

## DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: December 2, 2020

Approved Jan. 6, 2021

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Nicole Walters, Vice-Chair, Chris Andrew, Arthur Evans, Dante Iannazzo, and Sheila Lynch-Benttinen. Ed Mayo 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 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](mailto: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.** Brief discussion of email to MassHistPres listserv regarding the proposed demolition of the architect H.H. Richardson's home in Brookline.

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the Nov. 18 meeting were approved as written by a 6-0 vote.

### **3. New Demolition Delay Applications:**

a. *306 Elm Street, ca. 1833, (DUX C), partial demolition/addition.* Owner Ben LaMora, an architect and builder, participated. The property includes two additional historic structures: the David Chandler House Barn (DUX 431) and Shop (DUX773) that are not part of the demo application. Owner seeks to demolish an unheated sunroom and deck off the main house and add a two-story addition. Both are additions to the original cape, which is thought to have been moved to its present location. While the amount of demolition is small, the addition is not and will alter the streetscape of Elm Street. Plans for the addition are still being worked on. Moved and seconded the house at 306 Elm Street is historically significant, but because the amount of demolition involved in its renovation is minimal, the bylaw should be waived. Passed 6-0.

### **4. Demolition Delays in Effect**

a. *184 Marshall Street, expires Feb 6, 2021.* Nothing new.

b. *313 Washington Street, expires July 20, 2021.* Alternatives meeting to be set for January.

c. *260 Washington Street Barn, expires August 5, 2021.* The letter to owners following up on the alternatives meeting held in late August will be sent next week.

d. *57 Shipyard Lane, expires September 16, 2021.* Alternatives meeting held remotely Nov. 30; Commissioners Lynch Benttinen and Walters attended. Owners continue to consider options to renovation, but are 90% in favor of demolition and only 10% in favor of restoration. At least two neighbors have been in touch with the owners asking they not demolish the antique cape part of the house. Commissioner Benttinen suggested they contact Peter Bickford, a contractor in Hingham who specializes restoration; an outside party, Mrs. Shea, who inquired about moving the house continues to be interested and has been put in touch with the owners. The extent of her interest is not clear: would she buy the house and pay to have it moved? Expect the house to be donated? Involve the DRHS somehow? Follow-up in January.

## **5. Administrative Matters**

a. New draft of Duxbury history. Commissioner Evans, who agreed to find out if a professional writer for this might be available and affordable reported he had posted a note regarding it on the MassHistPres listserv. Because of the Thanksgiving Day holiday the posting was delayed until Nov. 30 and replies are still being received. The history of the Town on Wikipedia was also mentioned as something to consider. It was agreed to pursue this further and allow Mr. Evans to make an arrangement with a writer, subject to approval by the Commission. The deadline for completing this is February 2021.

b. Preservation Award. Commissioner Lynch-Benttinen is getting quotes for printing these awards. She will present a list of candidates to the Commission at its January 6 meeting, and a remote rewards ceremony will be scheduled for later that month.

**6. CPC Update.** Recent meeting considered debt service payment for purchase of Temple St.

**7. LHDC Update.** Nothing new.

**8. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:03 PM. The Commission will not meet as scheduled December 16 unless new demolition applications are received. The next meeting will be held remotely on Wednesday, January 6 at 7:00 PM.

### New Materials Received:

1. Complete demolition application dated Nov. 30, 2020 for 306 Elm Street.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*