

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

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

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

- 1. Open Forum.** Mr. Vose reported that according to the Town Historian, Tony Kelso, owners of historic homes not in the Historic Shipbuilders District had been allowed to purchase and display Historic Shipbuilders District medallions on their homes.

Mr. Vose also reported that the prospective new owners of the Brewer House that once was the Northern end of the Myles Standish Hotel intend to preserve it.

- 2. Minutes.** The minutes of the May 18, 2016 meeting were approved.

- 3. New Demolition Applications**

a. 204 Surplus Street ca.1729, The John Weston House, Partial Demolition/Addition. Owner proposes a 12' x 4' addition to the kitchen at the rear of the house. Members noted the historic value of the house and the number of significant people who had lived in it, but thought the proposed addition was *de minimus* and voted unanimously that the Demolition Bylaw should not apply. The owner was asked to resubmit the Demolition Application if there is a significant change to the renovation plans, and was thanked for preserving this historic structure rather than demolishing it.

- 4. Membership terms and Election of Officers.**

In an email dated June 1, 2016, C. Anne Murray, Adm. Assistant to the Board of Selectmen asked for reappointments/appointments to the Commission for the three members whose terms expire June 30: Terry Vose, R. Tag Carpenter, and Mark Barry. All three expressed an interest in continuing, and it was agreed to recommend their reappointment.

In a separate action, the Commission voted unanimously that the present slate of officers should continue for another year: Terry Vose, Chair, R. Tag Carpenter, Vice-Chair, Arthur Evans, Clerk, and Molly Curtin, Treasurer.

- 5. 326 Powder Point Documentation.**

There was a lengthy discussion about the historical survey documentation for this property that was included as a condition in a vote to rescind the demolition delay on it at the April 6, 2016 meeting of the DHC. It had been verbally agreed that the building would be surveyed. The owners had been advised the delay was rescinded, but they were

never asked to sign an MOU that included a requirement to document the property as a condition for the early termination of the demolition delay period. Because the cost of preparing the documentation was now estimated to be much higher than the original estimate, the owners balked at paying for it and alternative measures were considered. Peter Smith of Campbell & Smith, Architects has the original plans for the house and landscape, which will be preserved. Ms. Wendy Frontiero of the MHC has agreed to expand her account of the property in MACRIS, but will not conduct an on-site visit. Commissioner Curtin, a qualified historic preservationist, could do an exterior survey if asked. The timing for all of this depends on the schedule for demolition, which Mr. Vose agreed to look into and report back to the Commission.

6. Rules and Regulations for Demolition Delay Bylaw/Bylaw Process Map.

Ms. Curtin distributed a draft of material that resulted from a subcommittee meeting with her, Messrs. Amory and Evans. This was discussed at length with no agreement or resolution. Mr. Carpenter, who has been working on this for some time, took notes which he agreed to share with Ms. Curtin to incorporate in a new draft. Other members agreed to send their notes and thoughts to her as well. The discussion is to continue at the next meeting.

- 7. CPC Liaison.** For the record, it was noted that Mr. Vose is the Commission's liaison person with the CPC.
- 8. Revised Bylaw.** No discussion.
- 9. At Risk Properties.** No discussion.
- 10. New Business.** None.
- 11. Adjournment.** Unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:15 PM.

New Materials Received:

1. Write-up of 204 Surplus Street provided by the DRHS from the book *King Caesar of Duxbury* by Patrick Browne.
2. Cover letter and photos of 204 Surplus St. provided by the owner
3. RCV email dated May 26, 2016 regarding 326 Powder Point Ave.

Minutes prepared and submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk

