

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: September 26, 2013

Present: members Robert C. (Terry) Vose, R. Tag Carpenter, Lee Adams, Leslie Lawrence, and Robb D'Ambruoso, constituting a quorum.

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

1. Mr. Vose called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
2. Open forum – no discussion.
3. No minutes were submitted for review.
4. Demolition Applications
 - A. 34 Bay Road (Mansard roof). Owner Michael Garrity was present. M. Garrity indicated that he has submitted a plan for 19 rental apartments that would preserve the existing structure; potentially a 40B. Currently there are four units on 1.2 acres. Discussion ensued. L. Lawrence moved that the *historical portion* of property demolition be delayed for six months from today's date; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
 - B. 9 Lover's Lane. Owner Paul Mellen was present. Drew Archival Library reported that a 1933 assessor's map did not indicate a structure on the parcel.

L. Lawrence left the meeting at 7:21 p.m.; a quorum remained.

- R. Tag Carpenter moved that the property was not a regulated structure; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the four remaining Commission members.
 - C. 277 Washington St; Ezra Prior House. Elizabeth (Betsy) Sullivan and Skip Sullivan, owners, and Bill Fornacari from bf architects of Plymouth were present. Ms. Sullivan noted that she had discussed the plans with her neighbors and they found it satisfactory. R. Tag Carpenter noted that the property is in the Historical District. Discussion ensued, and the Commission acknowledged that the work would not amount to demolition, thereby not running afoul of the bylaw. Ms. Adams moved to approve the alterations and partial demolition; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved—however, Chairman Vose requested the submission of a letter detailing the renovation plans, to municipal services, to which Ms. Sullivan agreed.
5. Christopher Tice, Commission candidate. Resident of 173 Powder Point Ave.; Training Director at Rockland Bank and 14-yr employee. Mr. Tice fielded some questions regarding his credentials and thanked the Commission for its time. After Mr. Tice left the meeting the Commission discussed his candidacy. Ms. Adams moved to recommend his candidacy to the Board of Selectmen; the motion was seconded and unanimously approved.
6. Duxbury Online Historical Archives Project - Status. Pam Smith presented. R. Tag Carpenter disclosed a potential conflict of interest in that he works with Ms. Smith on various archive projects. Ms. Smith intends to apply for \$750 of funding from the CPC. All Mass. Historical Commission properties are to be added to the site as well. Ms. Smith

asked the Commission to consider sponsoring the application; the Commission indicated that it will consider such at its subsequent meeting.

7. Barn at 339 Powder Point Ave. Chairman Vose informed the Commission that the homeowner has been contacted and approves a survey of the barn.
8. Army Corps Request for Opinion re New Permit Request for 200 Foot Dock on Bluefish River. Chairman Vose disclosed a conflict of interest as a Friend of the Bluefish River and abstained from the discussion and voting. Ms. Adams also abstained. The Commission noted that the site is in a Scenic Overlay District. The Commission must postpone the vote due to lack of quorum on the matter.
9. Clerk position – the Committee noted that Robb D’Ambruoso had been appointed Clerk at the previous meeting.
10. Other Commission Candidates. Helen Fowler needs to be contacted.
11. Application for Demolition Permit – Wording Issue. Discussion was postponed.
12. National Register Shipbuilder’s District. The Commission discussed the status of the District.
13. Duxbury Grange Hall. No one has responded to the RFP for removal.
14. Local Historic District. Chairman Vose, an alternate on the committee, updated the Commission on its status.
15. Community Preservation Committee. Chairman Vose informed the Commission re his attendance at the most recent CPC meeting.
16. Next meeting – scheduled for October 17, 2013.
17. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion, seconded and unanimously approved, at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robb D’Ambruoso, Clerk.

APPROVED November 21, 2013