

Minutes: June 5, 2019

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

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

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:06 PM.

**1. Open Forum.**

- Ms. Lynch-Benttinen reported 761 Temple Street (Issac Simmons House, DUX 2) was under agreement to an unknown buyer. This is a “first period” house with its original pasture intact. Possible options to prevent the property from becoming a development were discussed.
- Mr. Vose received a letter from EBI Consulting inviting the DHC to comment on a proposal to construct a 150’ monopole on Mayflower Street for Verizon Wireless. Commissioners decided not to comment.
- 1 Abrams Hill (Clara Drew-Ripley House, DUX 508) was recently listed for sale by a local realtor as an opportunity for new construction, suggesting it is a teardown.

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the May 15 meeting were approved by a 6-0 vote.

**3. Public Hearing on Revisions to DHC Rules and Regulations.** Mr. Vose closed the regular meeting and opened the hearing. The only attendee was Ms. Susanna Sheehan, reporter from the *Duxbury Clipper*. One addition was suggested: the Rules and Regulations should clearly specify when a demolition delay begins. The clerk will add this and circulate a revised draft for consideration at the next meeting. Mr. Vose then closed the public hearing and reopened the regular meeting.

**4. Demolition Delay in Effect**

- a. *308 Summer Street, ca. 1838, total demolition. Delay expires Oct. 6, 2010.*  
Owner Pete DelPrete is in contact with firms to possibly move the structure to a neighboring lot. The Planning Board will consider his request to begin work on the proposed road and development of Lot #2 while these discussions continue.

**5. New Demolition Applications:**

- a. *Garage at 16 Crooked Lane, total demolition.* A walkaround is scheduled for June 6. Application to be considered at next meeting.

**6. Interview with Edward Mayo.** A lifetime resident of Duxbury, Mr. Mayo created and owns Fiberglass Gutter Co. He has worked with hundreds of historical commissions regarding gutter installation and would like to apply that experience to the DHC. Commissioners appreciated his interest and thanked him for attending the meeting. Additional interviews with interested candidates will be scheduled before the selection of a new commissioner is made.

**7. Revisions to Town history on DHC website.** Ms. Lynch-Benttinen shared an excerpt from an article she is preparing for Duxbury 2020 clarifying the pre-1620 names of present day Duxbury and Plymouth, then known as Mattakeesett and Patuxet.

8. **Envision Duxbury Update.** Planning Director Valerie Massard had scheduled a meeting June 3 to discuss the current draft of this document, but only Ms. Lynch-Benttinen attended. It was not clear to other commissioners the meeting was for the DHC only, and most assumed it was open to others as well. Both Mr. Vose and Ms. Lynch-Benttinen will send or have sent proposed revisions and corrections to Ms. Massard.
9. **CPC Update.** Nothing new to report.
10. **Local Historic District Update.** Town Manager Rene Read is said to be considering a proposal to combine the LHDC with the Historical Commission in an effort to streamline work of both. Commissioners were skeptical because each commission deals with different tasks, but agreed further discussions were in order. A motion to invite the LHDC to a joint meeting July 17 passed 6-0; Mr. Vose, liaison to the LHDC, will follow-up.
11. **Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:25 PM; approved 6-0.
12. **Motion to Reopen the Meeting.** Made and seconded at 8:26 PM; passed 6-0. Mr. Vose asked Mr. Cole if he would serve as Treasurer of the Commission, replacing Mark Barry, whose term expires June 30. Mr. Cole agreed, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM, approved by a 6-0 vote.

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

New Materials Received:

1. Letter from EBI Consulting re: Invitation to Comment on a proposed Verizon Wireless monopole tower on Mayflower Street.
2. Historic Structure Demolition Application dated June 3, 2019 for garage at 16 Crooked Lane.
3. June 5 email from Sheila Lynch-Benttinen with attached article "Where is Mattakeesett? Where was Patuxet?"