

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes July 16, 2014

Present: members Robert C. (Terry) Vose, Tag Carpenter, Leslie Lawrence, Chris Tice, and Arthur Evans, constituting a quorum.

Note: numbering below is chronological and does not correspond to agenda numbering.

Chairman Vose called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

1. Open Forum
2. Minutes for the June 18, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved
3. **397 and 405 Washington Street.** Four representatives of CCP Duxbury Acquisition LLC gave an overview of the planned changes including one demolition (already approved, non-historical), one major building expansion, and amendments to eight buildings, including three structures that are potentially historically significant. The overview was supported via a computer projection of a document that was described as a “work in progress” of buildings and grounds of the present Batelle Memorial Laboratories. CCP Duxbury Acquisition LLC seeks to acquire the property and issue a long term lease to the University of Massachusetts, which would operate and use it for its Environmental Program. The project is subject to review by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, which may seek input and comment from the DHC. CCP Duxbury Acquisition LLC requested that the DHC send a letter to the MHC within three or four weeks indicating that the presentation was made and commenting on any adverse effects the proposed renovations might have on the historic nature of the property. After some discussion it was moved and seconded that the DHC send such a letter as requested and scheduled a walk-around of the property for 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2014.
4. Demolition Applications
 - a. **881 Tremont Street.** David and Patti Lowry, new owners of the property, presented detailed plans for an extensive proposed addition to it. After considerable discussion it was determined that the proposed renovations would have a *de minimus* impact on the historic building on the property and therefore were not subject to the Demolition Delay Bylaw. Unanimously approved.
 - b. **41 Marginal Road.** Complete Demolition. It was determined that this structure was not of historical or architectural significance within the meaning of the Demolition Delay Bylaw. The motion to approve the application for its complete demolition was passed unanimously.

- c. **48 Brewster Street.** Complete Demolition. It was determined that this structure does not meet the criteria of historical significance within the meaning of the Demolition Delay Bylaw. The motion to approve the application for its complete demolition was passed unanimously.
 - d. **58 Sunset Road.** The Commission considered an application to demolish a 1976 addition to the main house and replace it with a new structure. Because the main house will not be affected, it was determined that the proposed renovation was not subject to the Demolition Delay Bylaw Unanimously approved.
- 5. **Interview with Nicole Drepanos.** The Commission interviewed Nicole Drepanos, an applicant to fill the vacant position on the Commission. Two additional applications have yet to be considered, so no decision was made. Commission members thanked Ms. Drepanos for her interest and her time.
- 6. **Demolition Delay Bylaw – Guidance for Homeowners.** Mr. Carpenter distributed a new draft of this document that incorporated revisions received by him since the last meeting. It was decided that one final round of revisions were in order, with a final draft to be voted on at the next DHC meeting.
- 7. **List of Infractions.** Members were reminded of Mr. Vose’s request to compile a list of infractions made in past applications so these could be discussed and addressed at a future meeting.
- 8. **PACTV news piece on Historic Home Preservation.** This was filmed and members were interviewed at the walkaround at 58 Sunset St. on July 15, 2014. A draft will be available for review in one to two weeks.
- 9. **National Register Shipbuilders District.** Signs identifying this district are still being made. The MHC provided a list of houses in this district to Chairman Vose, who distributed them to Commission members.
- 10. **Local Historic District.** No new developments were reported. There is interest among people working on this to have a professionally written piece prepared on the importance of historic preservation in Duxbury.
- 11. **Online Historic Archives.** Work is progressing on the preparation of a readable index to these Archives.
- 12. **Community Preservation Act.** The DHC proposes to ask for CPA funds to prepare an application to have the Myles Standish Homestead park put on the NRHP.

13. Special Meeting. A special meeting of the Commission was scheduled for Wednesday, July 23 at 7:00 p.m. to interview candidates to fill the vacant position and consider final revisions to the Guidance for Homeowners (see item #6 above).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Arthur B. Evans, Member