

***Town of Scituate – Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 16, 2017***

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 February 16, 2017 at the Little Red School House.

The following members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Stephen Litchfield, Arthur Beale, Aubrey Burke and Karen Desler. Mike Cuneo had an excused absence.

2. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 19, 2017 meeting were approved.

3. Demolition Permit Reviews

William McKelvey the owner of 89 Edward Foster Road appeared before the Historical Commission regarding the demolition of 89 Edward Foster Road. The main section of the house was rebuilt many years ago with one section in the front of the house. The Commission requested a site visit to the property to review its historic significance and photograph the property. The hearing is continued to the next Commission meeting.

18 Morton Place – the Commission has no update on 18 Morton Place.

4. Form B Inventory Forms Rivermoor/Third Cliff

Lyle Nyberg shared with the Commission updated Form B's for properties located on Parker Ave on Third Cliff. The Commission will submit these forms to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the MACRIS inventory. Mr. Nyberg also discovered that survey work was done on First, Second and Third cliffs by Turks, Tracy and Larry, however it does not appear on the MACRIS website. Mr. Nyberg will draft correspondence for Chairman Smith to send to MHC for additional information.

5. Merritt Cemetery

Commissioner Burke reported that she had met with members of the Town's Veteran's Committee who expressed an interest in repairs to the Merritt Cemetery. The question of current ownership of the cemetery and a review of the Town's Cemetery site survey commission about 10 years ago to determine repairs to be done. A suggestion was made for funding through the Community Preservation funding.

6. Preservation Awards

The Commission will continue to investigate how other towns are recognizing property owners for preservation of homes and building in their communities to see if this is something Scituate should pursue.

7. Tercentenary Sign Update

Arthur Beale updated the Commission on the need for a location to sand blast and prime the signs. He also reported on filming he did on the restoration of the Third Cliff sign that could be helpful if additional funding is needed.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.