

Minutes: November 1, 2017

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose III, Chair, R.Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Mark Barry, Molly Curtin, Arthur Evans, 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 7:01 PM.

1. **Open Forum.** Attention was called to a notice titled, "A Petition to Our Selectmen: Reduce Congestion With More Parking at a New Snug Harbor Public Landing at Bettelle" that was published in the Nov.1, 2017 edition of the *Duxbury Clipper*.
2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were unanimously approved.
3. **Public Hearing:** *Battelle Institute Properties: 0 Washington Street (Cottage), 397 Washington Street (Edgar Reed House a.k.a. "Bridge House"), and 401 Washington Street (Hillman House).*

Public Hearing: *Battelle Institute Properties: 0 Washington Street (Shore House), 405 Washington Street (Nathaniel Winsor I House a.k.a. "Richards House."*

These two public hearings from the October 4 and the October 28 meetings were continued. Mr. Vose distributed and read aloud a letter dated Nov. 1, 2017 from Attorney Robert W. Galvin representing the developer Diamond/Sinacori that requested the withdrawal of all demolition permit applications made on behalf of Diamond/Sinacori. Given this, a motion was made a seconded to terminate both hearings; passed 7-0. It was further moved and seconded that Mr. Vose reply to Mr. Galvin in writing promptly to let him know the Commission had accepted his request; passed 7-0.

Commissioners saw this new development as an opportunity to take a proactive approach in the attempt to preserve historic structures on the Battelle property.

4. **Demoliton Delays in Effect.**
 - a. *6 Powder Point Ave.* Nothing new since last meeting.
5. **New Demolition Applications**
 - a. *113 Tremont Street, Complete demolition.* Application not yet complete; for discussion at the next DHC meeting.

6. **CPC Update.** Mr. Vose reported that the CPC had no interest in purchasing any of the historic structures on the Battelle property, but was open to considering other ways to assist in preserving them.
 7. **Local Historic District Update.** A meeting is scheduled for Nov. 2 to consider revisions to the LHD's rules and regulations. More information to follow.
 8. **Revisions to the Demolition Delay Bylaw.** Two revisions agreed on at the September 27 meeting were discussed:
 - in para. #5 of section 609.3, delete "for a period of six (6) months..." and add, "for a period of twelve (12) months."
 - add a new section 609.4 on the expiration on sale concept, with language to be finalized. Mr. Carpenter proposed wording for this that will be discussed at the next meeting.
- It was moved and seconded to approve these changes; passed 7-0.
9. **Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022.** Copies of this document were distributed to commissioners for review and comment. Comments should be sent to Mr. Carpenter on or before November 8, 2017.
 10. **Next meeting:** To avoid conflict with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's presentation of the findings of the Town's Comprehensive Plan on November 15, it was agreed to hold the next DHC meeting on November 8.
 11. **Adjournment.** Moved and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:06PM. Passed 7-0.

New Materials Received:

1. Letter dated Nov. 1, 2017 from Robert W. Galvin re: Demolition Permit Applications for five (5) structures on the Battelle Property: 0 Washington Street, Duxbury (Building 3- Cottage), 0 Washington Street, Duxbury (Building 1- Shore House), 397 Washington Street, Duxbury, MA (Bridge House), 401 Washington Street, Duxbury, MA (Hillman House) and 405 Washington Street, Duxbury (Richards House).
2. Draft copy dated October 13, 2017 of the *Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Plan 2018-2022*.
3. Letter dated Oct. 26, 2017 to Robert W. Galvin from Robert C. Vose III re: Battelle Property.
4. Email dated October 26, 2016 to Rene Read from Robert C. Vose III re: bylaw change.
5. Email dated November 1, 2017 from Holly Morris re: Historic Preservation Restrictions.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

