

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: August 20, 2014

Present: members Robert C. (Terry) Vose, R. Tag Carpenter, Robb D'Ambruoso, Chris Tice, and Arthur Evans, 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 7:04 p.m.

1. Open Forum. Chairman Vose noted a discrepancy in the *Duxbury Clipper's* article re the Shipbuilder's District signage.
2. Minutes for the July 16, 2014 and July 23, 2014 meetings were unanimously approved.
3. Demolition Applications.
 - a. *8 Bayridge Lane (ca. 1945)* – Partial Demolition. The Commission determined that the structure was built in the WWII era and hence not subject to the demolition delay bylaw.
 - b. *294 Saint George Street* – Partial Demolition. Mr. Evans noted that the property was surveyed by the Mass. Historical Commission (“MHC”) in 2001. The Commission discussed the fact that the structure's architecture is a fine example of the Federal style. Nonetheless, the Commission was of the opinion that the demolition was in the rear of the house and *de minimis* and upon motion made and seconded, determined that the section of the structure being demolished was not of historical or architectural significance within the meaning of the bylaw.

Ms. Lawrence joined the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

- c. *19 Sagamore* – Complete Demolition. Upon review of the application, the Commission noted that the application was made by a non-owner (future owner, pending an upcoming purchase), and deferred consideration of the same pending an effective application.
- d. *25 Bayberry* – The structure is historically significant due to its time of construction, noteworthy occupants, and style; consequently, upon a 4-2 vote the Commission requested a full hearing (Mr. Carpenter, Mr. Tice, Mr. Evans and Ms. Lawrence voting in favor; Messrs. Vose and D'Ambruoso opposed).
- e. *49 Soule Ave.* – The application being incomplete, the Commission took no action.

Mr. Carpenter left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

4. 397 and 405 Washington Street (Battelle). The Commission discussed a draft impact assessment letter, but decided that until the MHC asks us for our opinion, we should not deliver the same.
5. Demolition Delay Bylaw – Guidance Document for Homeowners. This document was finalized at the last meeting. Chairman Vose indicated his intention to check to see that the same is being furnished to demolition applicants.

6. Compiling a List of Infractions by Past Applicants. No discussion.
7. National Register Shipbuilders District – Chairman Vose noted that he had received permission to paint the post of the “Entering/Leaving Old Shipbuilders District” signage brown. *See also Item 1 above.*
8. Local Historic District – Limited discussion.
9. Duxbury Online Historic Archives. No discussion.
10. Community Preservation Act – Status Update. Chairman Vose noted that he is submitting a warrant article for the 2015 Town Meeting for \$33,000 for the Myles Standish homestead site for inclusion on the National Register.
11. New Business. The Commission discussed making a funding request for the 2015 Town Meeting in an amount to be determined, possibly between \$3,000 and \$5,000.
12. The next meeting was scheduled for September 17, 2014.
13. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion, seconded and unanimously approved, at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robb D’Ambruoso, Clerk.

APPROVED September 17, 2014