

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate
March 21, 2019

Commission Members Present: Arthur Beale, Aubrey Burke, Mike Cuneo, Karen Desler, Stephen Litchfield, and Doug Smith

Commission Members Absent: None

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 March 21, 2019 at the Scituate Town Library.

2. Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the January 31, 2019 meeting were approved.

3. Demolition Permit Review

The applicant (Charles Perfetuo) for a demolition permit at **36 Otis Place** attended the meeting along with the home owners (Glenn and Michelle Gregory). Paul Spiro (in his capacity as a construction and code consultant) and Ed LeNormand (in his capacity as a structural engineer) were also present.

Mr. Gregory spoke about his plans for the house when he purchased it in 2005 and its current condition. Mr. Perfetuo provided an overview of the structural-related assessments that were conducted by Mr. Spiro and Mr. LeNormand, written versions of which were provided to the Commission.

Doug Smith referred to a Form B that was prepared in 2005 by Turk Tracey and Larry on this property that recommended listing of the home on the National Register based on its age and architectural style.

As a next step in the process, Commission members and the owner agreed on a date for a site visit that would help inform their consideration of the historical significance of the property.

4. Pilgrim Stone Mile Markers

Mr. Craig Rosenquist appeared before the Commission with a video presentation on mile markers that were installed in 1920 for the 300th anniversary of the Pilgrim's landing. According to his research, 85 of the markers were originally installed. Of that number, he has been able to find the location of 45, three of which are in Scituate. Mr. Rosenquist is looking to restore and, in some cases, re-site the markers for the 400th anniversary in 2020.

Commission members exchanged ideas in an effort to help facilitate the project. Given the challenges of approaching the historical commissions and societies throughout the many southeastern Massachusetts towns in which the markers are located, it was suggested that the state Historical Commission might be interested in centrally funding the marker restoration project.

5. Form B Reviews

Mr. Lyle Nyberg presented the Commission with an update on the efforts that were made throughout 2018 to document Scituate's historic buildings (almost entirely by Lyle), along with some suggested approaches for making broader-based progress.

Mr. Nyberg also provided the Commission with some additional recent work that he had accomplished including a Form B for 327 First Parish Road, a Form B for 545 Country Way, and updates to previously submitted Form B documentation for 55 First Parish Road, 91 Driftway, and 2 Country Way. All of these documents were approved by the Commission for submission to the Massachusetts Historical Society.

6. Tercentenary Signs

Arthur Beale provided an update on the status of the tercentenary sign project, chiefly in relation to the anticipated cost of the posts.

7. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

8. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, April 18, 2019 at the Scituate Town Library.