

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate – Virtual via Zoom

December 17, 2020

Commission Members Present: Bob Brand, Stephen Litchfield, Doug Smith, Aubrey Burke and Susannah Green. 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 7:03 pm via a virtual, online format Zoom.

2. Approval of Minutes

Meeting minutes for the November 2020 meeting were approved by a vote of 5-0.

3. Demolition Review Evaluation

The Commission discussed a demolition review application of three properties;

29 Whitcomb Road. Applicant Jane Hennessey. The Commission discussed the application for the property at 29 Whitcomb Road. The applicant described the property as a summer cottage that has fallen into disrepair. A site visit was performed, and the Commission approved demolition 4-0.

9 Otis Road. Applicant Tommy McCarthy. The Commission discussed the application for the property. The home suffers from significant structural damage and has been abandoned for several years. A site visit was performed, and the Commission approved demolition 4-0.

141 Driftway, Applicant John the Tedeschi The Commission discussed the property at 141 Driftway. A Form B had been completed recently by Lyle Nyberg. The building was constructed in the late 1700's but has been unoccupied for nearly 50 years. A site visit was performed, and the Commission approved demolition 4-0.

4. Surveying grant application MHC

Chairman Smith discussed a grant opportunity with the Massachusetts Historical Commission for historical surveying and documentation of historic homes. Chairman Smith contacted Peter Stott at MHC for additional guidance. While the complete matching funds need to be in place prior to the grant application, we can use the existing CPC funds to begin a planning survey grant in town.

5. Preservation Plan

Chairman Smith discussed the idea of developing a comprehensive historic preservation plan for the Town of Scituate. The plan would enable the Commission and Town to develop plans and strategies for historic preservation. The Commission will review draft plans and begin development of a plan for Scituate.

6. Form B Submission

Lyle Nyberg presented a Form B for 47 Common Street which was reviewed and approved or submission to the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

7. 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.

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next meeting of the Commission will be held virtually on 1/21/21 @ 7:00 pm

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm