

**Minutes:** January 4, 2017

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Molly Curtin, Arthur Evans, 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 7:18 PM.

**1. Open Forum**

Mr. Vose distributed a letter from the owners of 57 Josselyn Ave. withdrawing their application for demolition. The Berrybrook School requested a letter from the DHC in support of their application to the National Register of Historic places stating that the workshop on their property is an historic structure.

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the December 21, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved as amended at the meeting.

**3. Demolition Applications.**

a. 326 Powder Point Ave. Restoration of Boat House. The Building Permit Application and plans dated Dec. 23, 2016 were discussed. Because no demolition is involved, no action was required by the DHC. Commissioners appreciated the action by the owners to restore rather than demolish this structure.

b. 31 Crescent Street. ca. 1940. Complete Demolition. A Demolition Application has yet to be received. Deferred to next meeting.

**4. Revised Demolition Bylaw: Next Steps**

A table prepared by Mr. Barry summarizing the proposed changes to the bylaw and the reasoning behind each change was reviewed. The table also helped define and clarify bylaw administrative and policy questions for the DHC warrant article. This information had been requested the Planning Board and submitted to them Jan. 4 in preparation for their public hearing on the proposed revised bylaw Jan. 11, 2017. Commissioners thanked Mr. Barry for taking the initiative on this. Mr. Vose had also contacted Nancy O'Connor in the Selectman's Office urging an early placement of the bylaw in the Town Warrant.

**5. 2017 Massachusetts Historical Commission Grants.**

Commissioners were reminded of the workshop on these grants that will be held at Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth on February 2, and urged to attend if possible.

## **6. Duxbury Open Space and Recreation Plan Update**

The items listed in Section 8 of this document, " Goals and Objectives" were reviewed as requested by the Conservation Commission. Commissioners found this a useful summary of long-term projects and had nothing to add to it. Mr. Vose will prepare a letter stating the Commission's approval of the draft for submission to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Update Committee.

## **7. Outreach**

The discussion at the last meeting of ways the DHC might inform the public about the proposed revised bylaw in preparation for the Town meeting in March was continued. Specific venues for holding public forums were suggested: the Senior Center, the Library, and private groups. Individual commissioners volunteered to contact various persons about hosting small group meetings and preparing a schedule of them. David Mittell of the *Duxbury Clipper* will be kept informed of this effort. A Facebook presentation is not allowed because it is a private, not a public forum. A basic question for conducting all such meetings is how to engage supporters of the revision to the bylaw. This is to be an ongoing effort, with follow-up at the next meeting.

**5. Adjournment.** Unanimously agreed to adjourn at 9:05 PM.

### **New Items Received.**

1. Memo dated Jan. 4, 2017 from the DHC to the Duxbury Planning Board presenting a table summarizing proposed changes to Protective Bylaw 609.
2. Email dated Dec. 28, 2016 from Stacy Walsh to Maureen Hansen re: 57 Josslyn Ave.

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