

## DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**Minutes: November 21, 2013**

**Present:** members Robert C. (Terry) Vose, R. Tag Carpenter, Leslie Lawrence, Robb D'Ambruoso, Christopher Tice, and Arthur Evans, 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 7:11 p.m.
2. Open Forum. The Commission discussed the members' review of various building architectural descriptions and narratives produced by W. Frontiero for submission to the National Register of Historic Places.
3. Review Minutes of Prior Meetings. Upon a motion seconded and unanimously approved, minutes for meetings held September 26, 2013, October 2, 2013, and October 17, 2013 were approved.
4. Arthur Evans, new member, was welcomed.
5. Demolition Applications
  - a. *31 Washington St. (Edward Weihman)*. Application to demolish breezeway connecting garage and house. Upon a motion seconded and unanimously approved, the Commission determined that the proposed demolition was de minimis and therefore not subject to the Demolition Delay Bylaw.
  - b. *302 Washington Street (Beaver/Briere)*. A. Evans noted to the Commission that the plans are to be revised per recommendation of the Design Review Board made earlier in the day. The Commission noted that no application has been made to the Commission, and will request the same.
  - c. *150 Summer St. (C. Quirke)*. Upon a motion seconded and unanimously approved, the Commission determined that the structure has no historical, architectural, or cultural significance and is not subject to the Demolition Delay Bylaw.
  - d. *143 Gurnet Rd.* Upon a motion seconded and unanimously approved, the Commission determined that the structure is not a regulated structure (i.e., not subject to the Demolition Delay Bylaw).
  - e. *207 King Caesar Rd.* The Commission noted that it has not received a complete application, but suggested a walk-around of the property.
6. Myles Standish Homestead, 0 Mayflower Ave. Upon a motion seconded and unanimously approved, the Commission determined to submit the property to the National Register of Historic Places.
7. Duxbury Grange Hall, 153 Franklin. The town has designated the building as surplus. Upon a motion seconded and unanimously approved, the Commission determined not to require or request a demolition application from the Town, given the building's designation as surplus.
8. Duxbury Online Historic Archives (DOHA) and Duxbury Historical Commission (DHC).

The DOHA web site is now "live". Most members had investigated the site and viewed it positively. Discussion ensued about the nature of the relationship between the two committees. Members expressed support for the DOHA. Members expressed the concern, however, that the DOHA work should not be added to the Commission's workload. The workload is currently supported by volunteers at the Duxbury Senior Center. Some concern about liability for errors or omissions on the site was also raised, but it was noted that this issue has been addressed through the disclaimer language provided by the Town that appears on the DOHA website.

A consensus emerged that the Commission should endorse the DOHA, support their work, and be available to provide guidance, counsel, or advice. The Commission would also like to propose that DOHA publish the Town's records in the Commission's possession, such as Survey forms and the Old Shipbuilder's District information. The members recognize that it is incumbent on the Commission to make a recommendation to the Town Manager as to how the Town should proceed with the DOHA activity, and how the Commission and DOHA should be related. We expect to make a formal recommendation to the Town Manager. We see the need to do this before the next Town Meeting.

The item was tabled until such time as the full Commission has the opportunity to discuss any recommendation or motion on the matter.

9. The next meeting date was set for December 19, 2013.
10. The meeting was adjourned upon a motion, seconded and unanimously approved, at 8:52 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

Robb D'Ambruoso, Clerk.

**APPROVED January 16, 2014**