

# Duxbury Local Historic District



## Commission

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Local Historic District Commission Meeting - November 19, 2020

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

Chair Renee Mierzejewski **called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m.** and read the required pandemic virtual meeting protocol.

### **Review of Meeting Minutes**

Renée asked for a vote to approve the meeting minutes from October 20, 2020. Evelyn Walker requested a correction for the meeting minutes regarding wording for her comment on first period homes in West Duxbury. She requested that be written as first period homes away from the shore for more accuracy. The correction will be made and the minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

**Open Forum:** There were no open forum comments.

**Status of 47 Surplus Street:** Renée has sent on the Commissioners' comments on the proposed renovation to this home but has not heard back on this. She will follow up. Bill McArdle asked if the chimney is being removed or just rebuilt. Renée stated that it is being rebuilt. With further information, Renée anticipates the Commission might be able to vote on this project at the next meeting.

**Town Meeting 2022:** Several properties are being proposed for consideration by owners for inclusion in a local historic district. Owners of a 1641 first period home at 8 Hound's Ditch Lane are reportedly seriously considering it. Another owner with first period home off Surplus Street and Partridge Road is being contacted. Janet Ritch suggested this area has several antique homes and could be an LHD with a number of them included. Georgia Pye suggested checking about Cranberry Cottage on Tremont Street, also a first period home. Janet mentioned the barn with an antique home on Tremont Street that is in an LHD. Renée said that the barn is included now. Pam Campbell-Smith reported that Nancy O'Connor had asked her about the Town

buildings the Commission was interested in having in LHD's. The American Legion Hall was suggested and Renée will follow up on that. Another suggestion was to approach Berrybrook School for the inclusion of the Luther Sampson shingle shop in an LHD. Pam said that the school has been approached before and decided not to do so.

**Budget and fees:** Renée discussed the situation with the town budget for our commission and for the regulations for fees to be paid by owners of properties voted in for new LHD's. She felt that there is a need to clarify on fees and that a specific system is needed rather than a change every year. Georgia suggested that the LHDC meet with the HC to review and discuss procedures and fees. Renée said she will talk with Tag Carpenter about doing a meeting.

**Public relations and LHD video:** Georgia Pye presented a possible scenario for the video Jason Carter has agreed to do for the LHDC. She stated that the aim is keeping it to less than 30 minutes with the main section being Patrick Ahearn's talk. The video could start with an introduction about the town and its history and the importance of preserving the historic architecture. She suggested including people like Tony Kelso in the film as well as Rene Reed and Erin McGough if they would be interested in doing so. Renée, as chair of LHDC could speak about how Duxbury's Commission came about and what it has accomplished. The architects on the Commission could address the ability for antique homes to meet today's living standards which would be a good introduction to what Patrick Ahearn talks about. The video would be added to the Town web site section for the LHDC and would be used with presentations to home owners who may consider putting their property in a LHD. Georgia will follow up with Jason Carter, the videographer, on the content ideas.

#### **Progress at 405 Washington Street**

Georgia also spoke about the restoration work at the ICO property and said it will make another good article topic. Renée asked everyone to keep an eye out for a time to get photos if they are going by the site.

#### **Local Historic District Day 2021**

Pam Campbell-Smith suggested that discussion of the second Local Historic District Day be postponed until the next meeting and that was moved and seconded and voted for.

Bill McArdle moved that we adjourn it was seconded and the **meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.**