

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, Mark Barry, Arthur Evans, Sheila Lynch-Benttinen and Nicole Walters.

*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.** No discussion.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the August 22 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **Public Hearing: 286 Marshall Street, Standish House Hotel South Wing, ca. 1872.**

Chairman Vose opened the public hearing; Mr. Carpenter read relevant parts of the demolition delay bylaw. 11 people attended, including the owners, Barry and Nancy Gonder, who bought the house six years ago as a summer residence. The condition of the structure has deteriorated since then and the owners now want to demolish it and build a new house as their permanent home. Comments were varied: it was noted the structure has been moved twice, is no longer on its original foundation, and because of renovations is not easily recognized as a part of the Standish Hotel. It differs in this regard from the former north wing of the hotel at 262 Standish St., currently being renovated. One resident held the owners should be able to do what they want with the structure; others thought an effort should be made to preserve its main section and architectural elements, such as cornices, etc. The owners have yet to select an architect for the project. After approximately 30 minutes of discussion, Mr. Vose closed the hearing. According to the bylaw #609, a vote on the matter must be taken "no less than ten (10) business days after the public the hearing;" the matter will be on the agenda for the next DHC meeting Sept. 19 .

#### 4. **New Building and Demolition Applications**

- a. *782 Temple Street. DUX 449, P. Samson House, ca. 1800. Total Demolition.* This mid 18<sup>th</sup> century to early 19<sup>th</sup> century cape reportedly was an Italian restaurant during the 1930's, but has been neglected and allowed to fall into disrepair in recent years. Although it meets one criteria of the bylaw, it was moved and seconded the bylaw should not apply due to the poor condition of the structure. Passed 6-0.
- b. *420 Washington Street.* Consideration of this application was moved at the request of the owner from August 22 to September 5 so he could be present. He was not at the meeting. At the walkaround commissioners requested a demolition plan that has yet to be received. A motion to defer to the Chair on how to proceed, i.e., consider the application at the meeting or defer it to the next meeting to satisfy the owner's request to be present, passed

by a 6-0 vote. The Chair then decided to defer discussion of the application to the September 19 meeting.

- c. *60 Harden Hill Road, Renovation involving partial demolition and addition.* Demolition involves tearing down a garage that is of questionable historical significance. Because other renovations to the main house were considered to be preservationist in nature, commissioners concluded it was not a regulated structure. A motion to allow renovations to proceed passed 6-0.
- 5. Revisions to Demolition Delay Bylaw.** At the Aug. 22 meeting, Mr. Carpenter offered to seek clarification on the Planning Board's action on this from Valerie Massard, Town Planner. She replied in an email the PB would be considering a draft amendment being prepared by Brian Glennon to the DHC's articles(s) offered on the floor of the March 2018 Town Meeting sometime in late September. This would be followed by workshops later in the fall, dates to be determined.
- 6. CPC Update.** No new information.
- 7. Local Historic District Update.** Because Mr. Vose, LHDC liason, has been away there was little new of substance to report. Six or seven houses are under consideration.
- 8. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:35 PM; approved 6-0. Next meeting is September 19, 2018.

New Materials Received:

1. Complete Historic Structure Demoliton Application dated Aug. 30, 2018 for 745 Franklin Street.
2. Email dated Aug. 24, 2018 from V. Massard to Tag Carpenter.
3. Copies of a bumper sticker from an anonymous resident that read, "Gut Fish, Not Duxbury's Historic Homes." Similar stickers are in Charleston, SC and Nantucket.

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

