

**Minutes: December 1, 2021**

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Andrew Burns, Michael Carlson, Arthur Evans, and Sheila Lynch-Benttinen. 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 7:05 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, 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. The recording is available via video on-demand on PACT’s website.

**1. Open Forum.** Erin McGough resigned her position as Executive Director of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society effective December 17. An interim director will be assigned

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the Nov. 17 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.

**3. New Demolition Applications:**

- a. *41 Mayflower Ave., ca. 1910, complete demolition.* Application dated Nov.10, 2021 was withdrawn. A new application will be submitted after sale of the property has been completed.
- b. *152 Elm Street, The Cushing House (DUX 598), ca. 1890 or 1920, complete demolition.* Initial determination made at the Nov. 17 meeting; public hearing scheduled for December 15. The Chair shared photos of other four-square houses in Duxbury with commissioners.
- c. *184 Marshall Street, complete demolition.* Demolition Delay expired Feb. 6, 2021. It was reported owner Eric Pontief intends to demolish the house and replace it with a new structure.

**4. Status of 57 Shipyard Lane.** No change since last meeting. Project awaits written ZBA ruling. Demolition could begin December 9 or 10.

**5. 761 Temple Street (Issac Simmons Farm).** The Harrington Property Committee has been informed the CPA requires a historic restriction be placed on the house, now owned by the Town, before it can be sold to a new owner. A public hearing on the LHDC’s proposal to include the property in a Local Historic District will be held in January 2022; the project remains on schedule for presentation to the ATM in March 2022.

**6. CPC Update.** No news. Meets again December 2.

**7. Local Historic District Commission.** No report. Will meet again in December.

**8. MHC Online Workshops.** A list of workshops scheduled for Spring 2022 is available; the Chair encouraged commissioners to attend if interested. Mr. Carlson participated in a recent workshop on architectural styles and will share slides from that presentation with members of the Commission.

**9. FY 2022 Initiatives.** The MHC has installed a new mapping tool on the MACRIS website that is useful in identifying historic properties by address throughout the Commonwealth. The recommendations for historic preservation in Duxbury outlined in the *Envision Duxbury* document were discussed again. Mr. Evans offered to work on a timeline history of the Historic Commission, and Mr. Carlson offered to canvas his neighborhood – the High Street district – to see if there might be renewed interest in making the area a local historic district. This was previously considered in the 1990’s but rejected by property owners at the time. Ms. Lynch-Benttinen urged the commission to continue the search for funds to work on other projects and mentioned the Alden Kindred as a possible source of both funding and cooperation.

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

New Materials Received: None

*Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*