

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TOWN CLERK
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Minutes: November 16, 2022

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Michael Carlson, Arthur Evans, and Brendan Wall. Chris Andrew and Ed Mayo were absent.

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, as amended on July 15, 2022, 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.

1. Open Forum. Brief discussion of prices of newly constructed homes on Keene and Depot Streets. The Chair reported he received a letter about archaeological excavations at the Alden House as part of preparation for a new building on the site. He will share with commissioners.
2. Minutes. The Nov. 2, 2022, minutes were approved by a 4-0 vote.
3. New Demolition Delay Application: None
4. Preservation of the Isaac Simmons Farm at 761 Temple St.
An RFP has been issued inviting bids from realtors to assist with sale of the property. Closing date is November 30. The Town Manager will make the final selection of a realtor; to date, three realtors have expressed an interest in the project.
5. Revisions to the Commission's page on Town website.
Messrs. Carpenter and Mayo continue to work on this.
6. Discussion of Age Threshold in Demo Delay Bylaw.
Continued a discussion from the Sept. 7, 2022, meeting. The Clerk reported the Massachusetts Historical Commission encourages a threshold of 50 years, in keeping with the standard set by the National Park Service as a "criteria consideration" when it evaluates resources for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Consensus among commissioners was that the bylaw should stand as it is, with a 75-year threshold. It was also suggested the commission consider adding back-up information to the bylaw about the three criteria listed for a structure to be considered "historically significant," and explain the economic value of historic preservation.

7. CPA Preservation Grant Programs. Mr. Carpenter is following up on this.
8. CPC Update. No news. CPC meets again Nov. 17.
9. LHDC Update. Recently met Nov.15. No news from that session.
10. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 7:40. Passed 4-0.

New Materials Received: None

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk