

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved Sept. 30, 2015

Minutes: September 3, 2015

Present: members Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Chair, R. Tag Carpenter, Chris Tice, Arthur B. Evans, David L. Amory, and Nicole Walters, constituting a quorum.

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

Mr. Vose called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. **Minutes.**

The minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting, previously approved as corrected at the Aug. 18, 2015 meeting have yet to be distributed and submitted to the Town Office. Mr. Carpenter to attend to this. A draft of the minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting is to be distributed by Mr. Amory.

2. **Demolition Applications.**

a. *195 Standish Street - Complete Demolition* - Applicant John Cully of 4 Elder Brewster Rd. was present and reported he had submitted a complete application to the Office of the Building Inspector that day. Because this had not been distributed to members of the Commission prior to the meeting, discussion of the application was deferred until the Sept. 16 meeting of the Commission.

A general discussion about the timing of applications and the meeting at which an application is considered followed. At present the Commission is expected to consider an application even if it is received on the same day of a scheduled DHC meeting, leaving no time for Commission members to consider it. A preferable procedure would be to receive an application prior to the walk-around of a property. It was also suggested that prior notice of a hearing for a house to be demolished appear in the local newspaper.

b. *18 Massasoit St. - Complete Demolition*

c. *38 Ocean Ave. - Complete Demolition*

Additional information about both properties was distributed. Discussion of both applications was deferred until the Sept. 16 meeting.

The draft of the proposed letter to the *Duxbury Clipper* prepared by Mr. Evans regarding the demolition of 49 Soule Ave. was discussed, along with the general submission of such letters to the *Clipper*. Ms. Walters agreed to contact the paper about this.

3. **Demolition Delay Bylaw Revisions.**

Because of the limited time available, there was a general discussion only about the emergency demolition clause (demolition of neglected property), and the procedures followed in considering demolition applications.

4. **Interviews of Prospective Members**

- a. Peter Scott, 8 Hidden Acres Dr., two-year town resident.
- b. Molly Curtain, 66 West St., two year town resident.
- c. Mark P. Barry, 275 Marshall St., prior town resident, 1983-1990, and 2015.town

The Commission was gratified to have three well qualified applicants interested in filling the vacant position. After considerable discussion, a motion was made and seconded to nominate Mark P. Barry to the Board of Selectmen for appointment to the Historical Commission. The vote was unanimously approved. It was hoped ways could be found to encourage the other candidates to continue to be interested and involved in the Commission's work.

5. **New Business.** None was discussed.

6. **Next Meeting.** The next meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of the Town Office building.
7. **Adjournment.** A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur B. Evans, Acting Clerk