

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes: April 17, 2019

APPROVED MAY 1, 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.

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

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Open Forum.

- Ms. Lynch-Benttinen donated a poster called “Architecture of American Homes” to the Commission to use for future reference.
- The MA Historical Commission requires an update on the application for the Myles Standish Cemetery to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places; last contact was 2013.
- Commissioners were encouraged to reply individually to the MHC re: the Department of the Interior’s proposed rule change to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (NHPA); comments are due April 30, 2019.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the April 3, 2019 meeting were approved by a 4-0 vote.

3. Interview with Brian Cook.

Mr. Cook, one of several applicants interested in filling the vacant position on the Commission left by the resignation of Mr. Barry, is an attorney and 30+ year Duxbury resident. He met with the Commission to discuss his interests, experience with historical preservation, past experience with other board and committees, and the role of the DHC. Other candidates will interviewed at future meetings.

4. Demolition Delays in Effect.

a. 308 Summer St., ca. 1887, total demolition. Delay expires Oct. 4, 2019.

Owner met with the Building Commissioner, Planning Director, Chair and Vice-Chair of the DHC April 16 to discuss alternatives to demolition. The Town is not interested in moving the structure to other Town property. Owner will try to sell it, and is open to other alternatives. One consideration discussed was to relocate the house to land adjacent to it owned by the Conservation Commission, possibly using CPC funds to pay for the move. Mr. Vose to follow-up with the CPC. Discussion to continue.

5. New Demolition Application.

a. 513 Temple Street, ca.1840, Partial Demolition/Addition.

At the walkaround April 11, the owners indicated they would try to attend this meeting and bring design plans with them, but they were not available. Because the house is historically significant, it was decided to postpone discussion of it until the May 1 meeting when the owners could attend.

6. Revisions to DHC's "Rules and Regulations" and "Applicant's Guide."

A motion to approve proposed changes to the DHC's Rules and Regulations passed by a 4-0 vote. These must now be reviewed by the Town Planner and Town Counsel, and then be subjected to a public hearing. The Clerk will send the finished version to the Chair for follow-up. Changes to the Applicant's Guide do not require further review, and the Clerk will send the revised version to Ms. Hansen in Inspectional Services to distribute to applicants.

7. Upcoming Historic Preservation Workshops.

The MHC will hold a pair of workshops titled "Introduction to Historic Preservation Planning" on April 30 in Fitchburg, and May 1 in Norwood. The topic is of interest because of the need in Duxbury for community-wide preservation planning, and Commissioners were encouraged to attend one of the sessions if at all possible.

8. "Passing of the Pasture" Update.

As noted in the minutes of the April 3 meeting, this is an ongoing effort that will require follow-up. New information will be reported at future DHC meetings as it becomes available.

9. CPC. Nothing to report; next meeting is April 18.

10. Local Historic District Update. Noted that work on applications that are to be presented to the 2020 ATM must begin now.

11. Cove Street Listing on the National Register of Historic Places. An article about this has appeared in the news media, but no official confirmation has been received by the Commission.

12. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 8:28 pm; approved 4-0.

New Materials Received:

1. Complete Demolition Application for 513 Temple Street
2. Revised DHC "Rules and Regulations"
3. Revised DHC "Applicant's Guide."

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

