

***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2019***

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 January 10, 2019 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. A few members of the public also attended, as did people affiliated with the demolition permit review on the agenda.

2. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 20, 2018 meeting were approved.

3. Demolition Permit Review

A demolition permit review hearing for the house at **153 Country Way** was resumed from the December 20th meeting. Some Commission members had toured the house on December 29 and Arthur Beale provided a photographic overview from that visit. The house includes a mixture of older and newer elements. It does not appear to have been well maintained with some evidence of structural deterioration. The original building materials do not seem to have been of top quality and the style of the house is eclectic.

Commission members discussed the relative qualities of the house, its age, and whether there was any historical significance to the structure. Following this discussion and an offer for any of the meeting attendees to offer any comments or remarks, a motion was made to close the hearing. This motion was seconded and approved.

A motion was then made that the property at 153 Country Way be considered 'Preferably Preserved' and subject to a twelve-month demolition delay period beginning on January 10. That motion was seconded and proceeded to a vote. The motion to Preferably Preserve failed to carry, with three members voting no (Cuneo, Litchfield, and Smith) and one voting yes (Desler).

4. Form B Review

There were no Form Bs for review.

5. Historic CPC Submissions

Doug Smith had previously circulated hard copies and on-line links to the Community Preservation Commissions proposals that were identified as having a historic element. Members undertook a preliminary discussion of the proposals, spending most of the time on the shipyard marker proposal and the interesting issues it gives rise to related to preservation restrictions and property owners' rights.

6. Tercentenary Signs

There was no tercentenary sign status update.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, January 31, 2019 at the Scituate Town Library.