

***Town of Scituate  
Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – December 20, 2018***

## **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 December 20, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.

The following Commission members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Arthur Beale, Stephen Litchfield, Karen Desler, and Mike Cuneo. Aubrey Burke had an excused absence. Bob Brand and Lyle Nyberg also attended, as did people affiliated with the demolition permit review on the agenda.

## **2. Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the November 8, 2018 meeting were approved.

## **3. Demolition Permit Review**

A demolition permit review hearing was opened for the house at **153 Country Way**. Representatives of the group that owns the house (Blue Marble Group represented by Adam Brodsky) and the demolition permit applicant and his representative (AJ Realty Trust represented by Andrew Spath and his lawyer Richard Henderson) attended the meeting.

The buyer and seller representatives provided whatever information they knew about the house and its history, none of which indicated that any historically significant people or events had been associated with the property. Mr. Spath provided copies of a set of photographs of the house showing it to be in poor condition. All of its wiring has been stripped and it was condemned by the Board of Health in 2014.

Commission members posed a series of questions about the property. Following the discussion, an appointment was scheduled for December 29 for some of the members of the Commission to visit the property.

## **4. Form Bs**

Lyle Nyberg presented a Form B Continuation Sheet for **691 Country Way**, supplementing the original Form B submitted in 2000. The Continuation Sheet provides further insights on the likely construction date, placing the timeframe in the late 1880s

rather than 1850 as indicated in the Assessor's database. The Continuation sheet also includes a picture of the home, known as Mount Holly, that captures the likely initial owner, George Newcomb. Mr. Newcomb was close friends with his nearby neighbor, the noted architect Gridley James Fox Bryant.

Mr. Nyberg also presented a Form B for **18 Wampatuck Avenue**, with considerable detail about the house and its history. The house seems to have been owned by Charles and Emma Waugh, the former being the president of the Carriage Manufacturers' Association.

The motion to accept both documents for submission to the Massachusetts Historical Commission was unanimously approved.

## **5. Tercentenary Signs**

Arthur Beale updated the Commission on the status of the Tercentenary sign restoration project. His current focus is on getting a signpost repaired and modified in order to reinstall the restored Stockbridge Mansion sign.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

## **7. Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at the Scituate Town Library.