

Town of Scituate – Historical Commission

Meeting Minutes – July 30, 2015

1) Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the **Scituate Historical Commission** at **7:00 pm** on July 30, 2015 at the Little Red School House.

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

2) Demolition Review

Christopher Ford submitted an application for demolition of the barn at 50 Country Way. He recently secured a special permit to develop the entire property at 50 Country Way for mixed use retail and apartment rental units. Included in this special permit is the relocation of the historic home on the property. Although attached to the house indirectly by an ell, the barn is considered separate for purposes of the demolition application.

Mr. Ford currently has the barn listed for sale in hopes of being able to have the barn relocated and avoid demolition. The entire property is scheduled to be sold in the September/October time frame. The barn will need to be moved in order to begin construction on the project. It is currently being used for rental apartments. Although not certain the barn is estimated to have been built in the 1850's. According to the applicant it has been significantly muddled when the office/apartment space was created in the 1990's.

Mr. Ford would prefer to have the barn relocated vs. demolition, but given the sale of the property and need for the barn to move to begin the project Mr. Ford would like to Historical Commission to act in a timely manner.

A discussion focused on the possibility of Mr. Ford donating the barn to the Irish Mossing Museum as a boat house. Mr. Ford indicated that he is open to ideas on relocation and preservation. Commissioner Arthur Beale made arrangement with Mr. Ford to inspect the barn for historical purposes.

Mr. Ford agreed to have the hearing continued to August 13, 2015.

3) Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes from June 2015 were reviewed at the August meeting.

4) North Scituate Rail Canopy

Arthur Beale updated the Commission on the progress of the rail canopy. Mr. James Hunt contacted Commissioner Arthur Beale regarding the work site and wood being taken away. Upon inspection it does not appear any materials were stolen and the work area was tidied up and covered until the project is complete. Arthur sent an e-mail to the roofing contractor requesting an update on the project.

5) Tercentenary Signs

Arthur Beale reported that a quote for the paint was being generated so that the paint could be ordered. Once the paint is available the hope is to be able to sand blast and prime the signs at the same time. The plans can be made for painting. Arthur is working on coordinating sign removal, some repairs, sand blasting, painting then reinstallation.

6) Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2015 (subsequently rescheduled to August 20th)

7) Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.