

# ***Town of Scituate – Historical Commission***

## ***Meeting Minutes – April 23, 2015***

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

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the **Scituate Historical Commission** at **7:03 pm** on March 19, 2015 at the Little Red School House.

The following persons were present: Doug Smith, Arthur Beale, Stephen Litchfield, Reid Oslin and Michael Cuneo.

### **2) Approval of Minutes**

The meeting minutes of the March 19, 2015 meeting were reviewed and approved.

### **3) Tercentenary Signs**

The Commission will await CPC funding then proceed with repair and restoration of the signs after July 1, 2015.

### **4) Demolition Review 179 Edward Foster Road**

The Commission held a hearing on 179 Edward Foster Road. The applicant – E.F. Realty Trust was represented by Kevin and Lisa Kearns. Their intent is to demolish the main residence and relocate the existing barn to Norwell, MA and move the studio/office to another area on First Cliff. The main building is over 100 years old and not located in the FEMA FIRM velocity zone and is subject to the Demolition Review By Law. Discussion centered on the historic nature of the house, which in the opinion of the owners, is not significant. Photographs were brought to the meeting.

The property was identified through a historical survey completed in December 2007, by Turks Tracey & Larry Architects, LLC as a contributing property to a potential National Register of Historic Places Historic District. While the property itself may not hold significant historical value, its contribution to a National Register District is significant and its demolition could compromise the potential future listing of a district on First Cliff. The Commission determined that additional information was required to see if

other identified properties in the district had been demolished and if other identified properties were located within the FIRM velocity zone. The hearing was continued until May 7, 2015.

#### **5) North Scituate Rail Canopy**

Arthur Beale updated the Commission on the progress of the rail canopy. The damage to some of the steel structure of the canopy that will need to be repaired prior to roofing.

#### **6) Web**

Reid Oslin updated the Commission on the posting of documents to the website.

#### **7) Gates Middle School Gym Research Request**

Selectman John Danehey requested that the Commission review the original naming of the Gates Middle School as Veteran's Gym. Steve Litchfield reported that there is not a clear answer and additional research will need to take place.

#### **8) Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for May 7, 2015