

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Historical Commission**  
**Town of Scituate**

**August 18, 2021**  
**Scituate Town Library**  
**Local History Room**  
**7:00 pm**

**Commission Members Present:** Bob Brand, Stephen Litchfield, Doug Smith, Susannah Green.

Other attendees: Lyle Nyberg, Arthur Beale, Chris Bruce – Option C Properties

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:00 pm in the Large Local History Room in the Scituate Library.

**2. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes for the July 21, 2021, meeting were approved by a vote of 4-0.

**3. Demolition Review Evaluation**

**817 Country Way** - A review of the application and site visit on 817 Country Way was discussed. The applicant indicated the condition of the property. The site visit confirmed the condition and deterioration due to rot. There are some salvageable features that may be removed prior to demolition. The hearing was closed and a motion to delay was read. *Motion the property at 817 Country Way be considered "Preferably Preserved" and subject to a twelve month demolition delay beginning on August 18, 2021.* The motion was seconded. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 0 for and 4 against. The applicant agreed to not proceed with demolition until October 1, 2021 in case there are aspects of the home that can be salvaged. The Chair will notify the building inspector.

**8 Whitcomb Road** – Janet Donelan, the applicant for 8 Whitcomb, requested a continuation of the review until the September meeting. The Commission granted this request.

**4. Preservation Plan**

The Commission discussed components of a historic preservation plan for Scituate. Many of the components are in place either on the website or other documents. The Commission will develop a draft plan for discussion. The plan included updates on the following action plan, community update, potential National Register nominations and areas for historical surveying. Additional suggestions include plaquing of historical homes and buildings and to share the draft plan with various Scituate constituencies for feedback.

## **5. Historic Home Plaques**

Mr. Litchfield met with Kukstis Woodcarving who can make the historic signs for \$100 per sign. The Commission will work to develop an application and process to have the signs made.

## **6. Form B Submission**

There were no Form B submissions this month.

## **7. Historic CPC Projects**

Arthur Beale reported on two projects.

- 1) North Scituate Canopy – A Request for Proposals has been developed for the ceiling system on the canopy. The Commission will work to solicit contractors who can submit bids for the project.
- 2) Tercentenary Signs – The molds for new signposts have been made and posts are also being made. The Stockbridge Mansion sign is complete and will be mounted when the post is ready.

## **8. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

The next meeting of the Commission will be held September 15, 2021 in person.

October meeting will be on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm**

### Documents reviewed during meeting

Agenda

July meeting minutes

Draft preservation plan

Demolition Application 817 Country Way

Demolition Application for 8 Whitcomb Road