#### DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION MINUTES April 3, 2019

# APPROVED April 17, 2019

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

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Vice-Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

# **1. Open Forum.** No discussion.

2. Minutes of the March 6 and March 13 meetings were approved by a 4-0 vote after the correction of typos.

# **3.** Pending Demolition Applications:

#### a.. 308 Summer Street, ca. 1887, Total Demolition.

A public hearing on this application was held March 13; owner was not present at this meeting. After discussing the issues described in the March 13 minutes, a motion was made and seconded not to impose a demolition delay. Vote was a tie at 2-2. After a motion to allow the vice chair to decide the matter passed by a 4-0 vote, the vice chair determined that because the structure met at least 2 of the 3 criteria of the by-law, a six month demolition delay should be imposed. This would to allow a conversation with the owner about possible restoration or relocation of the house to continue. Mr. Carpenter will send the required letter to the owner informing him of this decision. Expiration date of the delay is October 4, 2019.

b. 286 Marshall Street, Standish House Hotel South Wing, ca. 1872. The six month delay imposed Sept.19, 2018 expired on March 19, 2019.

- 4. New Building and Demolition Applications: None received.
- 5. **Revisions to DHC's "Rules and Regulations and "Applicant's Guide."** Suggested revisions provided by the clerk met with general approval with one caveat: neither document should repeat what is in the demolition delay bylaw. Further revisions to both documents will be prepared by the clerk and circulated for discussion at the next meting.
- 6. **Open Seats on the Commission.** Mr. Barry has submitted his resignation from the Commission when his term ends June 30. Mr.Vose and Mr. Carpenter, whose terms also end June 30, will continue. A search to replace Mr. Barry will start immediately.
- 7. Envision Duxbury Forum. Mr. Carpenter and Ms. Lynch-Benttinen attended; Mr. Carpenter provided a brief overview. The draft of a final report is expected from the Metropolitan Area Planning Council by June 12, with a final report due in July. Main themes were dealing with climate change and protecting the Town's waterfront, transportation around Duxbury, maintaining the Town's character, and businesses in Town. Information about the master plan is available at envisionduxbury.mapc.org.
- 8. Community Outreach: The Passing of the Pasture. Mr. Capenter reported on an effort to generate interest and information about the area of Town around Tarklin, also known as Fordville,

once a thriving farming community. He has consulted with Tony Kelso, Town Historian, and others about the need to have conversations with present and former residents, possibly using social media, to collect data about the area and prepare a summary report that would serve as a resource as this area of Town is further developed.

- 9. CPC Update. No discussion.
- 10. Local Historic District Update. No discussion.
- **11. Motion to Adjourn**. Made and seconded at 8:20 pm; approved 4-0.

#### **New Items Received:**

1. Suggested revisions to DHC's "Rules and Regulations" and "Applicant's Guide."

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk