

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MEETING MINUTES**

October 13, 2016

7:00 PM

86 Burrill St, Swampscott, MA

<b><u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Sylvia Belkin, Shannon Phelan, Bill Joyce, Paula Pearce, Bill Travascio
<b><u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u></b>	Kim Barry, Jean Reardon
<b><u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u></b>	Rick Jackious, Tim and Sharon Donovan
<b><u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u></b>	7:02 PM
<b><u>MINUTES:</u></b>	Minutes for the Historical Commission meeting on October 4, 2016 were unanimously approved, after a motion by Bill Joyce, as seconded by Bill Travascio.
<b><u>57 ROCKLAND STREET:</u></b>	The Commission discussed the request for dimensional special permit and site plan special permit for the 57 Rockland Street property. Members reviewed the application materials for petition 16-30 to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA), and provided feedback on the design of the proposed structure. Members expressed concern regarding the monolithic massing of the structure and the height of the proposed retaining wall. The concrete block retaining wall at that scale (15-20 feet) would likely be visible from Humphrey Street and would not be characteristic of other walls in the neighborhood, which are mainly composed of fieldstone or granite blocks. Several improvements were suggested so that the proposed structure would better suit the character of the neighborhood, including, but not limited to, the following: designing more appropriate massing by alternating a gabled roof over the living spaces and/or lowering the roofline, treating the garage as a subordinate structure to the main living area, recessing the secondary residence, and utilizing fieldstone from the foundation of the existing residence in the retaining wall. The findings of the discussion were summarized in a letter dated October 15, 2016 from

	Justina Oliver of the Historical Commission to Peter Kane of the Planning Department.
<u>NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:</u>	November 1, 2016
<u>ADJOURNMENT:</u>	8:42 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Phelan, Secretary