

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

Note: the numbering below is chronological and may not correspond to agenda item numbering

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

1. **Open Forum.** Ms. Lynch-Benttinen called attention to a recent notice from Pembroke that parts of homes being demolished in that town were collected and stored by the Pembroke DPW, and made available to residents renovating homes. She raised the question if a similar program might be possible in Duxbury.
2. **Minutes.** After correction of two typos, the minutes of the January 16, 2019 meeting were approved by a 6-0 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 corresponded with the owners to propose a meeting with the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Planning Director, and a member of the Design Review Board as stipulated in Bylaw #609. Owners replied they are still in the early stages of discussion with an architect, and felt a meeting would not be useful at this time.
4. **New Building and Demolition Applications:**
 - a. *13 Lewis Court, ca. 1900, Total demolition.*
Application dated Jan. 29, 2019. Concern was expressed that demolition of buildings in this section of Duxbury were altering the neighborhood from a collection of period cottages to homes on pilings. Commissioners wanted more information about the property before reaching a decision, and requested that a chain of title be provided as part of the application. Decision deferred to the Feb. 20 DHC meeting.
 - b. *191 Washington Street, ca., 1935, partial demolition/addition.*
It was determined the proposed addition will not alter the integrity of the house, and Bylaw 609 should not apply. The vote to not impose a delay passed 6-0.
 - c. *308 Summer Street, ca. 1887, Total Demolition.*
Home has been derelict for several years and is on a property adjacent to a proposed three home development. Despite its deteriorated state, the structure has some unique architectural features that were of concern to commissioners. They found it difficult to reach a decision without a complete application that included a chain of title search, and asked if this might be provided. Decision deferred to the Feb. 20 DHC meeting.
5. **Letters to the Editor of the Duxbury Clipper.**
Two letters by Commissioners Lynch-Benttinen and Cole that encourage residents to vote in favor of articles related to the Historical Commission at this year's Town Meeting have been published to date; Mr. Vose's letter, scheduled for publication this week, for some unknown reason, did not appear. Additional letters are to be submitted by Commission members each week

before Town Meeting.

6. **Planning Board Revisions to Demolition Delay Bylaw.** There was a last minute snafu in the PB's preparation of these revisions that will be corrected before the Warrant goes to press. A corrected version will be available and distributed to commissioners.
7. **MA Historical Commissionn.** Mr.Vose plans to submit a nomination for the 2019 Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Awards. Deadline is February 19 at 5:00pm.
8. **Local Historic District Update.** There was a lengthy discussion about the historic property for sale at 761 Temple Street that includes a house built in 1696 and 18 acres of land. A developer who wants to construct a 200+ apartment complex as a 40b development is said to be interested; commissioners discussed possible altrnatives. A pooling of funds from various sources (CPC, Affordable Housing Trust, etc.) to purchase the property was suggested; Mr. Vose will sound out the CPC on this idea.
9. **Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:21pm; approved 6-0.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk