

Swampscott Historical Commission
86 Burrill Street
Swampscott, MA 01907

Minutes of Historical Commission Sub Committee Meeting re: 57 Rockland Street
Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Commission members Present: Meeting commenced at 7:07 p.m.

Justina Oliver, Chair

Jay Mahler

Richard Smith

Sylvia Belkin

Also in attendance: Mary Bester, Tim Donovan

Discussion centered on a printed documented timeline from purchase of 57 Rockland Street in October and owner's request to Building Department to demolish the property, to the present.

Sub-Committee reviewed this timeline and letter from Swampscott's legal department lawyer and conclusions she has drawn upon reviewing Asbestos Removal Permit specifying internal asbestos removal only. Sub-Committee also reviewed document of asbestos removal company that did the work.

It was unanimously agreed by sub-committee members present that asbestos removal which was halted on April 6th through a Cease and Desist Order exceeded specified permission granted. Many external areas of the property were altered to the extent that the building has been seriously compromised, with windows removed, gutters removed, and punctures to the building's exterior fabric, and that these actions are contrary to a Demolition Delay.

Jay Mahler agreed to contact Tom Younger for a meeting to discuss the lawyer's letter and conclusions and possible further action to be taken on this matter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Sylvia Belkin