

Minutes: October 3, 2018

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

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Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Open Forum. Several items were discussed:

- A new house on Cove St. blends in well with the neighborhood.
- CPC funds are not available to underwrite a survey of Tinkertown; it may be necessary to use admin. funds from the Town.
- Two other areas in Town that would be desirable to survey are the Millbrook area and part of Surplus Street.
- Commissioner Lynch-Benttinen suggested creation of a list of the top 200 or 250 significant homes in Town. Mr. Barry offered to sort the MACRIS list in an attempt to create this; Tony Kelso and Carolyn Ravenscroft could review and judge this, possibly with the help of a committee. Commissioners agreed Ms. Lynch-Benttinen should submit an application to the CPC for funds to support the project.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the September 19 meeting were unanimously approved after two changes were made to the draft version.

3. Pending Demolition Application. *286 Marshall Street, Standish House Hotel South Wing, ca. 1872.*

No direct contact with the owners since the last meeting. A letter informing the applicant, with copies to the Zoning Enforcement Officer and Planning Director, of the Commission's decision needs to be sent.

4. New Building and Demolition Applications

- a. *145 Loring Street, ca. 1850. Complete demolition.* Structure is part of the Bay Farm Montessori School, founded in 1972, and previously owned by David McClosky, a prominent vocal coach and his wife Barbara, who purchased it from the estate of Atherton Loring. Current use of the building is for storage, and the Bay Farm School needs the space to improve parking and traffic flow. In spite of its historical interest and potential cultural significance, commissioners thought the structure does not represent an identifiable aspect of Duxbury's history. A motion that Bylaw #609 should not apply was made and seconded; passed 6-0.
- b. *170 Church Street, ca. 1915, Complete demolition.* Once the home of Jack Willimas, a long time caretaker of the Tarklin community center and a good example of an early 20th century cottage structure. A vote passed at the 2018 Town meeting for the Town to purchase the property for Open Space purposes and to protect two abutting drinking

water well sites included demolition of the house. Given this prior action, it was concluded the Bylaw does not apply and no further action on the part of the DHC was necessary. Passed 6-0.

- 5. DHC Rules and Regulations.** A general discussion of this document along with others associated with it (the Historic Structure Demolition Application and the Applicant's Guide) was conducted by the Vice-Chair. No revisions were suggested.
- 6. Revisions to Bylaw #609.** The Commission continues to be in a "wait and see" mode pending further action and workshops scheduled by the Planning Board.
- 7. CPC Update.** Nothing new to report.
- 8. Local Historic District Update.** The LHDC continues to work on complete applications from at least five residents that have indicated an interest in putting their homes in a local historic district. One issue being considered was for the LHDC to absorb the \$100 fee.
- 9. Nantasket Beach Lecture Series.** Attention was called to the next lecture in this series titled "Preserving New England's Historic Homes" by Suzanne Buchanan on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 PM at the Natasket Beach Resort. Sme members indicated they may attend.
- 10. Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:05 PM; approved 6-0. Next meeting is October 17, 2018.

New Materials Received:

1. Complete Demolition Application dated September 18, 2018 for 145 Loring Street.
2. Complete Demolition Application dated September 24, 2018 for 170 Church Street.
3. Email dated Sept. 25, 2018 from Anne Murray re: "Preserving New England's Historic Homes."

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

