

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: April 15, 2015

Present: members Robert C. (Terry) Vose, R. Tag Carpenter, Robb D'Ambruoso, Chris Tice, Arthur Evans, constituting a quorum. Nicole Walters was absent.

Note: numbering below is chronological, and does not necessarily correspond to agenda-item numbering.

Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.

1. Minutes. The minutes of March 4, 2015 were unanimously approved.
2. Interview Prospective Members
 - a. Dawn Siegel, 10-year town resident, of 20 Plumfield Ln.
 - b. David Amory, 5-year town resident, of 18 Puritan Rd.
 - c. Kate Moriarty, 2.5-year town resident, of 20 Brewer Ln.
 - d. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission unanimously nominated David Amory to the Board of Selectmen, for appointment to the Historical Commission.
3. Application Reconsideration Discussion
 - a. Discussion of implications; motion to reconsider 46 Winsor Street
 - i. Mr. Carpenter provided the following background: that the Commission initially determined (at its Feb. 25th meeting) that a public hearing was not necessary for the proposed demolition of the property; subsequently — and without precedent — members of the public came forth expressing great interest in preservation and sharing new, additional information regarding the historical nature of the property.
 - ii. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission unanimously determined to reconsider the demolition application. It was noted that this meeting is not a public hearing.
 - iii. Michael Gill, attorney for the applicant, expressed concern that reconsidering the application establishes a poor precedent for this and other town bodies, particularly by not allowing applicants to rely on decisions as final. Matthew Schiffer of Cotuit, MA, the applicant's architect, noted the extreme expense of renovating the structure, and the fact that it violates setback and encroaches on the neighboring lot. Jeanine Clark expressed general concern regarding the demolition of historic homes, and opined that the applicant's financial burden should be irrelevant to the Commission's determination. Sandra Breakfield (abutter, and D. Corey's husband) of 26 Surplus St. indicated that she was willing to take the structure and relocate it to 58 Stetson Place. M. Gill indicated that the applicant was willing to permit S. Breakfield to take said structure.

- b. 46 Winsor Street Reconsideration. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Commission unanimously determined to continue to reconsider the demolition application at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- 4. Alternatives to Demolition.
 - a. 14 Cedar Street – *Complete Demolition, 1900*. The discussion with the applicant regarding alternatives to demolition is scheduled for April 22, 2015.
 - b. 11 Sagamore Road – *Complete Demolition, 1926*. Chm. Vose to pursue a dialogue with applicant.
 - c. 49 Soule Ave – *Complete Demolition, 1757*. Chm. Vose to pursue a dialogue with applicant.
- 5. Demolition Delays Expired or Rescinded
 - a. 184 Standish Street – Complete Demolition, 1865 – Rescinded April 1. It was noted to the Commission that Chm. Vose and A. Evans plan to photograph the interior and exterior of the home, to preserve it for posterity.
- 6. Duxbury Online Historic Archives – Vice Chm. Carpenter provided an update.
- 7. The next meeting was scheduled for April 29, 2015, 7:00 p.m..
- 8. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion, seconded and unanimously approved, at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robb D'Ambruoso, Clerk.

APPROVED June 17, 2015