

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes: January 6, 2016

Approved January 13, 2016

Present: Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R. Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, David Amory, Mark Barry, Arthur Evans, and Nicole Walters, constituting a quorum.

Note: the numbering below is chronological and may not correspond to agenda item numbering

Mr. Vose called the meeting to order at 7:36 PM

1. **Open Forum.**

a. The question of liability of Commission members was raised. Mr. Carpenter allowed that his understanding was that a commission cannot be sued. The question of liability of individual members of a commission is something else that needs to be referred to Town counsel.

b. Peter Smith, architect representing the owners of 326 Powder Point Ave., arranged for an inside and outside tour of the property for DHC members at 9:00 AM Saturday, January 9, 2016.

2. **Minutes.** Minutes of the December 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. **Interviews with candidates.** Phil Tuck attended the meeting to express his interest in filling the vacant position created by the resignation of Chris Tice. Members were impressed by Mr. Tuck's experience, sincerity, knowledge of the Town, and commitment, but were concerned about communication with him because he does not use e-mail - a primary form of contact among DHC members. It was decided to contact Molly Curtain, a prior candidate for the position to see if she was still available and interested in joining the Commission. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted to nominate Ms. Curtain to fill the vacant position if she was available. Mr. Vose will contact her.

4. **Demolition Applications.**

a. 326 Powder Point Ave.- ca. 1918. *Complete Demolition.* Brief discussion of the issues related to this property and compliance with the bylaw. As noted above, a tour of the property for DHC members has been arranged for January 9.

b. 879 Tremont Street. - ca. 1900. *Partial Demolition/Addition.* The application was incomplete, and a question was raised about whether or not this property needs to be considered by the DHC. Mr. Vose will check with Municipal Services and report back at the next meeting.

5. **Planning Board Hearing Jan. 11, 2016 on Demolition Delay Bylaw revision.** There was a lengthy discussion about possible questions that may come up at this hearing and how the three commission members (Messrs. Vose, Carpenter, and Barry) that are to represent the DHC might anticipate and prepare for them as well as frame the proposed revision. The history of the bylaw, its effectiveness since implementation, and reasons for updating it were some of the topics discussed.

6. **Application Fee for total demolition.**

It was unanimously agreed that the applicant should pay the \$30 fee for obtaining the list of abutters now that this procedure is being handled by Municipal Services rather than the DHC.

7. **New Business.** A proposed agenda for the next meeting on January 13, 2016 was circulated and agreed on.

Adjournment. Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur B. Evans, Clerk