

DUXBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Approved ~~April 23, 2024~~ ^{TOWN CLERK}

Minutes: April 2, 2024

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Present: Tag Carpenter, Chair, Ed Mayo Vice Chair, Chris Andrew, Arthur Evans, and Brendan Wall. Andrew Burns and Michael Carlson were absent.

Note: the numbering below is chronological and may not correspond to agenda item numbering.

This was a remote only meeting. Mr. Carpenter called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM and confirmed members present could be heard by calling for a roll call. He then read the following preamble:

Pursuant to Chapter 2 of the Acts of 2023, this meeting will be conducted via remote means in accordance with applicable law.

1. Open Forum. Nothing brought forward.
2. Minutes. Minutes of the March 26 meeting were approved by a 5-0 vote.
3. Final Determination, 227 Bay Road, The Jabez Prior House, ca. 1750 (DUX.6). Complete demolition.

After a brief discussion it was moved and seconded the house at 227 Bay Road meets more than one provision of the Demolition Delay bylaw, and a 12-month delay should be imposed. The delay will start immediately and expire April 2, 2025. A follow-up meeting to consider alternatives to demolition was tentatively scheduled for 2:00 p.m. or later either on April 24, 25, or 26. Messrs. Mayo and Wall will represent the Commission at the meeting.

4. New Demolition Delay Application, 63 Chestnut Street Chimney, Geo. F. Chandler House, ca. 1800 (DUX.484). Walkaround was held April 1. The chimney is not centered on the house and its demolition will not effect the adjacent roof nor structure of the building. It was moved and seconded that although the house at 63 Chestnut Street is historically significant, demolition of the chimney will not have an adverse effect on the building and a demolition delay should not be imposed. Passed 5-0.

5. Comprehensive Plan Action Items.
Remains a work in progress.

6. Reorganization of the Historic Commission.

Following his election to the Planning Board, Mr. Carpenter confirmed that he will step down as Chair of the Historical Commission, effective immediately. To ensure a smooth transition to a new Chair, he agreed to continue as a member of the Commission until a new member is appointed, but no longer than the end of the fiscal year – June 30.

A motion was then made and seconded for Ed Mayo, Vice-Chair, to assume the position as Chair, effective immediately. There was little discussion and the motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

A second motion for Mr. Wall to be appointed Vice Chair was made and seconded; passed by a 5-0 vote. The Clerk asked for more time to consider whether he would continue beyond his intended sunset date of June 30. Agreed.

Mr. Andrew continues as Treasurer.

7. Historic Preservation brochure and letter

Materials are ready to go, but envelopes need to be stuffed and stamped. Mr. Mayo will leave these in the Commission's mailbox at Town Hall for members to pick up Friday, April 5.

8. Historic Property Inventory

No progress on this project since the March 26 meeting. More will be done and distributed before the April 23rd meeting.

9. CPC and LHDC Updates. No new information.

10. Next meeting date. Tuesday, April 23, 2024. Remote only.

11. Motion to Adjourn. Made and seconded at 7:41 pm. Passed 5-0.

New Materials Received:

1. Demolition Delay Application dated March 25 for the demolition of a chimney at 63 Chestnut Street, the *George F. Chandler House, ca. 1800 (DUX.484)*.

Minutes Prepared and Submitted by Arthur B. Evans, Clerk