

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes: August 5, 2020

Approved 8/19/2020

Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Chris Andrew, Michael Cole, Arthur Evans, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen and Ed Mayo. Nicole Walters was absent.

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

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM and confirmed that members present could be heard by mentioning their name and receiving an affirmative response. He then read the following preamble:

“This Open Meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with Governor Baker’s Executive Order of March 12, 2020, due to the current State of Emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of the COVID-19 Virus. In order to mitigate the transmission of the COVID-19 Virus, we have been advised and directed by the Commonwealth to suspend public gatherings, and as such, the Governor’s Order suspends the requirement of the Open Meeting Law to have all meetings in a publicly accessible physical location. Further, all members of public bodies are allowed and encouraged to participate remotely. The Order, which you can find posted on our agenda, allows public bodies to meet entirely remotely so long as reasonable public access is afforded so that the public can follow along with the deliberations of the meeting. For public access please email at DuxHistoricalCom@gmail.com or call in at (781) 934 1100 xt.5409 for questions or comments.

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- 1. Open Forum.** No discussion.
- 2. Minutes.** Minutes of the July 29 meeting and July 29 executive session were approved by a 6-0 vote.
- 3. Interviews with candidates for open position on commission.**
Joshua Peters and Dante Iannazzo were interviewed. No decision was made on recommending a new commissioner to the Selectmen.
- 4. Final Determinations.**
 - a. *260 Washington Street Barn, total demolition.*
After a brief discussion it was moved and seconded this barn is a regulated structure architecturally significant in terms of period style and associated with one or more historic persons in Town, and that a twelve (12) month demolition delay should be imposed on the application to demolish it. Passed 6-0.

5. New Demolition Delay Application.

a. *57 Shipyard Lane, the Zadoch Bradford House, 1795.*

Walkaround Aug. 4. Owner was very cooperative and provided a tour inside and out. Historic information about the house from a previous owner was not readily available and commissioners felt a consideration of this and other material was in order before making an initial determination. Consideration of the application was postponed until the next meeting August 19.

6. Town Meeting Results

The Town voted by more than the required two-thirds majority to purchase the property at 761 Temple Street using CPC funds. Several questions remain unanswered: would this prompt litigation from the developer who had previously signed a purchase and sale agreement for the property that was overturned by the Selectmen? Will the Town move to sell the house and barn quickly? What portion and how much of the property will be assigned to the Affordable Housing Trust? Commissioners thanked Tag Carpenter and Sheila Lynch Benttinen for their presentations at Town Meeting.

7. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 2:15 PM. The next meeting of the Commission will be held remotely on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 7 PM.

New Materials Received:

None

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

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