

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Minutes: February 3, 2016

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

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Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

1. **Open Forum.** Members welcomed Molly Curtin to the Commission filling the position vacated by the resignation of Chris Tice. A question was raised about the status of the historic workers' cottage at Berrybrook; Ms. Curtin will inquire.

2. Demolition Applications

a. 326 Powder Point Avenue. - *ca. 1918. Complete demolition.* Final determination. A motion was made and seconded to delay consideration of this application until the owners revealed their identity. A Commission member expressed concern that there could be no dialogue without knowing the identity of the parties involved, which he thought to be unfortunate. The motion was defeated 2 - 5. A second motion was made and seconded to impose the demolition delay on the property because it met two of the three criteria of the bylaw: it is a significant building and prominent persons lived there in the past. This motion carried 6-0, with the start date of the six month demolition delay to be February 4, 2016. During the discussion it was noted that salvage is part of demolition, and should not precede it.

b. 879 Tremont Street. *ca. 1900. Partial demolition/addition.* Moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed that because this application does not include significant demolition, the bylaw does not apply. A building permit may be issued.

c. 44 Elder Brewster Rd. - *Complete demolition.* An email to Commissioner Amory from Town Historian Tony Kelso dated 1/30/2016 revealed this house was built in 1961 and not 1930 as previously thought. It is not subject to the provisions of the bylaw, and the Commission does not need to consider it further.

d. 118 Depot Street. Application received 2/3 and is incomplete; consider at next meeting.

e. 28 Mayflower Lane. Letter of intent received 2/3; consider at next meeting.

3. **Revision to Demolition Delay Bylaw.** Comments received from Planning Board member David Uitti and builder/Selectman Shawn Dahlen must be incorporated into the proposed bylaw by Feb. 5 in order to be considered by the Planning Board at its meeting Feb. 8. Because these are "edits" and not policy changes, this can be done without a formal Commission meeting. Commissioner Barry volunteered for this task; Mr. Evans and Ms. Walters offered to help.

Ways of presenting and defending the bylaw article (Article 20) at the Town meeting March 12 were discussed. Members are to bring ideas and suggestions to the next meeting.

4. **Rules and Regulations.** The information distributed by Municipal Services for implementation of the demolition delay bylaw needs to be reviewed and revised. Mr. Vose will collect and distribute the rules now in effect for discussion at the next meeting.

5. **Public Outreach.** Brief discussion about the possibility of preparing an "infographic" about the work of the DHC.

6. **At Risk Properties.** Members are to bring a list of properties they know of that might be considered "at risk" for demolition to the next meeting.

7. ~~**Local Historic District.** Mr. Vose reported that the four articles to amend the historic district map in the Town Meeting Warrant have been withdrawn. These would have created four new local historic districts.~~

8. **Online Historic Archives.** The Massachusetts Historic Commission is working to include a house [does anyone know the address??] on Cove St. in the National Register of Historic Places.

9. New Business

a. The Memorandum of Agreement for 195 Standish St. has not yet been signed by the owner. Mr. Vose to follow-up.

b. Status of tree removal on Standish St. to allow moving the house at 195 Standish St. has yet to be resolved by the Planning Board.

c. Molly Curtin agreed to serve as Treasurer of the Commission.

Adjournment. Moved, seconded, and voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur B. Evans, Clerk