

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate
Scituate Library – Large Conference Room
February 16, 2023
7:00 pm

Commission Members Present: Bob Brand, Stephen Litchfield, Doug Smith, James Glinski and Jack Whittaker. Susannah Green had an excused absence.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:10 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 19, 2023, meeting was reviewed, edited, and approved and will be posted to the Town website. Vote 4-0.

3. Historical Commission Coalition Meeting

The Commission reviewed the virtual meeting of the eastern Massachusetts Historical Coalition. This new coalition is designed to assist local commissions with historical preservation strategies.

4. Demolition Review

The Commission determined that the property at 30 Manchester Street is exempt from the demolition review by law due to its location in the velocity zone. The building inspector will be notified.

5. Virtual Workshops from Massachusetts Historical Commission

The Commission reviewed the training available from the Massachusetts Historical Commission. Some members have participated in the training.

6. Historic Preservation Plan

The Commission discussed the evaluation process for potential applicants from the RFP. The Commission plans to interview prospective applicants at upcoming meetings.

7.. Community Preservation Committee

Jack Whittaker provided an update on the recent meeting of the CPC and historic applications.

8. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead

Jim Glinski contacted Jeff Gonyea at Preservation Massachusetts who offered to visit the Mordecai Lincoln home to offer an evaluation and assist in planning for future use. Jim will arrange for the site visit and funding opportunities from the 1772 Foundation.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on March 16, 2023.

The meeting adjourns 7:54 pm

Documents reviewed during meeting

Agenda

Meeting minutes February 2023.

Historical Commission Coalition flyer

Draft RFP for preservation plan