

Minutes: February 15, 2017

Present: R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Mark Barry, Molly Curtin, Arthur Evans and Nicole Walters. Robert C. (Terry) Vose III, Chair, was absent.

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

Vice-Chairman Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

1. **Open Forum.** No discussion
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the February 1, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **Open Hearing:** 57 Josselyn Ave. ca. 1925, Total Demolition.

Mr. Carpenter opened the hearing and read the public notice that appeared in the Feb. 1 and Feb. 8 editions of the *Duxbury Clipper*. Mr. Barry read pertinent parts of the bylaw. Stacy Walsh and Michael Skok, owners were present along with one abutter, Sandy Bondlow of 42 Josselyn Ave. Ten (10) letters were received from neighbors and abutters, none objecting to demolition. Following a lively discussion about vernacular architecture and the need for its preservation, commissioners offered comments on the application. Per the bylaw, a vote cannot be taken on the matter for ten days following the hearing, in this case at the March 15 DHC meeting. Mr. Carpenter then closed the public hearing.

4. **Other Demolition Applications**

a. 44 Duck Hill Road. ca. 1662, Edward Gray House. Addition. Owner has yet to submit complete application. Walkaround completed Jan. 27, 2017. Item to be removed from agenda until application materials are received.

c. 93 Abrams Hill. ca. 1898. Frederick Bradford Knapp - William Hatch House. Complete Demolition. Public hearing scheduled for March 1, 2017. Notice will appear in the Feb. 15 and Feb. 22 editions of the *Clipper*.

4. **Revised Demolition Bylaw**

a. Mr. Amory discussed the statement he prepared and read at the February 8 meeting of the Planning Board about the Commission's decision to indefinitely postpone Article 39 - "Amend Zoning Bylaws - Article 600, Section 609 Demolition of Historically Significant Buildings" from the 2017 Town Warrant. The PB accepted the decision, thanked the DHC for its efforts, and offered a few comments on the proposed bylaw revision. Recognizing the need to engage other town officials in the effort to revise the bylaw, it

was suggested that Selectman David Madigan, liaison to the DHC, be invited to a future meeting when a discussion of the bylaw is on the agenda.

b. James Lampert memo dated Feb. 1, 2017 to the Planning Board re: Article 39 of the Town warrant. Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the careful consideration Mr. Lampert has given to the revised bylaw, and agreed to discuss the specific points of his memo at a future meeting.

5. **Report on 2017 Massachusetts Historical Commission Grants Workshop.** Mr. Vose and Mr. Carpenter attended this session held Feb. 2 at the Pilgrim Hall Museum in Plymouth. Mr. Carpenter said the sessions were instructive and provided useful information about the grant application process. He circulated two booklets for future reference: *Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund, Round 23 Application Instructions*, and *Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund Application Forms*.

6. **Discussion: Combine the Historical Commission and the Local Historic District Commission.**

Brief discussion. Commissioners agreed the DHC should reach out to the LHDC, attend their occasional coffee sessions with residents, and become more informed about their agenda. Mr. Vose, the DHC's liaison to the LHDC, will coordinate this effort.

7. **Adjournment.** Unanimously agreed to adjourn at 8:47PM.

#### **New Items Received.**

1. Chain of Title forms for 93 Abrams Hill Rd.
2. Correspondence re: 57 Josselyn Ave.:
  - letter dated 2/13/2017 from Kevin and Eileen White
  - letter dated 1/16/2017 from Sheila and Tom Phipps
  - letter dated 2/7/2017 from Deborah and Mark Drinkwater
  - letter dated 1/19/2017 from Joe and Caroline Conway
  - letter dated 2/6/2017 from Pam Miles and Mike Macnaught
  - letter dated 1/14/2017 from James and Joyce Hooley
  - letter dated 1/14/2017 from Thomas and Kristen Kennelly
  - letter dated 1/17/2017 from Sandra Bondlow
  - email dated 2/14/2017 from Deborah Wilkens
  - letter dated 2/14/2017 from Margaret Earl
3. Booklet titled, *Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund, Round 23 Application Instructions*
4. Booklet titled, *Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund Application Forms*.
5. Draft comments on Article 39 in the 2017 Town Warrant labeled DA 2.8.17.

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

