

Local Historic District Commission Meeting – March 28, 2023

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Attending: Pamela Campbell Smith, Renee Mierzejewski, Evelyn Walker, Jayne Dalmadge, O'Farrell, Janet Ritch, Terry Vose, Phil Tuck, Georgia Taft Pye

Member of the Public Attending: Norm Kendall

Pam Campbell Smith called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. and announced that the meeting with the Loring's for the approval of their house plans will be at the April meeting. She said that the questions to be discussed focus on the windows, door, trims and roof and siding materials. Pam will contact the Loring's to confirm day and time.

Janet Ritch brought up the possible issue of home insurance costs for owners of properties in historic districts. She will contact the Massachusetts Historical Society office to see if there is any further information on that question.

Pam then brought up the Town Meeting circumstance with the three Town-owned properties, the Bluefish Fire Station, the Wright Building and the Duxbury Free Library, being put on hold and not voted on at this year's meeting. Questions have been raised by the Finance Committee about whether Town owned buildings should be in historic districts and about the maps used to identify the properties for the district being separate and apart from neighboring Town properties. There is also a question about the Duxbury Library trustees needing to vote to include the library building. These questions were not raised when the LHDC first asked the Town to include these properties in local historic districts. Renee suggested that we meet with Finance Committee members to find out what the concerns are and to let them know more about local historic districts and their purpose and need in Duxbury. Pam said she will reach out to Select Board members Mike McGee and Fernando Guitart and Planning Director Chris Ryan to invite them to our April or May meeting to discuss the issues. Pam will also contact Jen Doherty at MHC to follow up on other towns' experiences with town-owned buildings being placed in local historic districts.

Pam asked for suggestions for properties to be proposed for at ATM 2024 for inclusion in local historic districts. Terry Vose is reaching out to a number of home owners on Powder Point. Pam mentioned a number of additional possible properties elsewhere in town. Terry has gotten copies of the LHDC brochure to send out. Pam said we need to get a date for the coffee for Jon Daley's neighbors and suggested we ask him for a time that would work in May. She suggested the coffee be held at the Nathaniel Winsor, Jr., house. Evelyn will check with Jon to see what date would be possible.

Pam asked that the meeting minutes for the following meetings be accepted:

October 25, 2022

November 15, 2022

December 20, 2022

January 10, 2022

January 17, 2022

February 21, 2023

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Discussion followed concerning a correction to Jayne's name and a change from Evelyn to Renee for attendance at the Finance Committee. With those changes, the meeting minutes were moved for acceptance by Terry Vose and seconded by Georgia Taft Pye. The vote unanimous was to accept the meeting minutes.

Evelyn Walker said that the correction to her home's Local Historic District submission is still missing a small piece of land. She will check with Emily Hadley to see how this can be done.

Pam announced the next meeting will be April 25, 2023 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Pam moved for the meeting to be adjourned and Janet Ritch seconded.