

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate
Scituate Library – Large Conference Room
Thursday, February 15, 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, Bill Ohrenberger, Paul Mirabito, Peter Benton of Heritage Strategies joined the meeting via zoom.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chair Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:01 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 January 2023 meeting were reviewed. Minutes were approved, with amendments, by vote of 5-0.

3. Demolition Review

- **62 Gilson Road.** The Commission reviewed the application, and the applicant was represented by Paul Mirabito of Ross Engineering. The hearing was opened, and the application was discussed. The Commission will visit the property on March 9th. The hearing is continued to the March regular meeting.
- **519 First Parish Road.** The Commission reviewed a demolition application for 519 First Parish Road. Representing the applicant, David Turner, was Jeff Turner and Julie Oliva. The Commission visited the property on February 3, 2024. Commissioners Green and Brand visited the site at a later date. The members discussed the historical significance of the house while noting some repair problems. *Motion that the property at 519 First Parish Road be considered "Preferably Preserved" and subject to a 12 month demolition delay beginning February 15, 2024.* The motion passed 1 against and 4 in favor. Building Inspector will be notified within seven days.
- The Commission discussed the property at **84 Lighthouse Road** and the application will be continued to a later date at the request of the applicant.

- **40 Wigwam Lane** – The Hatherly Golf Club submitted an application for demolition of 40 Wigwam Lane. The hearing opened. Attorney Bill Ohrenberger represented the Hatherly Golf Club. The Club purchased the property, which is located in the middle of the golf course presenting a difficult situation for future use. The Commission will visit the property on March 9th and continue the hearing to the March meeting.

4. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead

Commissioner Jim Glinski reported on the newly formed Mordecai Lincoln Homestead committee. The committee has met and is reviewing options for the property in the coming weeks.

5. Preservation Plan – Heritage Strategies – Peter Benton

Heritage Strategies, LLC represented by Peter Benton presented over zoom an update on the research completed to date for the preservation plan. Sample plans have been placed in the hard drop box for review. The Commission will assist Heritage Strategies in reaching out to the Scituate Historical Society to include in the planning process.

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 March 21, 2024.

The meeting adjourned 8:40 pm

Documents reviewed during meeting.

Agenda

Meeting minutes January 2023

Information from Heritage Strategies LLC

Draft of memorial guidelines

Demolition review applications for 519 First Parish Road, 84 Lighthouse Road, 62 Gilson Road, 40 Wigwam Lane