

Dover Historical Commission Minutes

A meeting of the Dover Historical Commission was held on January 8 at 7:02 p.m. Present were: R. Eels, K. Guild, T. Johnson, J. Moore, P. Tedesco. Absent: K. DiNisco, C Surgenor.

1. The minutes of the December meeting were read for the benefit of attendees/applicants Boynton Glidden III. and Sam Boynton, and interested abutters. Approval was moved, seconded, and VOTED unanimously.
2. A discussion was held on the historical role played by the Draper family of Dover, including military service at Lexington and Concord by John Draper of 6 Farm St., and the battle of Bunker Hill (Breed's Hill) by Josiah Draper of 112 Centre Street. Both Draper houses have been voted "preferentially preserved" by the Commission and therefore demolition is delayed pending efforts for preservation.

Commission members expressed concern that all options for preservation of the 112 Centre St. property may not have been considered. In response both Messrs. Glidden recounted efforts to convert it to a commercial office for their lumber brokerage which the Town of Dover had rejected because of zoning regulations. In addition, they said they would attempt to incorporate some of the historic beams or other construction elements into a new structure proposed for the rear of the lot. After questions regarding the schedule for new construction, it became apparent that even if demolition were to occur, it would not necessarily need to be until summer or early fall.

Therefore, the Commission moved, seconded and VOTED unanimously to amend the previous "preferentially preserved" vote delaying demolition for one year, to 8 months.

3. R. Eels reported that Kathy Weld, Selectman, had questioned the Commission's budget of \$1400, and whether that amount was needed for 2008-09. After discussion, members decided that with the number of applications for demolition increasing, the budget should stand as proposed.
4. At the suggestion of Ms. Weld, a meeting with Mr. Calo, Building Inspector, had been set for 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8. R. Eels and J. Moore will represent the Commission to discuss possible action on the 6 Farm St. demolition process.
5. A discussion ensued on the possibility of publicity on demolition in general of historic properties in Dover. With 2 permits issued, one pending, and one property at 52 Centre St. demolished under a 40B comprehensive permit without Commission input, residents should be made aware of the potential loss to the town. P. Tedesco agreed to contact local newspapers in that regard, and J. Moore will look into other publicity.
6. The next meeting will be held on February 5 at 7:00 p.m. Upon motion seconded and VOTED, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Submitted by Jane Moore for Charlotte Surgenor, Secretary

