

MEETING MINUTES
Historical Commission
Town of Scituate
Scituate Library – Small Conference Room
Thursday, October 19, 2023
7:00 pm

Commission Members Present: Bob Brand, Doug Smith, Jack Whittaker, Susannah Green and Jim Glinski. Stephen Litchfield 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 7:04 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 August 2023 and September 2023 meeting were reviewed and amended. Minutes were approved, as amended, by vote of 4-0.

3. RFP for Preservation Plan Evaluation

The Commission reviewed three proposals that were submitted in response to the RFP for a Historic Preservation Plan. The Commission reviewed proposals from Designing Local, Heritage Strategies, LLC and SWCA Environmental Consultants. The Commissioners will review each plan and rank order the preferred proposals at a meeting on November 1, 2023.

4. Lawson Park

Lawson Park – the Commission discussed the historical significance of Lawson Park based primarily on research done by the Scituate Historical Society. The Commission submitted correspondence to the Select Board regarding the historical significance recommending the original intention of Lawson park be maintained.

5. Memorial Guidelines/Policy

Jim Glinski has drafted a memorial guidelines/policy document that the Commission will review and make follow up recommendations at our next meeting to share with the Select Board.

6. Mordecai Lincoln Homestead

The Select Board is seeking applicants for the Mordecai Lincoln Committee. The Committee will be charged with determining a future use of the property and making

recommendation back to the Select Board. One representative needs to be from the Historical Commission.

7. Tercentenary Signs - Steve Litchfield will provided an update at the next Commission meeting.

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates

The next special meeting of the Commission will be held on November 1, 2023, and the regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 2023.

The meeting adjourned 8:30 pm

Documents reviewed during meeting.

Agenda

Meeting minutes August 2023 and September 2023.

Preservation Plan RFP's from Designing Local, Heritage Strategies LLC and SWCA Environmental Consultants.

Draft of memorial guidelines