

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate – Virtual via Zoom

August 20, 2020

Commission Members Present: Bob Brand, Aubrey Burke, Stephen Litchfield, Doug Smith. Associate member Arthur Beale.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:06 pm via a virtual, online format Zoom.

2. Demolition Review Evaluation

The Commission discussed a demolition review of two properties

628 Hatherly Road. Applicant Ken Michaud. The Commission discussed the site visit and condition of the property. Associate Member Beale encouraged the applicant to find a suitable way to salvage the key architectural features in the home. Motion to place a 12-month delay on the property at 628 Hatherly Road was made and seconded. The vote was 0 to approve the delay and 4 against. The motion failed to carry. Chairman Smith will notify the Building Inspector within seven days.

101 Captain Peirce Road. Applicant Bob Asner. The Commission discussed the site visit to the property. The home suffers from significant structural damage to joists, sills and other structural elements making the repair difficult and not feasible. Motion to place a 12-month delay on the property at 101 Captain Peirce Road was made and seconded. The vote was 0 to approve the delay and 4 against. The motion failed to carry. Chairman Smith will notify the Building Inspector within seven days.

3. Tercentenary Signs

Arthur Beale provided an update on the signposts and next steps for installation. He is facing challenges connecting with John Hatherly.

4. Old Gates School

The Board of Selectmen are seeking input on the future of the old Gates School. The Commission is interested in historic preservation since the property was developed by a noted architect and is located in a significant historical area of Scituate. A memo will be sent to the Board of Selectmen.

5. Open position on the Historical Commission

Chairman Smith reminded Commissioner's that there is an open position on the Commission and that any interested applicants need to contact the Board of Selectman's office with an application.

6. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Commission will be held virtually on 9/17/2020 @ 7:00 pm.

For the foreseeable future meetings will be held virtually on the third Thursday of each month.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm