

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Historical Commission**  
**Town of Scituate – Virtual via Zoom**

**October 15, 2020**

**Commission Members Present:** Bob Brand, Stephen Litchfield, Doug Smith.  
Associate member Arthur Beale. Aubrey Burke had an excused absence.

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:00 pm via a virtual, online format Zoom.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes for the September meeting will be approved at the November 2020 meeting.

**3. Demolition Review Evaluation**

The Commission discussed a demolition review application of two properties;

17 Buttonwood Lane. Applicant James D and Catherine Wolfe. The Commission discussed the site visit and condition of the property. The building has undergone extensive renovations and there appears to be very little aspects of the original home in place. Motion to place a 12-month delay on the property at 17 Buttonwood was made and seconded. The vote was 0 to approve the delay and 3 against. The motion failed to carry. Chairman Smith will notify the Building Inspector within seven days.

533 Country Way. Applicant John O'Keefe. 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. The applicant will undertake a salvage operation to save architectural feature for use in the future. The applicant will plans for the Commission to photograph the property. Motion to place a 12-month delay on the property at 533 Country Way was made and seconded. The vote was 0 to approve the delay and 3 against. The motion failed to carry. Chairman Smith will notify the Building Inspector within seven days.

#### **4. Tercentenary Signs**

Arthur Beale provided an update on the signposts and next steps for installation. He will work on casting new six-sided posts to replicate and properly install the signs.

#### **5. Community Preservation Projects**

Arthur Beale provided an update on the North Scituate Train Canopy and excellent progress being made. The concrete and rough electrical work have been completed. The next step is the ceiling and then signage.

#### **6. Surveying grant application MHC**

Chairman Smith discussed a grant opportunity with the Massachusetts Historical Commission for historical surveying and documentation of historic homes. Several questions regarding the grant process were discussed. Chairman Smith will contact Peter Stott at MHC for additional guidance.

#### **7. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Commission will be held virtually on 11/19/2020 @ 7:00 pm

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

**The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm**