

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate
Scituate Library – Large Conference Room
Thursday, May 11, 2023
7:00 pm

Commission Members Present: Bob Brand, Stephen Litchfield, Doug Smith, Jim 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 7:05 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 April 20, 2023, meeting were reviewed, approved and will be posted to the Town website. Vote 4-0.

3. Demolition Review

- The Commission reviewed a demolition application of 2 Rebecca Road. Jed Hannon representing the owner regarding the condition and plans for a new house at 2 Rebecca Road. A site visit is scheduled for June 10, 2023.
- The Commission reviewed the site visit from Saturday, April 1, 2023, to 18 Country Way. The applicant is still in process with other town boards and will keep the Commission updated on progress and come back to the Commission. Hearing is continued until June 2023.
- The Commission reviewed an application for the demolition of 7 Revere Street due to structural damage and the need to lift the building to place on pilings. The applicant is currently out of state and cannot provide access to the home at this time. An inspection from the home is permissible. Hearing is continued until June 2023.
- The realtor for the property at 91 Ann Vinal Road submitted an application for demolition review and a site visit will occur on June 10, 2023.

4. Lawson Common

The Commission discussed the recent robust discussion regarding monuments at the Lawson Common and the publication from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Historic Landscape Preservation Initiative regarding the past and future use of town commons. Commissioner Jim Glinski will draft a letter for review at the next Commission meeting encouraging the Select Board to develop a memorial policy for the Town and specifically the Lawson Common.

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 Commission will need to contact the DPW for sign removal and next steps. Most likely a fall project.

6. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead

The Commission sent to the Select Board regarding six alternatives for future use of the Mordecai Lincoln Homestead.

7. Eastern Mass Historical Commission Coalition Meeting on June 6, 2023

The Commission Coalition meeting will be held virtually on June 6, 2023.

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on June 15, 2023. Site visits will occur on June 10, 2023.

The meeting adjourned 7:56 pm

Documents reviewed during meeting

Agenda

Meeting minutes April 2023.

Application for demolition 18 Country Way, 7 Revere Street, 2 Rebecca Road, 91 Ann Vinal Road

DCP Terra Firma publication number 6

Mordecai Lincoln Homestead Memo