

***Duxbury Historical Commission***  
**Meeting – Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Duxbury Town Hall, Lower Level, Small Meeting Room**

***Minutes***

***Present:*** Lee Adams, Tag Carpenter, Leslie Lawrence, Norman Tucker, Terry Vose

***Absent:*** Laura Doherty, Lois McKeown

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m.
- II. **Open Forum:** The Chair reported a request by the Sheehans that the Commission take a vote to support the restoration of the Barn at North Hill, a project recommended for partial CPA funding. Will be placed on agenda for next meeting.
- III. **Review and approval of Minutes** of December 15, 2011. These minutes will be available for review at the February 16, 2012 meeting.
- IV. Report of demolition site visits and applications:  
**33 River Lane.** Members of the Commission visited the site on January 18, 2012 with Construction Supervisor, Ed O'Donnell and after review, requested the "short-form" application. This was submitted and considered complete. Follow a motion by Norman Tucker and a second to that motion by Lee Adams, Commission members unanimously voted to allow the raising of the entire structure two (2) feet and adding a new foundation. The existing greenhouse and decks would be demolished in the process and replaced. These additional structures are not regulated by the Demolition By-Law because of vintage. There would be no further impact of what remains of the original structure. Demolition as outlined in the application allowed.  
**230 Depot Street.** Members of the Commission visited the site and met with contracting supervisor on January 11, 2012 and after a review of the proposed addition requested the "long-form" application.  
**137 South Station Street.** Members of the Commission conducted a site visit with contracting supervisor on January 18, 2012, were shown contemplated changes and requested a "short-form" application. Commission members

were informed that possible proposed changes to the kitchen area were contingent upon further structural assessment.

**584 Washington Street.** There was discussion of addition at 584 Washington Street (vote taken by Commission 9/15/11) and the fact that the outcome, i.e., dormers indicating a third floor were not shown on plans and, therefore, not approved at the time of Commission vote. This issue has also been brought to the attention of the Department of Inspectional Services.

- V. **Design of new middle/high school entrance** vis a vis existing entrance/wall. Nancy Johnson of the Design Review Board brought the Commission up-to-date of plans regarding entrance and progress towards retaining present historic entrance and wall, also reported weekly in the Duxbury Clipper. There is concern about what seems to be a new and additional foot path through the existing entry area. There has been, however, a decision to leave the present entrance as is during construction as a test of those conditions and future anticipated traffic. She informed members that there will be meeting of the School Committee on February 8 in Room 102, at the Alden School at 7 p.m. Chair urged all to attend. Item will remain on agenda for the time being for future up-dates.
- VI. **"Claiming a deed project"**. Leslie Lawrence reported that the Commission has been invited to meet with John Buckley at the Registry of Deeds on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. to further discuss the request regarding the Old Town Hall deed and the opportunity for display at the Registry on that and other Duxbury sites such as the King Caesar House.
- VII. **Duxbury's 375<sup>th</sup>.** Terry Vose reported that \$13,000 was raised at the fundraiser/auction held at the Duxbury Art Complex. A talk is planned at the Alden House this coming weekend.
- VIII. **180 High Street.** Demolition delay on this property has expired. Request from owner to CPC for Town purchase of site as is has been rejected. Will remain on agenda.
- IX. **24 Standish Street.** Reported that this property has a new rental agreement. It was suggested that Tony Kelso be asked to do an article for Duxbury Clipper on houses in the Hall's Corner district.
- X. **Continuation of Historic Properties Survey.** A final selection of properties (barns, outbuilding) for the second year of survey needs to be made. The

existing data-base needs to be up-dated with entries of the two most recent phases conducted by Wendy Frontiero. Need to review application to CPC regarding proposed second-year properties.

- XI. **Tarkiln Award.** The Commission is awaiting specific guidelines for requested letter proposing Tarkiln for MHC Preservation Award.
- XII. **Local Historic District.** Nothing to report. Some recent meetings not posted.
- XIII. **Historical Commission on Town website.** Town website manager, Mary Beth MacQuarrie, has requested that the Commission's the phone book "History of Duxbury", be added to the Town's website. The Commission agreed requesting that credit be given to its author, Leslie Lawrence and the Historical Commission.
- XIV. **Date of next meeting.** February 16, 2012.
- XV. **Meeting adjourned.** Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Historical Commission for Laura Doherty, Clerk