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Duxbury Local Historic District



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Meeting of the Local Historic District Commission, October 20, 2021

Attending: Renée Mierzejewski, Chair, Evelyn Walker, Phil Tuck, Terry Vose, Georgia Taft Pye

Members of the public attending: Selectman Michael McGee, Norman Kendall

Renée Mierzejewski called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. and read the required Preamble for the Commonwealth notice regarding remote Town committee meetings.

With no Open Forum items, Renée began the discussion for putting forward new Local Historic Districts for Town Meeting 2022. While the LHDC is late for getting new districts completed for 2022, Renée said that the work group dealing with the Isaac Simmons house at 761 Temple Street is near completion for that submission as a special project. Evelyn Walker said she is finishing the report for her home at 324 Keene Street and will have that and the map and affidavits to Renée for review right away. Renée said she will review it before the end of the week. Evelyn also mentioned being in touch with the Jordans about an application for their home which is possibly the oldest in town. Phil Tuck reported that Cassie Frost is almost done with the report for the Bluefish River fire house and asked if we could get that submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission in time for Town Meeting. Renée mentioned that the Planning Department needs to review all submissions before they are submitted to MHS and with no Planning Director at the moment, this may be difficult to get done. From submission, we need 60 days to get the public hearing done. She will check the calendar to see if this will be possible. Renée did say that the working committee is near completing the application for 761 Temple Street for TM 2022.

Renée introduced a discussion about the second annual Local Historic District Day. She said that the speaker, architect David Andreozzi, discussed a new element that is important to historic architecture preservation. He emphasized the importance of community involvement and community spirit in the preservation effort. Georgia mentioned that with getting a budget back again for this fiscal year, that perhaps the next year's effort could be expanded a bit. She stated the need for more local publicity with the Clipper or social media, the sending of formal invitations to all owners of Local Historic District properties, working with the Duxbury Rural & Historical Society for the inclusion of owners of date boarded property and possibly a map to show the LHD properties that are marked with balloons for the tour. With the pandemic, there was no possibility of doing a social event with the day's activities but perhaps next year with

different circumstances, but she suggested we could add a social event as well as the speaker and the drive-around tour.

Mike McGee mentioned the momentum he has noticed with increased awareness of interest in historic districts. Georgia asked if the video the Commission is doing could be included on the Town website. Mike suggested adding it to his Selectman page as well. He also suggested putting the video on the PAC TV. Georgia asked if there has been progress in getting a new Planning Director hired and Mike said no one has been hired yet but there will be more notices on the job opening put out to encourage applications. Georgia mentioned that Val Masard had been interested in exploring some grant money possibilities to help the LHDC with the work needed to be done. This would be a great skill for the new Planning Director.

Phil Tuck asked Mike McGee if the Town would support the inclusion of additional Town-owned properties in Local Historic Districts. He mentioned in particular the Wright Building, the Duxbury Free Library, the Bluefish Fire Station, the Girl Scout House and the Old Town Hall. Mike said he saw no objections to that and suggested that the LHDC put an agenda item on the Select Boards meeting agenda for a meeting after Town Meeting on November 8th. Phil made a motion that we ask the Town to put these buildings in LHD's. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Evelyn brought up the naming of the new LHD for Keene Street. She said an appropriate name would be the Keene's Brook Historic District. Phil made a motion that the LHDC accept that name for the new district. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Renée thanked Mike McGee for his help and support and for attending this meeting.

Georgia made a motion that we adjourn which was seconded and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.