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DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

APPROVED JULY 10, 2018

Minutes: June 27, 2018

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose III, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Mark Barry, 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 7:03 PM.

1. **Open Forum.** The DRHS recently held a reception for persons with a dateboarded house or anyone interested in applying for a dateboard, forming a “dateboard society.”
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the June 6 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote with the correction of one typo.
2. **New Building and Demolition Applications**
3. a. *262 Marshall Street, ca. 1872. Move/renovate.* A proposed renovation of this structure that involved partial demolition was voted on at the October 4, 2017 DHC meeting. The renovation was considered preservationist in nature and no demolition delay was imposed. A revised plan that involved moving the structure 25 feet and putting it on a new foundation was presented to the Commission at the June 6, 2018 meeting. The Commission considered that moving was the house tantamount to reconstructing it, and asked for a new and full application. A new plan received June 13 showed the amount of the structure to be demolished was not materially different from the original plan. Commissioners saw no reason to change its prior decision to not impose a demolition delay. The vote to allow the project to proceed passed by a 4-1 margin.
- b. *116 Tremont Street, ca. 1935. Total demolition.* Commissioners agreed this building does not meet any of the criteria in the demolition delay bylaw, and voted 5-0 to allow complete demolition.
- c. *263 Marshal Street, ca. 1900. Partial demolition/renovation.* Application received June 25; walkaround scheduled for June 29. To be considered at the next DHC meeting July 11, 2018.
4. **Interview with Sheila Lynch.** Ms. Lynch is a 20+ year resident of Duxbury and active in Town affairs, with a special interest in Native American history. She has a degree in Landscape Architecture and Planning and is considering ways to put her experience and interest to work. Later in the meeting and after Ms.Lynch had left the room the Commission voted to approve her appointment to the DHC by a 5-0 vote. Mr. Vose to follow-up with the BOS.
5. **Proposed Pier at 685 Washington Street.** Mr. Vose, a member of the Bluefish River Group, recused himself from this discussion and left the room. Messrs. Paul Driscoll,

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Attorney for the owners of 685 Washington Street and Paul Brogna, Engineer for the project, were present to outline actions taken to date on this project.

At the June 6 DHC meeting some Friends of the Bluefish River Group were present during the open forum portion of the meeting agenda and requested the DHC send a letter to the Zoning Board of Appeals summarizing the Commissions' past actions on this matter. The letter, dated and delivered June 14, 2018, was signed by the Vice-Chair and all Commission members except Mr. Vose.

Messrs. Driscoll and Brogna asked that the Commission allow the applicant, whom they represent, the same courtesy it provided those who oppose it and give them equal time to present their case so the DHC could be fair in its assessment of it. They outlined the nine year history of the application in some detail tracing its progress through various state and local boards and committees that involved hiring wetland experts, lawyers, attending numerous public hearings, and dealing 397 individual documents. Proponents of the project claim they are being held to a higher standard than other pier projects, and note that three other piers have been built in the same area along the Bluefish River since the application for a pier at 685 Washington St. was initially filed. Permission to build this pier has been denied by the Conservation Commission, and the owners are appealing that decision to the ZBA. The project is on the docket ZBA for the July 12, 2018 ZBA meeting.

Commissioners thanked Messrs. Driscoll and Brogna for their time and their presentation. No action was taken, and the matter was deferred to the July 11 meeting of the DHC

6. 60 Hardin Hill Rd. (Society of St. Margarets)

The Sisters of St. Margaret are considering renovations to this structure to make it more appropriate for use as a rental unit. Three members of the DHC had a preliminary informal meeting with their architect to discuss what, if any, applications for historical preservation might be in order.

- 7. Approval of DHC Invoices.** The Commission voted by a 5-0 margin to allow Mark Barry, Treasurer, to approve and sign all DHC bills and invoices submitted to Town Hall.
- 8. CPC Update.** It was determined at a recent meeting that excess CPC funds could not be used to underwrite the cost of preparing an application for Tinkertown to appear on the National Register of Historic Places. Funding must come from elsewhere.
- 9. Local Historic District Update.** Mr. Vose reported there are now six homes that may be presented to the Town Meeting in March, 2019 for inclusion in a Local Historic District.
- 10. Members thanked Mr. Amory,** whose term expires June 30, for his participation on and contributions to the Commission during the past three years.
- 11. Motion to Adjourn.** Made at 8:45 PM; approved by a 5-0 vote.

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New Materials Received:

1. Historic Structure Demolition Application packet for 262 Marshall Street dated June 18, 2018.
2. Historic Structure Demolition Application packet for 116 Tremont St. dated June 13, 2018.
3. Historic Structure Demolition Application packet for 263 Marshall St. dated June 25, 2018.
4. Letter dated June 14, 2018 to Wayne Dennison, Chair. Duxbury ZBA from the DHC re: Proposed Pier Project at 685 Washington Street

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk