

Minutes: November 7, 2018

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

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Vice-Chair Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

1. Open Forum.

- The shed at 6 Powder Pt. Ave. on which a demolition delay had been imposed and expired in January 2018 has been demolished.
- 1 Abrams Hill is for sale and is feared may be a teardown.
- 761 Temple Street, the Isaac Simmons House, ca. 1696 (DUX 2) is also for sale along with 18 acres of land. The possibility this historic property may be purchased for development was discussed along with what might be done about that. Possible options were for the DHC to send a letter to the *Duxbury Clipper* to increase public awareness, contact Wildlands Trust, and/or Preservation MA. Asking price for the property is \$2.7 million.

2. Minutes. Minutes of the October 17 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.

3. Pending Demolition Application. *286 Marshall Street, Standish House Hotel South Wing, ca. 1872. Six month delay imposed Sept. 19, 2018; expires March 19, 2019.*
No direct contact with the owners to date. A meeting with them, the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Planning Director, and a member of the Design Review Board still needs to be arranged. Mr. Vose to follow-up.

4. New Building and Demolition Applications: None.

5. Proposal for “Duxbury Top Ten” List of Historical Properties. Commissioner Lynch-Benttinen reported that the Funding Request Form submitted to the Community Preservation Committee on behalf of the Historical Commission was withdrawn because it was educational and did not involve the “bricks and mortar” criteria of the CPC. Alternatives were discussed, including the possibility of Preservation Massachusetts (PM) working directly with the DHC. It was also noted the DRHS cannot be involved because it is not an advocacy group and acting in that capacity would endanger its non-profit status. In the end it was agreed that Ms. Lynch-Benttinen would reach out to Erin Kelley, president of PM to discuss possible next steps.

6. Planning Board Revisions to Demolition Delay Bylaw. Still waiting to hear from the Planning Board about workshops on this.

7. **CPC Update.** Ten applications for funding have been received; selection of those to be presented at the 2019 Town Meeting is yet to come.
8. **Local Historic District Update.** Nothing new to report.
9. **Envision Duxbury.** The Planning Board and representatives of the Metropolitan Area Planning Council held a community forum on Oct. 24 to present Phase Two of the Master Plan for Envision Duxbury. Focus was on economic development, transportation, public facilities, sustainability, land use and zoning, and implementation. The forum is available on YouTube and will be followed by another forum in March 2019. Commissioners were urged to stay involved and informed about this process.
10. **Motion to Adjourn.** Made and seconded at 8:15 PM; approved 5-0. Because the next scheduled meeting would be on Thanksgiving eve and there are no new demolition applications to consider, it was decided not to meet again until December 5, 2018. If necessary, a special meeting could be called for Wednesday, November 28.

New Materials Received:

None.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk