

***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – April 19, 2017***

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:13 pm on April 19, 2017 at the Little Red School House.

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

2. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the March 22, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

3. Demolition Permit Reviews

Doug Smith provided members with an update on information the applicant for demolition of **18 Morton Place** provided. Members considered that additional information and decided to continue the hearing on that permit while further options are investigated.

Legal, building, and design representatives of the applicant for the demolition permit at **90 Ann Vinal Road** attended the meeting to provide the committee with an update on the project plans relative to the home at that address. The representatives provided the committee with a revised development plan that preserves the home on the property by moving it out of the path of the road through the proposed development. Committee members posed a number of questions about the revised plans. The builder, Mr. Don Gillespie, explained that a number of modifications will need to be made to the structure in question in order to ensure it meets code requirements and can be marketed within the new development. Mr. Gillespie agreed that he would add a plaque with a historic interpretation to the home.

Since the revised project plan does not involve a demolition of the home, the agreed course of action is for the applicant to withdraw his demolition permit request in writing.

Mr. Don Gillespie was also in attendance in the capacity as the applicant for a demolition permit at **43 Otis Place**. The plan for that property is to demolish the existing structure and build two duplexes on the site. The applicant provided pictures of the house, which has been unoccupied for a number of years and is in a significant

state of disrepair. Committee members had conducted research on the address in advance of the meeting and reviewed the photographs provided. By a vote of 4-0 with one abstention (Karen Desler) a motion was passed that the property at 43 Otis Place is not considered historically significant and the Commission approves the issuance of a demolition permit to raze subject to notification by the Chairman of the Historical Commission to the building inspector within seven days.

Susan DiPesa, one of the co-applicants of the demolition permit for **537 Hatherly Road** attended the meeting. She described the home and the reason she was seeking the permit. Doug Smith described the attributes that would make a house historically significant. Agreement was reached that some members of the Commission would need to visit the house in order to make an informed determination of its historic significance.

4. Form B Submissions

Mr. Lyle Nyberg attended the meeting to seek approval for the submission to the state historical commission of a number of Form Bs that he had prepared. Mr. Nyberg provided Commission members with an overview of each proposed submission. Commission members asked a number of questions and frequently commented about the excellent quality of the research and documentation that had been performed. A motion to submit the Form Bs prepared by Mr. Nyberg to the Massachusetts Historical Commission was unanimously approved by the Commission.

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.

6. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission is planned for Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the GAR Hall.