

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

Commission Members Present: Bob Brand, Stephen Litchfield, Doug Smith, James Glinski, Susannah Green, and Jack Whittaker. Jim Trenz was also in attendance.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Chairman 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 February 16, 2023, meeting was reviewed, approved and will be posted to the Town website. Vote 5-0.

3. Demolition Review

The Commission opened the hearing on 18 Country Way. The applicant explained his plans for demolition of 18 Country way in hopes to create additional parking for an improvement at 20 Country Way. The Commission scheduled a site visit for Saturday, April 1, 2023.

4. Community Preservation Committee

Jack Whittaker provided an update on the recent meeting of the CPC and historic applications. He also updated the Commission on the proposed Pier 44 project. The Commission endorsed a letter of support for the planning phase of the Pier 44 park project.

5. Tercentenary Signs

Steve Litchfield is in contact with the South Shore Vo-Tech who have agreed to sand blast the tercentenary signs for painting. The cost will be for the media blasting. Arrangements will need to be made to transport the signs to the Vo-Tech.

6. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead Site Visit

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. The site visit is scheduled for Thursday, March 23, 2023.

7. Pier 44 Park Proposal

This was addressed under item 4 Community Preservation Committee.

8. Historic Preservation Plan RFP

Work is still being done on the RFP.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on May 18, 2023.

The meeting adjourned 7:51 pm

Documents reviewed during meeting

Agenda

Meeting minutes February 2023.

Application for demolition 18 Country Way

Support letter Pier 44 park project