications for four new Districts to the Town meeting in March 2020.

9. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:05 PM. Passed 5-0.

New Materials Received:

1. Email dated Nov. 2 from Jennifer Lee Macdonald of Full Circle Homes re: 208 Myrtle St.
2. Email dated Nov. 6 from Tag Carpenter to Kathryn Cross re: 308 Summer St.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

