

**Town of Scituate – Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2016**

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**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:01 pm on April 21, 2016 at the Little Red School House.

The following members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Arthur Beale, Reid Oslin, Stephen Litchfield, Mike Cuneo, and Aubrey Burke. Selectman John Danehy also attended the meeting, as did one member of the public.

**2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

The minutes of the Commission's meeting on March 17, 2016 were unanimously approved.

**3. Demolition Permit Reviews: Presentations and Discussions**

A number of demolition permit reviews were presented to the board:

Mr. Charles Fagan attended the meeting to discuss his proposed demolition of 6 Old Country Way. Mr. Fagan provided the Commission with a variety of supporting documents in regard to his plans, specifically for the 102 year-old structure but, more generally, for other inter-related activity in the immediate area. Commission members extensively questioned the applicant about his proposal. The chair of the Commission asked whether Mr. Fagan would be willing to submit a written summary of his plans to the Commission, which was agreed to by the applicant. The Commission deferred taking action on the demolition permit pending receipt of that written summary.

Ms. Anne Vegnani attended the meeting to discuss her demolition permit application for 704 Country Way. Given the proximity of his home to this address, Commission chair Doug Smith recused himself from this presentation and left the room. Commission vice-chair Arthur Beale led the discussion related to this application. According to town records this home was built in 1778. The applicant reiterated the information contained in her written demolition application that the intention is to sell the home to a buyer who will renovate the structure, but she doesn't want to limit the flexibility of a potential buyer. Ms. Vegnani provided pictures of the home that were reviewed by the Commission members in attendance. The applicant informed the Commission that a purchase and sale agreement had been signed earlier that same day with a buyer who intends to renovate the home. Given that very recent development, the Commission

deferred taking any action on the permit pending what the applicant hoped would be a successful sales transaction.

Mr. Dick Rockwood attended the meeting as applicant's representative for the demolition permit of 91 Humarock Beach. Town records reflect that the home was built in 1915, making it just old enough to require a demolition review by the Commission. Commission members questioned Mr. Rockwood about the characteristics of the home, its condition, and location. Following this question and answer session, members of the Commission proposed to close the hearing related to this application, which was agreed. Once this permit hearing was closed, Commission members voted unanimously not to implement a demolition delay.

#### **4. North Scituate Rail Canopy**

Arthur Beale updated the other Commission members about the North Scituate Rail Canopy project. Thanks to the dedicated work of Arthur, this first phase of this project is considered complete.

#### **5. Tercentenary Signs**

Arthur also provided Commission members on the status of the tercentenary sign project. The first of the signs is expected to be completed within a few weeks.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

The next meeting is scheduled for May 18, 2016.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.