

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Historical Commission**  
**Town of Scituate**  
**Scituate Library – Large Conference Room**  
**Wednesday, August 16, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**

**Commission Members Present:** Bob Brand, Doug Smith, Jack Whittaker, and Susannah Green. Excused absences - Jim Glinski, Stephen Litchfield

**Other in attendance:** David Camara, Larry Reynolds, Stephen Bjorklund, Elaine Bongarzone.

### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:03 pm. Chairman Smith read a statement to diversity, equity and inclusion that will be read at all Commission meetings.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes for the June 15, 2023, and July 19, 2023 were reviewed and approved.

### **3. Demolition Review**

- The Commission reviewed a demolition application for 58 Tilden Road. David Camara attended the meeting and described the conditions of the home and that it is currently being used as a rental property. A site visit will occur on August 26, 2023, to confirm the home conditions.
- The Commission discussed the property at 91 Ann Vinal Road and the application for demolition review. A site visit occurred on June 10, 2023. The Commission did additional research as the date of the property which is recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Chairman Smith reached out to the applicant/owner Larry Reynolds who did not respond to see if there is an alternative to demolition for the property. Mr. Reynolds, Ms. Elaine Bongarzone, the realtor for the property, and Stephen Bjorklund – who is neither the applicant nor the owner of the property - spoke on about the property and questions regarding the demolition review process. Commissioners Green and Brand had not visited the property and were not ready to render a decision at this meeting.

#### **4. Tercentenary Signs**

Steve Litchfield will provide an update at the August meeting.

#### **5. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead**

The Select Board is in receipt of the letter sent by the Commission. The Mordecai Lincoln Homestead will be on the September 26 Select Board agenda.

#### **6. RFP for Preservation Plan**

The RFP for the historic preservation plan is out with a deadline for submission of October 10, 2023.

#### **7. Lawson Park Letter**

A letter is being sent to the Select Board regarding the Historical Commission's recommended use of Lawson Park with regards to memorials.

#### **8. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on September 20, 2023.

**The meeting adjourned 8:27 pm**

Documents reviewed during meeting.

Agenda

Meeting minutes June 2023 & July 2023.

Application for demolition, 91 Ann Vinal Road, 58 Tilden Road

Preservation Plan RFP