

## **DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

### **Minutes: December 16, 2010**

Present: Laura Doherty, Norman Tucker, Lee Adams, Terry Vose, Leslie Lawrence, and Jim Nihan, ex officio  
Absent: Lois Mc Keown

Public hearing to review the application for the demolition of structures located at 24 Standish Street, Emmett Sheehan of Standish Street Realty Trust, applicant.

-Date of application, October 13. Site visit conducted by all member.

- although property not specifically inventoried in town's historic survey, it meets two of four criteria of the by-law governing application for the demolition of structures due to the importance of the Cushing name and its use as a stable and livery, strong architectural integrity as Greek Revival style, importance of the mid-nineteen century lean-to. It was noted that the architectural integrity of the barn and outbuildings has been challenged, but some remnants remain. New materials were submitted by Tony Kelso dating house to Sampson in the 1830's based on deeds with copies provided for back up. This material will be shared with Mr. Sheehan. Mr. Kelso pointed out that such a demolition would alter the visual stretch that makes Halls corner unique. Cynthia Simmons, 30 Standish, noted the property's connection to historic figures such as Peterson; Barbara Kiley, Indian Trail, said the demolition would be the beginning of the end for a neighborhood which the town has worked hard to preserve. She suggested that the commission and Sheehan family work together to find a satisfactory resolution.

Open Forum. Regarding a proposed 120' cell tower at 421 Elm Street, commissioners voted unanimously to notify E.B.I. Consulting, representing T-Mobil of their opposition due to its significant impact on the town of Duxbury's historic properties and areas. Commissioners also discussed the need to fill a commission vacancy.

Public hearing to make a determination on the application for the demolition of structures located at 180 High Street. A public hearing was held on November 18. The application meets three of four criteria of the by-law governing application for the demolition of structures. Norman noted that a delay would provide the opportunity for more complete documentation of alternative actions such as finding a company that would move the house. Another option, according to developer John Baldwin, would be if someone wanted to buy the house and keep it at that location. There is a possibility that the barn may be salvaged in bits and pieces. The commission voted unanimously in favor of a demolition delay, such a delay would be in affect for six months after notifying inspectional services of the commission's vote. However, a permit can be issued within that time period if the issues are resolved.

The minutes of November 18 were unanimously approved with corrections.

Administration of forms procedures for demolition applications by the DHC and Inspectional Services are progressing well, Norman reported.

The issue of liability insurance needs to be resolved before a choice of a consultant for the next historic survey can be determined.

Open House is scheduled for the nearly complete Tarkiln Community Center on January 8.

Efforts toward creating a local historic district are now in the community education phase, Terry reported.

The application for the 685 Washington Street project for a pier has been dismissed by the Army Core of Engineers once they learned that the Duxbury Conservation Commission had turned it down due to its impact on the marsh.

The next meeting is January 20 at 7 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Doherty,

Clerk