

# Duxbury Local Historic District Commission



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**Approved: April 23, 2018**

Minutes: Thursday, March 27, 2018

## **Attendees:**

Commission Members: Renée Mierzejewski, Chair | Janet Ritch | Pamela Campbell Smith, Alternate | Phil Tuck, Alternate | Michael McGee, Alternate | Georgia Taft-Pye absent | William McArdle absent | Robert C. "Terry" Vose, III absent

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*Chairperson Mierzejewski called the meeting to order at 7:10pm*

## **1. March 8, 2018 Minutes**

The minutes from the March 8<sup>th</sup> public hearing were circulated and approved by a 4-0 vote, with Alternates Phil Tuck and Pamela Campbell Smith voting.

## **2. Annual Town Meeting**

Congratulations! Article 45 passed and the following new LHDs were established:

- 26 & 47 Surplus Street - David Corey & Xandra Breakfield
- 218 Surplus Street - Allen & Joanne Lacey
- 120 King Caesar Road - Erin McGough (DRHS)
- 259 & 265 Washington Street - Maarten & Mavis Hemsley
- 318 Washington Street - William P. & Lynne Rice

## **3. Building and Growing LHDs in 2018**

The Commission discussed partnerships aimed to grow and build new districts in 2018. Ideas included: (1) David Corey – would he be willing to help grow the Surplus Street LHD; (2) Jim Hartford – would he like to join the Surplus Street LHD.

The Commission discussed reaching out to the property owners who backed out of being part of a district between the 2017 and 2018 Annual Town Meetings. Two owners, the McMahons and Mim McCaig, were selling their homes.

The Commission discussed other potential properties to target for 2018 LHDs, including:

- The churches on Washington Street: St. John's and Pilgrim Church.

- Two homes on Washington Street on the property recently acquired by Island Creek Oysters.
- The Winsor House, who may be interested in one of the houses across the street on the aforementioned Island Creek property
- Homes in Tinkertown, and on Cove Street, Cedar Street, Washington Street, and Surplus Street.
- The “Flagpole area” at the intersection of Washington Street, Powder Point, and Cove Street.
- Fernando Guitart expressed interest at our last Coffee Meeting. We will follow-up with him.
- Janet Ritch will talk to Kathy Palmer about her home.

The Commission proposed preparing a letter to residents whose properties could be LHDs in 2018. Ms. Mierzejewski will draft a letter and then email it to everyone for comments and edits. The letter will then be revised and sent to potential LHD property owners. Pamela Campbell Smith and Janet Rich volunteered to prepare the letters for mailing; addressing envelopes and stamping. Ms. Campbell Smith will talk with Erin McGough to determine a date for the next coffee meeting at the Nathaniel Winsor House. Ms. Campbell Smith will get a new Street Directory from the Town Clerk. Ms. Mierzejewski will bring 40 copies of the letter, envelopes, maps, “myth busters,” and the Commission’s rules and regulations to the April meeting.

#### **4. Present Duxbury Local Historic Districts**

The Commission discussed memorializing a comprehensive list of the current LHDs. This will aid in educating property owners interested in volunteering their homes as LHDs. Renée Mierzejewski will create the list and distribute to the Commission by email. It will be discussed at the April meeting. The goal is to develop an accurate package of information to prospective LHD members with the following:

- A list of properties in district and their locations, including maps and photographs.
- An explanation of the process to designate a home in a local historic district; both the Commonwealth’s and Duxbury’s requirements.
- A copy of the Commission’s Rules and Regulations.

#### **5. Open Forum**

The status of construction of the Littleton Way Properties was discussed.

The Duxbury Rural & Historical Association is hosting a meeting for date board owners on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Some members of the Commission plan to attend.

#### **6. Adjournment**

Moved and seconded to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Passed 4-0

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Renée Mierzejewski, Chair*