

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate
Scituate Library – Large Conference Room
Thursday, July 19, 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 7:03 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 June 15, 2023, will be reviewed at the August meeting.

3. Demolition Review

- The Commission reviewed a demolition application for 7 Revere Street. A site visit occurred on July 15, 2023, and confirmed the home conditions. The owner of the property, Jim Kenney, joined the Commission meeting by telephone. The hearing was closed and a motion to delay was read. *Motion the property at 7 Rebecca Road be considered “Preferably Preserved” and subject to a twelve month demolition delay beginning on July 19, 2022.* The motion was seconded. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 0 for and 4 against. 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 did additional research as the date of the property which is recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Chairman Smith will reach out to the applicant to see if there is an alternative to demolition for the property.
- The Commission reviewed an application for the demolition of 39 Lighthouse Road. A site visit occurred on June 24, 2023. The hearing was closed and a motion to delay was read. *Motion the property at 39 Lighthouse Road be considered “Preferably Preserved” and subject to a twelve month demolition delay beginning on July 19, 2023.* The motion was seconded. The motion failed to carry by a vote of 0 for and 4 against. The Chair will notify the building inspector.

4. 42 Captain Peirce Road Letter of Support

(correction from 42 Ann Vinal Road listed on the agenda). Mr. Chris Ford met with the commission to request a letter of support for the barn at 42 Captain Peirce Road be connected to town sewerage instead of a private septic system. Mr. Ford felt that the septic system could have an adverse impact on the grade for the historic barn. Mr. Ford outlined details regarding the restoration of the barn. The Commission voted 5-0 to send a letter of support for Mr. Ford's request.

5. 9 Mitchell Avenue

Attorney John Danehey requested a letter of support for a variance on a renovation plan in a potential flood zone. This building was the first fire station built by the Town. The Commission endorsed sending a letter as part of the

6. 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.

7. Tercentenary Signs

Steve Litchfield reported that the Old Oaken Bucket sign was damaged, and a piece of the sign was broken. The broken piece was retrieved. A welder with experience in this type of restoration will be contacted to repair the signs. The remaining signs will be brought to the South Shore Vo Tech for material blasting and painting.

8. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead

The Select Board is in receipt of the letter sent by the Commission. The Mordeci Lincoln Homestead will be on the August 22 Select Board agenda.

9. Upcoming Meeting Dates

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

The meeting adjourned 8:27 pm

Documents reviewed during meeting.

Agenda

Meeting minutes June 2023.

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

Drawings of 42 Captain Peirce Road (retained by the owner)

Preservation Plan RFP