

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Historical Commission**  
**Town of Scituate**  
**Scituate Library – Large Conference Room**  
**Thursday, January 25, 2024**  
**7:00 pm**

**Commission Members Present:** Bob Brand, Doug Smith, Jack Whittaker, Jim Glinski  
Stephen Litchfield and Susannah Green.

Others in attendance: Jeffrey Turner, Julie Oliva, Corie Nagle

### **1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:00 pm. Chairman Smith read a statement to diversity, equity and inclusion that will be read at all Commission meetings.

### **2. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes for the December 2023 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved by vote of 5-0.

### **3. Demolition Review**

- The Commission reviewed a demolition application for 519 First Parish Road. Representing the applicant, David Turner, was Jeff Turner and Julie Olivia. Corie Nagle of Jack Conway was also present. The home was built in 1807 and is historically known as the Silvanus Damon House. The house has some deferred maintenance and requires a new roof among other issues. The Commission will do a site visit on February 3, 2024, and continue the hearing until the February 2024 regular meeting.
- The Commission discussed the property at 84 Lighthouse Road and the application will be continued until February 2024 at the request of the applicant.

### **4. Preservation Plan – Heritage Strategies – Peter Benton & Elizabeth Watson**

Heritage Strategies, LLC represented by Peter Benton and Elizabeth Watson presented over zoom an update on the research completed to date for the preservation plan. The MACRIS data has been acquired by Heritage Strategies and an initial analysis is complete. Heritage Strategies will reach out to the Scituate Historical Society to include in the planning process.

## **5. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead**

Commissioner Jim Glinski reported on the newly formed Mordecai Lincoln Homestead committee. The committee has met and will be conducting a site visit to the property in the coming weeks.

## **6. Memorial Guidelines/Policy**

Due to time constraints the memorial/guidelines policy will be reviewed at an upcoming meeting.

## **7. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on February 15, 2024. A site visit will take place on February 3, 2024, to 519 First Parish Road.

## **The meeting adjourned 8:40 pm**

Documents reviewed during meeting.

Agenda

Meeting minutes December 2023

Preservation Plan RFPs from Heritage Strategies LLC

Draft of memorial guidelines

Demolition review applications for 519 First Parish Road and 84 Lighthouse Road