

**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Historical Commission**  
**Town of Scituate**  
**Scituate Library – Large Conference Room**  
**Thursday, June 15, 2023**  
**7:00 pm**

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

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

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:03 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 May 11, 2023, meeting were reviewed, approved and will be posted to the Town website. Vote 5-0.

### **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 and confirmed the home conditions. The hearing was closed and a motion to delay was read. *Motion the property at 2 Rebecca Road be considered “Preferably Preserved” and subject to a twelve month demolition delay beginning on August 17, 2022.* The motion was seconded. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 0 for and 4 against with 1 abstention. The Chair will notify the building inspector.
- The Commission discussed the property at 91 Ann Vinal Road and the application for demolition review. A site visit occurred on June 10, 2023. The Commission will do additional research as the date of the property on the application does not seem to match the actual home. Associate Commissioner Whittaker agreed to do a deed search at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds to help determine its age.
- 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 July 2023 and the applicant will be invited to call into the meeting.

- 39 Lighthouse Road – An application for the demolition of 39 Lighthouse Road was received by the Commission and a site visit was scheduled for June 24, 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. A letter to the Select Board was reviewed encouraging the Select Board to develop a memorial policy for Town properties and specifically the Lawson Common.

#### **5. 9 Mitchell Ave Letter of Support**

Chairman Smith was contacted by Attorney John Danehey representing the owners of 9 Mitchell Ave regarding a letter of support for a variance on a renovation plan. This will be continued to the next Commission meeting in July.

#### **6. Historic House Plaques**

Chairman Smith received a call regarding the delay in getting the house plaques painted by a local vendor. Will follow up.

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

The Commission Coalition meeting was held virtually on June 6, 2023. Members reported back that a video link is still available, and it addressed the new MBTA requirements for housing near rail stations and possible impact on historic properties.

#### **8. Upcoming Meeting Dates**

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on June 15, 2023. Site visits will occur on July 19, 2023.

**The meeting adjourned 8:10 pm**

Documents reviewed during meeting

Agenda

Meeting minutes May 2023.

Application for demolition, 7 Revere Street, 2 Rebecca Road, 91 Ann Vinal Road, 39  
Lighthouse Road