

Minutes: May 3, 2017

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

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

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

1. Open Forum.

- 16 Crooked Lane - the Oliver L. Briggs House, ca. 1875 (DUX 622) is up for sale.
- A three car garage is going up at 106 Powder Point Ave. on the same, or close to the same footprint as the now demolished barn.
- The Norwell Historical Commission is preparing an application to list the historic Jacob's Farmhouse on the National Register of Historic Places, with assistance from the Institute for Human Center Design in Boston. Stephen Demos is the contact architect. Website is humancentereddesign.org.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Pending Demolition Applications

a. *93 Abrams Hill, ca. 1879-1890, Total Demolition. Demolition delay put in effect March 15, 2017; expires September 12, 2017.*

An "Alternatives to Demolition" meeting was held April 24 attended by Commissioners Vose and Carpenter, Sarah McCormack of the Design Review Board, Valerie Massard, Planning Director, Scott Lambiase, Director of Municipal Services, and Meredith Murphy, owner. The owners have received input from contractors, but have yet to reach a decision about altering their plan to demolish the property. The meeting was reported to have been positive and efforts to consider alternatives to demolition continue.

4. New Demolition Applications - None.

5. At Risk Historic Structures

a. *88 Surplus Street, ca. 1832. Gershom B. Weston- Hannah Bradford House (DUX 399).* House has not yet been sold and remains on the market.

b. *232 Surplus Street, ca. 1736, Ebenezer Wormall House (DUX 23).* Nothing new since last meeting.

c. *31 Crescent Street, ca. 1940. Complete Demolition.* Demolition Application not yet received. See minutes of meeting 1/4/2017.

6. **CPC Update.** Nothing to report; no recent meetings.
7. **Local Historic District Update.** The memo dated May 2, 2017 from Valerie Massard, Planning Director and Scott Lambiase, Director of Municipal Services regarding proposed fees for filing a historic preservation application and a new local historic district was discussed. A motion to accept the new fee schedule was unanimously approved; no further action was required.
8. **Battelle Property.** Rumors abound, but no new information about the about what Diamond/Sinacori intends to do with this property has been made public.
9. **MHC Workshop on Administering Demolition Delay Bylaws.** To be held in Acton, MA May 10, 2017. Mr. Vose and possibly other commissioners plan to attend.
10. **Revised Demolition Delay Bylaw.** To be discussed at the May 17 meeting. Resident Jim Lampert, who offered two sets of detailed comments on this previously will be invited to attend, along with Chris Skelly of the MHC and Attorney Robb D'Ambruso, a former member of the DHC.
11. **Adjournment.** Unanimously agreed to adjourn at 7:55PM.

New Items Received.

1. Memo dated May 2, 2017 from Valerie Massard and Scott Lambiase (see item #7)

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk