

Minutes: November 20, 2019

Present: R. Tag Carpenter, Acting Chair, Michael Cole, Arthur Evans, Ed Mayo, and Nicole Walters. Sheila Lynch-Benttinen 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.

1. Open Forum. The revised version of Zoning Bylaw Section 609 “Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings” is now available on the Planning Department’s website.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the Nov. 6 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.

3. Interview with Dante Iannazzo

Mr. Iannazzo is a new resident of Duxbury who specializes in home restorations. He lives with his wife and two children in the 1708 Ichabod Wadsworth House, which he is restoring, and wants to apply his skills to other houses in Town and with work on the Commission. After an exchange of questions, Mr. Carpenter thanked Mr. Iannazzo for his interest and said the Commission would be in touch with him after considering other candidates who have expressed an interest in the open seat.

4. Expired Demolition Delay Preservation Status Update

a. *308 Summer Street. Delay expired Oct. 6, 2019.*

Mr. David DeGhetto of the Norwell Historical Commission is looking for an antique house to move to Norwell, and examined this house at the suggestion of Mr. Carpenter on Nov.16. He will in touch with us after reporting his visit with the Norwell Commission.

5. Demolition Delays in Effect

a. *208 Myrtle Street, Joel Peterson House (DUX 455) ca. 1850, complete demolition.* Twelve-month demolition delay imposed Sept. 18, 2019; expires Sept. 17, 2020. Owners continue their effort to offer this house as “free house.” David DeGhetto of the Norwell Historical Commission expressed an interest in it and toured the property with Messrs. Carpenter and Evans on Nov.16. His initial reaction was that this house might be too large to move to Norwell. John Detweiler, the builder specializing in antique restorations who toured the house in October, has yet to respond to the Commission’s request for a written report of his findings.

b. *761 Temple Street, Issac Simmons House, ca. 1696, complete demolition.*

Twelve-month demolition delay invoked Oct 31; expires Oct. 30, 2020. The Wildlands Trust sent a letter to the Board of Selectmen asking the Town to assign its right of first refusal on the

property to the Trust; the BOS is considering this request. No further information was available at the time of this meeting.

6. New Demolition Delay.

a. 18 Washington Street, ca. 1900, complete demolition.

The owner had started to restore this structure when extensive rot in the sills and termite damage was discovered. Provenance of the building is not known, and the owner is not certain what he will do with the space occupied by the building if demolition is approved. A motion was made and seconded that the structure does not meet the criteria of the bylaw as a regulated structure, so the bylaw should not apply. Passed 5-0.

7. Tinkertown National Register District Nomination

Wendy Frontiero of the MHC sent an email to Terry Vose, former HC Chair, that reported on the status of this application she had been hired to prepare. A final draft is now ready and in need of a final review; the draft highlights specific questions that need answers, with a Dec. 2 deadline proposed by Ms. Frontiero. Ms. Walters and Mr. Mayo volunteered to review the application and will report on it to the Commission at the December 4 meeting. Mr. Carpenter, CPC liaison, will check with the CPC to see if appropriate funding has been approved and set aside for this report.

8. Plymouth 2020 Events Sponsored by the Historical Commission. Four key events are planned by the Duxbury 2020 group, including a lighting of the Standish monument. A discussion of proposed house tours sponsored by the HC was deferred until a future meeting.

9. CPC Update. Mr. Carpenter will ask the CPC for a review of Historical Commission projects that have been approved for funding and report back at the next HC meeting.

10. Local Historic District Commission. The LHDC has a seat reserved for the Historical Commission that needs to be filled. Selection of a person for it was deferred to a future meeting.

11. Election of New Officers. A motion that R. Taggart Carpenter should succeed Robert C. (Terry) Vose III as Chair of the Historical Commission was made and seconded; passed by a 5-0 vote. Mr. Evans will continue as Clerk, and Mr. Cole as Treasurer. Mr. Mayo and Ms. Walters will consider the role of vice-chair; selection to be made at the December 4 meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: made and seconded at 8:14 PM. Passed 5-0.

New Materials Received:

1. Complete Demolition Delay Application dated Nov. 16, 2019 for 18 Washington Street
2. Email dated Nov. 18, 2019 from Wendy Frontiero re:Tinkertown National Register District nomination.
3. Talent Bank form dated Nov. 4, 2019 for Dante Iannazzo

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

