

# Duxbury Local Historic District



## Commission

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Local Historic District Commission Meeting October 20, 2020

Present: Renée Mierzejewski, chair, Phil Tuck, Pamela Campbell Smith, Evelyn Walker, Terry Vose, Bill McArdle, Georgia Taft Pye

The meeting was called to order at 5:25 p.m. by Chair Renee Mierzejewski

As part of the Open Forum section of the meeting, Pam Campbell Smith suggested that a letter be sent to all participants in the Local Historic District Day program on September 19, 2020. Pam discussed putting in the letter some information to thank the recipients for their participation and to encourage them to consider putting their property in a local historic district.

Bill McArdle asked if anyone knew when the Special Town Meeting would be. With the delay and then the condensing of the 2020 Town Meeting, the properties that were to be accepted as Local Historic District properties have still not been voted on. Renée said that we don't know anything on that question yet and that planning for the 2021 Town Meeting is difficult as the pandemic is still on going and meetings continue to be restricted.

Renée asked if anyone had taken photos or followed up on the progress for the restoration of 405 Washington Street. Terry Vose said that so far the windows are being replaced and there is some work being done very carefully on the trim. He also mentioned that the Historical Commission had a walkaround at 339 Powder Point Avenue. The house was built in 1890 and was one of the first summer homes in town. He suggested that we should encourage the owners to put the home in a local historic district.

Terry asked about the status of the demolition request for the home at the end of Shipyard Lane. Georgia Pye asked if anyone had heard about what was planned for 313 Washington Street. No one had heard anything specific on either of those properties, but everyone thought the owners for 313 Washington Street should be approached about committing to a local historic district for that property. A question was raised about the barn and Terry said it was on a one-year demolition delay. Renée reported that there was not further information on the plans for the addition for 47 Surplus Street but that the architect knows she must submit the final plans to the Commission for approval. Georgia Pye brought up the plans for doing public outreach that have been delayed and postponed because of the pandemic. She said she would do up a list of those plans for discussion at the November meeting to get things back on track as circumstances allow. She also brought up the question of working with the videographer who videotaped the Patrick Ahearn talk at the Local Historic District Day program. He is willing to add to that video to give the Commission a video to use on the LHDC part of the Town website and to use as a recruitment tool for homeowners considering placing their home in a

LHD. She said that an introduction would be added as well as a tour of Town sites. She wondered about timing since the fall is not always the most photogenic time to be doing the video. She also suggested that we set up a subcommittee to work on the video content and that the Commission include segments from additional spokespeople like Tag Carpenter of the Historical Commission, René Read, the Town manager, Tony Kelso, the town historian, Erin McGough, Executive Director of the Duxbury Rural and Historical Society, and possibly a Selectman. Bill McArdle suggested that the video include some information on the Temple Street property that has been preserved from development and is being bought by the Town. Evelyn Walker mentioned that there 17 First Period houses in Duxbury and that many of those are in West Duxbury; away from the shore, and that all areas of the Town should be included in the video. Georgia proposed that the Commission get Jason Carter, the videographer who did the draft tape of Patrick Ahearn's talk, to do the video and that he be paid \$500 out of the LHDC's annual budget. The motion was proposed, seconded and the Commission voted unanimously to do that. Georgia said she would be in touch with Jason to get the plans in motion and would check with Town Hall on getting the expense funds to pay for the video work. Evelyn mentioned that she was in touch with the owners of the Hunt house to discuss putting that property, one of the oldest homes in town, in a local historic district. The owners of the property on Keene Street have been contacted as well.

Bill McArdle made a motion to adjourn which was seconded and voted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.