

***Town of Scituate – Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – January 19, 2017***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:06 pm on January 19, 2017 at the Little Red School House.

The following members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Stephen Litchfield, Arthur Beale, Mike Cuneo, and Aubrey Burke. Karen Desler had an excused absence.

**2. Demolition Permit Reviews**

Commission members continued the review of the demolition permit for the property at **20 Collier Road**. An interested party named Lyle Nyberg again spoke to the history of the general area, which has a number of similar George Welch homes like the one under review.

After considering the information provided and discussion over two meetings, Commission members voted 4-0 that the property should be preferably preserved via photographic evidence.

Commission members next continued discussion of the application for demolition at **18 Morton Place**. Two Commission members who had visited the property a few days after Christmas summarized their observations, in particular that the estimated construction date of 1750 seems accurate.

A number of interested parties attended the meeting and provided their views of the historical significance of the property and the potential risk of a 'domino effect' in the immediate area if this home were demolished. Extensive discussion ensued with abutters in regard to local historical districts and the requirement that formation of such districts need to be initiated by residents of the proposed district.

Commission members voted 4-0 to preferably preserve 18 Morton Place with a delay for up to one year, while working with the applicant on a suitable preservation solution for the property.

Commission members reviewed the demolition permit application for **24 Linda Lane**. This property is a small, abandoned, boarded-up bungalow style home. After some discussion, Commission members 4-0 to approve the demolition permit.

**3. Form Bs**

Resident Lyle Nyberg provided an informative overview of documentation that has been submitted to the state Historical Commission detailing Scituate's historical buildings.

Mr. Nyberg presented a number of so-called Form Bs that he has drafted for the Rivermoor/Third Cliff area. These excellent documents were heartily endorsed by the Commission.

#### **4. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2017.

#### **5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.