

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Minutes: October 17, 2013

Present: members Robert C. (Terry) Vose, R. Tag Carpenter, Lee Adams, Leslie Lawrence, Robb D'Ambruoso, and Christopher Tice, 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 7:02 p.m.
2. Christopher Tice, new member, was welcomed.
3. Demolition Applications
 - a. *277 Washington (Besty Sullivan) – update.* Dry rot was detected and the building inspector condemned all but the very oldest portion of the house, which condemned portion has been demolished. This falls outside of the Commission's purview, but was reported to the Commission as a courtesy.
 - b. *28 Upland Rd. (Margaret Harvey).* House has substantial damage to the roof from a fallen tree; applicant wishes to completely demolish. The Commission discussed, and having done a walk-through did not feel that the structure meets any of the preservation criteria under the bylaw (architectural, cultural, economic, political or social value). A motion to approve complete demolition was seconded and unanimously approved. With a tear in her eye, M. Harvey noted that its demolition is bittersweet, as she has utilized the cottage since 1971.
 - c. *31 Washington St. (Edward Weihman).* Application to demolish breezeway connecting garage and house. Application appears to be incomplete as it does not include a statement of work; Commission members suggested a walk-around would be helpful and will endeavor to schedule the same.
4. Army Corps Request for Opinion re New Permit Request for 200 Foot Dock on Bluefish River, 685 Washington St. (the Drew House). Chairman Vose noted a conflict of interest as a Friend of the Bluefish River and abstained from the discussion and voting. The Commission noted that the site is in a Historical Scenic Overlay District. The Commission discussed the ecological and visual impact of the proposed dock, and noted that the plans have been slightly modified. L. Lawrence also noted language in a recorded covenant that could be viewed as a restriction against such project. T. Carpenter and R. D'Ambruoso stated their belief that it would adversely affect the character of the Bluefish River from an aesthetic standpoint. L. Lawrence objected to the structure on the grounds that it is in the Old Shipbuilder's District and the Scenic Overlay District. Upon motion made, seconded, and unanimously approved, the Commission moved to object to the construction of the proposed dock at 685 Washington Street, and noted that this was only a non-binding opinion.
5. Demolition Delay Bylaw. It was suggested that T. Carpenter and R. D'Ambruoso should work on crafting rules pursuant to the bylaw.
6. Duxbury Online Archives. T. Carpenter noted that the project went online today.
7. The next meeting date was set for November 21, 2013.

8. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion, seconded and unanimously approved, at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robb D'Ambruoso, Clerk.

APPROVED November 21, 2013