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Duxbury Local Historic District

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Meeting of the Local Historic District Commission

Date: April 27, 2021

Attendees: Renée Mierzejewski, Chair, Pamela Campbell Smith, Evelyn Walker, Janet Ritch, Phil Tuck, Georgia Taft Pye

Member of the Public: Chris Sherman

Renée Mierzejewski called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m. and read the required pandemic Open Meeting protocol.

Renée next reported on her meeting with Chris Sherman of Island Creek Oysters where they discussed possible future joint events as ICO would like to be supportive of the Local Historic District Commission's objectives. Chris Sherman joined the meeting and discussion focused on a joint event to be held this summer in either late July or early August that would be a social gathering for all owners of LHD properties. Chris offered ICO facilities for the gathering either at the Richards House or the Winsor House, or outdoors on the ICO campus. The idea was positively received by Commission members and a date will be set up as a schedule for completion of work on the two ICO buildings is determined. In addition to a social gathering, Renée mentioned that it might be possible to have a speaker discuss the importance of LHD. She suggested that David Corey could be a great speaker for that event. Evelyn Walker suggested including the Duxbury Rural and Historical Date Board group participants. Georgia Taft Pye mentioned that this would be a good event to publicize with pictures and an article in the Clipper.

Pamela Campbell Smith suggested that linking the second Local Historic District Day to ICO would also be a real positive as well. Chris Sherman said that ICO would be pleased to participate. Pam suggested a speaker, David Andreozzi, for that event. Chris said that ICO could assist with a location for that event. The dates being discussed for the Local Historic District Day are either September 11 or 18.

Renée asked about the possibility of doing some fund raising to help with our events and efforts. Pam said that Town Commissions can't fund raise but can establish a "Friends of" group that could. Renée suggested that we re-visit this idea at a future meeting.

Phil Tuck raised the question of properties to be proposed for inclusion in a LHD for Town Meeting 2022. He has requested in a letter to Selectmen that the Town place the Old Town Hall and the Bluefish River Fire Station in LHD's. Janet Ritch asked Chris Sherman if ICO would consider putting the Winsor House in a LHD. Chris responded that he and Terry Vose will be talking further about that possibility. Phil and Janet have volunteered to approach Saint John's and Pilgrim Churches about joining a LHD. Phil also suggested the American Legion Hall, which will be receiving CPA funds from the Town this year. Pam suggested also asking the Town to include the Old High School which is now the town library and the Wright Building in LHD's.

The presentation at Town Meeting when the warrant for the new LHD properties is discussed was addressed next and Renée said that she hopes to give an explanation of what the Local Historic District Commission works on with Erin McGeough of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society and Tag Carpenter of the Historical Commission in order to differentiate among those three groups as there is often confusion as to the different aims and goals of those groups and what each group does. Renée said this point could be discussed further at the May 11th joint meeting with the Historical Commission. She also said it would be good to keep it short at Town Meeting.

Georgia brought up the video that will be done by Jason Carter about the LHDC. She asked that the LHDC consider paying him \$700 instead of the \$600 that was originally agreed to. Pam mentioned that the LHDC will still need approximately \$300 for the Clipper ad about the properties newly accepted by Town Meeting as LHD's. Georgia said she would investigate with the Treasurer's Office about our budget.

Janet Ritch mentioned that she had heard of a Federal tax credit for homeowners who place their property in a LHD. She will try to find out more about that possibility and Georgia said she would see it was publicized.

Janet Ritch moved for adjournment which was seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.