

**DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**Minutes: May 4, 2016**

**Approved May 18, 2016**

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

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

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

**1. Open Forum.** No discussion

**2. Minutes.** Minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

**3. Demolition Applications:**

a. 31 Summer Street - *ca. 1825. Partial demolition/renovation.* Traci Shortt, owner, was present and provided drawings indicating the portion of the house being renovated. The house is the Peleg Gulliver House listed on MACRIS as DUX 325. The owners have done substantial work renovating the historically significant main house and barn and now need to deal with the building that connects the two that was added in various stages later. It was moved, seconded, and unanimously agreed that because this portion of the house is not historically significant, the Demolition Bylaw should not apply. Following the vote there was a discussion about the desirability of holding a public hearing on the property so abutters to the property would be informed of this action and the general public would be informed of a positive effort to preserve an historic structure. No action was taken.

b. 151 Gurnet Road - *ca. 1940. Complete demolition.* Voted unanimously that this structure is not historically significant and the Bylaw should not apply.

c. 357 West Street - *ca. 1800. Complete demolition.* Voted unanimously that this structure is not historically significant and the Bylaw should not apply. There was some question about the accuracy of the building's age (1800) on record in the Assessor's Office.

**4. Demolition Delays in Effect**

a. 195 Standish Street. House is still being prepared for relocation to 279 Standish Street.

b. 11 Sagamore Road. Demolition delay expired in June 2015. The house was demolished in early May 2016.

**5. Proposed Revision to Town Website Content.** A proposed revision to the forms used to process and track the Application for a Demolition Permit prepared by Mr. Carpenter was discussed at considerable length. The intent is to simplify the application process and eliminate duplication in paperwork that now exists. Commissioners generally agreed with the proposed revision, but thought that a first priority was to establish a set of rules and regulations for the

DHC to follow in applying the existing Demolition Delay Bylaw before attempting to revise forms used in the application process. Messrs. Amory, Evans, and Ms. Curtin agreed to meet and prepare draft rules and regulations to present for discussion at the next meeting on May 18.

**6. Rules and Regulations for Demolition Delay Bylaw/Bylaw Process Map. See #5.**

**7. Revised Bylaw language/rewrite.** There was not time to discuss this. Mr. Vose noted that the Planning Director had encouraged him to act on this soon to allow proper review of it before the next Town meeting. The agenda for a special Town meeting in the fall of 2016 is already full.

**8. New Business.**

a. An email from Erin McGough, Executive Director of the DRHS proposing a process by which the DRHS could be involved with the application for demolition of historic properties was favorably received. It is understood the DRHS will provide an informational service that is without warranty, acting in an advisory capacity only.

b. Mr. Vose read from a letter he received from A. Weimeyer dated 05/03/2016 about the historical significance of the property he had recently purchased at 48 Cove Street.

**9. Adjournment.** Unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:20 PM.

New Materials Received:

1. Undated informal site plans for proposed alteration to 31 Summer St.
2. DLA draft dated 05/04/2016 regarding proposed rewording of sections of the Bylaw related to rescinding the Bylaw.
3. Email dated 05/04/2016 from Erin McGough, Exec. Director of the DRHS.
4. Letter dated 05/03/2016 from A. Weimeyer to Mr. Vose.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk*