

Dover Historical Commission Meeting

December 1, 2015

7:00 PM –Fireside Room

Call Meeting to Order— The Meeting was called to order by Jane Moore, the chair, at 7:002PM

Present –Jane Moore, Janet Comiskey-Giannini, Richard Eells, Stephen Kruskall, Charlotte Surgenor, Paul Tedesco. Candace McCann, the Selectman Liaison person

Absent-- Tom Johnson

Guests—Joseph Marcus, 61 Pleasant St, Dover, MA; Pamela Wetherbee,38 Dover Road, Dover, MA.

Acceptance of the Minutes----The Minutes for the November 3, 2015 Meeting were approved after a few changes

Old Business:

210 Claybrook Road— Jane said that the closing date on this property has changed again. Jane also stated that a demo permit would go with the house according by the Building Inspector.

One of the adjacent neighbors did state that he would like to see the antique house kept but understands that it might be beyond repair. Stated many markers and flags along the property lines.

No one from the estate showed up to present their reasons for demolition on this Historical House built around c.1830-1840

The Historical Commission moved and voted to declare this House at 210 Claybrook Road a "Historical Preserved" house. Vote being 6 Aye (Tom sending his voting to Jane earlier in the day) and 1 absenting. Thus during the year, the Commission hopes a buyer could be found for this c.1830-1840 house and photographs could be taken to preserve the information of this house.

The Building Inspector and Owner will be sent a letter of this decision.

Brook Sign Project-- Historical House Signs. Paul mentioned that he has not been able to obtain any information from the Town's sign maker as if the Commission could get signs made for our project of labeling streams and brooks that go under the road ways.

Dover Historical Maps—Stephen mentioned that the library will be closed for 2 months and that he had not been able to contact the librarian in person about moving the historical maps in total to another location.

Stephen showed a letter that he would like to send to the librarian requesting our request to move the historical maps. A few changes were suggested and Stephen will re-write the letter.

On another note Stephen stated he would contact Brian Comiskey, the executor of Robert's estate, to see if he has any old Dover maps for this project.

Stephen stated that 1700 maps have great value if an original and that the 1800 maps have less value. He is not sure if all the maps are original or reproductions. One would have to remove them from the frames and he said that would not be advisable.

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2016 Historical Commission Schedule (January to June) ----The Meeting for January through June have been set and listed on the Town Schedule.

With this came a question from Candace as to how many members had a town e-mail address. Stated by all that no member had been given an e-mail address on the Dover's web-site. Stated by all members that 2 years ago the members would be getting e-mail address but it never happened. Candace asked if we would use a second e-mail address and most said no.

Candace then mentioned that the Commission Members should be carefully of broadcast (sending to all members) any thing that could deal with the By-law. (eg. As to our thoughts on houses). Sending a comment to one person would be acceptable.

Candace also reminded everyone to do the Government training program on line in the near future since new training on sex harassment is included in this program now.

By-law Question—Jane stated that she was asked why the 1929 date was used in the By-law. Both Richard and Paul, who were on the Commission, could not remember why the 1929 date was used for the By-law. Richard stated one might see something in the old notes if they could be found. He thought around the time frame of 1995-2000. By-law was enacted in 1995 according to Richard. The Commission stated that if it was going to be amended it would have to go to Town Meeting. Stated that some town and cities have a rolling date of 50 years being built from the current calendar year.

Next Meeting— Tuesday, January 5, 2016.

Adjourn Meeting at 8:30 PM

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Dover Historical Commission, Secretary



DOVER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

To the Building Inspector of the Dover Building Department-Mr. Walter Avallone

From the Dover Historical Commission

RE: 95 Farm Street Demolition Request for the House

December 30, 2015

The Dover Historical Commission met at their November 3, 2015 Meeting with Ken and Sam Soderholm, builders for Daniel and Marianne Burke, to hear their update on the historical house at 95 Farm Street. Ken and Sam Soderholm stated that over the last 9 months there has been much interest in the c.1650 house but no one has offered to buy the house. They have come to the conclusion that once the potential owners look into the permits that are needed to move and construct the c.1650 house the cost becomes prohibitive to buy the c.1650 house.

Soderholm Custom Builders have asked permission if they could dismantle the c.1650 house and use some of the panels and timbers in the family recreation room that the Burkes intend to build in the new house on the property. They would like to start the process in late December or early January. The other components not used could be sold on the web-sites for old antique wood components

The Commission after much discussion decided that the Burkes and Soderholm Custom Builders have shown good faith over these months trying to find a buyer and keeping the Commission informed about their progress.

The Commission moved and approved a motion to allow the Burkes and Soderholm Custom Builders to dismantle the c.1650 house structure and hope some of the panels and timbers will be used in the recreation room. It was also noted that this c.1650 house is not original to Dover but moved to Dover during the 1960's

A copy of this letter will be sent to the following people by US Mail:

The Dover Building Inspector—Mr. Walter Avallone

cc: Current owners —Daniel and Marianne Burke; 60 Crestwood Avenue; Wellesley, MA 02481

cc: Burke's Builder Ken Soderholm: Soderholm Custom Builders; 28 Leach Lane; Natick, MA 01760

Yours truly,

Janet Comiskey-Giannini

Secretary, Dover Historical Commission





DOVER HISTORICAL COMMISSION

December 11, 2015

Cheryl Abdullah
Director of the Dover Town Library
Dover Town Library
56 Dedham Street
Dover, MA 02030

Dear Cheryl Abdullah;

The Dover Historical Commission has decided to consolidate the town's antique map collection of Dover into another location. Consequently the Commission asks that all the maps representing the town of Dover belonging to the Historical Commission and lent by the Commission to the Library be returned to a designated representative of the Historical Commission before the end of this current year.

The Commission thanks you in advance for your cooperation in this matter and for the Town Library's careful stewardship of these artifacts during the past years.

Yours truly,

Janet Comiskey-Giannini
Secretary
Dover Historical Commission

TownHouse 5 Springdale Avenue, Dover, Mass. 02030



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Dover Historical Commission
Town House

December 18, 2015

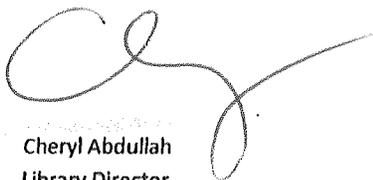
5 Springdale Avenue
Dover, Massachusetts 02030

Dear Honorable Members of the Dover Historical Commission,

On behalf of the Library Board of Trustees, I wish to thank you for the opportunity for stewardship of the historic maps of Dover entrusted to the library. Please note that your representative may claim them at any time during regular business hours however, because of our on-going renovation project, I would appreciate a days' notice so that I may ensure my availability. The Board of Trustees understands that your representative will take full responsibility for the physical move. I trust the Historic Commission will provide list of the maps to be removed and your representative and I will sign off on the list of what is being taken from the Library.

Thank you.

Respectfully yours,



Cheryl Abdullah
Library Director
Dover Town Library
56 Dedham Street
Dover, Massachusetts 02030