APPROVED MARCH 6, 2019

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: February 20, 2019

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

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Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:07 PM.

- 1. **Open Forum.** The Commission needs to prepare appropriate handouts for a table it will share with the Local District Historic Commission at the annual Town Meeting March 9. Charts and graphs from the presentation at the 2018 meeting will be updated for distribution.
- 2. Minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting were approved as amended by a 4-0 vote.
- 3. Pending Demolition Application. 286 Marshall Street, Standish House Hotel South Wing, ca. 1872. Six month delay imposed Sept. 19, 2018; expires March 19, 2019.
 Mr. Vose had invited the owners to a meeting with the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Planning Director, and a member of the Design Review Board as stipulated in Bylaw #609, but they were not available. Owners appear to be waiting out the 6 month delay.

4. New Building and Demolition Applications:

a. 13 Lewis Court, ca. 1900, Total demolition.

Application dated Jan. 29, 2019. The Chain of Title requested at the previous meeting was provided, but only went back to 1976. Commissioners were aware of the desireability of preserving cottages in this section of Duxbury, but thought the historic value of this structure did not meet the criteria of the bylaw. A motion not to impose a demolition delay was moved and seconded; passed 3-1.

b. 308 Summer Street, ca. 1887, Total Demolition.

The Commission received a summary of prior ownership, but not the full Chain of Title it requested for the application to be complete. Because of this, and because the house has some notable characteristics of historic value, Commissioners agreed on an initial determination to hold a public hearing that could yield further information about the structure and its history. Moved and seconded to impose a demolition delay, with a public hearing scheduled for a special Commission meeting March 13. Passed 3-1.

5. Letters to the Editor of the *Duxbury Clipper*.

No letter from a Commission member appeared in the February 20 edition of the *Clipper*, leaving only two more editions of the paper before Town Meeting March 9. A letter from John J. Dwyer that appeared in the February 13 edition of the *Clipper* suggesting that property taxes be abated during a demolition delay was discussed.

6. Planning Board Revisions to Demolition Delay Bylaw. The Warrant for the Town Meeting is available and was distributed with the February 20 edition of the *Clipper*. Article 25 deals with the transferability clause in Section 609.3 of the Zoning Bylaws, and Article 26 extends the demolition delay period from six (6) to twelve (12) months.

- CPC Update. The Planning Board agreed to support all CPC articles in the Warrant, numbers 7. 30 through 37.
- Local Historic District Update. There are no articles in this year's Warrant for creating new 8. historic districts; all applications have been postponed. No further information about the historic property for sale at 761 Temple Street was available
- 9. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:20pm; approved 4-0.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk