

## **Duxbury Historical Commission**

**Meeting – Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.**

Duxbury Town Hall, Lower Level, Small Meeting Room

### **MINUTES**

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

**Absent:** Laura Doherty, Jim Nihan, Ex-Officio

- I. Call to Order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Open Forum: Leslie Lawrence reminded members that the Town will celebrate its 375<sup>th</sup> Anniversary next year. It has been suggested that the Historical Commission's contribution might be the "Claiming the Deed" project through the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds. Leslie read a letter from the Registry explaining the process. The Old Town Hall has been chosen as a candidate and Commission members were asked to come up with brief reasons why this is a good project and Old Town Hall is a good choice. Apparently this potential contribution from the Commission has already received positive comment.
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2011. Suggested additions were to name those who were in attendance at the Public Hearing on the application for demolition at 31 Shipyard Lane; namely Owner, Christine Langs, Agent, Jessica Williams, abutter to 31, Antonia Shoham, Susanna Sheehan, Jean Clark and Joan Kennedy.  
Correct 24 Station Street to read 24 Standish Street.
- IV. Review, comments and vote on application for demolition of structure at 31 Shipyard Lane. Chair Norman Tucker read a report summarizing the Commission's findings on 31 Shipyard Lane that determined it to be a "regulated building or structure", a property that was over 75 years old at the time of application and meets two of the three criteria governing regulated buildings. He also reviewed the Public Hearing that was held at the Commission's regular meeting on July 13<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Commission present, voted unanimously to impose a  
  
6-month delay on the proposed demolition, for all those reasons stated throughout deliberations on this application and stated publicly. Additional concern was expressed about the importance of retaining the appeal and historic significance of the neighborhood and its streetscape.

Inspectional Services has forwarded on an application for a building permit for an addition at 584 Washington Street. A site visit was scheduled for August 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.

Site visits to 41 Hawkins Place on July 18<sup>th</sup> and to 249 Pine Street on July 29 at 12:30 p.m. have not yet yielded “short-form” applications.

The Commission received notice of a “Quick Permit” for a change of windows at 102 Franklin Street, a structure well-over 75 years old. No site visit was necessary as it was determined that the current windows are replacements themselves and not 75 years old.

An application to remove the attached shed at 18 Mullins Ave. was received. This structure is not regulated by the By-Law. Demolition of 18 Mullins Ave. was already reviewed by Commission. The property was purchased and saved from demolition.

- V. 180 High Street Group. No update. Keep on Agenda.
- VI. 24 Standish Street. No update. Keep on Agenda.
- VII. Historic Properties Survey. No update at this time.
- VIII. Mass. Preservation Award for Tarkiln. Request for letter. The Commission needs more information and a name and address to whom to write.
- IX. Local Historic District activity. No report.
- X. 685 Washington Street. No further report.
- XI. Date of next meeting. September 15, 2011.
- XII. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois McKeown for Laura Doherty, Clerk