

**SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

**MEETING LOCATION:** Virtual Meeting  
Thursday, October 5, 2023  
7:00 p.m.

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT</u>	Nancy Schultz, Brad Graham, Justina Oliver, Richard Smith, Franceska O'Reilly
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT</u>	Jonathan Leamon, Ryan Judkins, Kim Barry, Brendan Bradley
<u>OTHERS PRESENT</u>	Doug Thompson
1. <u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u>	N. Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. <u>PITMAN HOUSE</u>	<p>N. Schultz provided a summary of recent meetings of the Affordable Housing Trust and the Select Board. The Trust again considered partnering with Habitat for Humanity in an effort to save the Pitman House. Habitat for Humanity likely would put more than two units in the house and apply for development allowances under Chapter 40B.</p> <p>The Select Board considered approving \$150,000 to move the Pitman House to St. Andrews Cemetery temporarily for storage, to avoid demolition. N. Schultz opined that even that amount likely would not cover the costs associated with the move. The Select Board ultimately denied the request for funds, effectively ending the preservation effort.</p> <p>N. Schultz visited the Pitman House with artist Nate Fontas-Fried to recover salvageable items, and obtained some items for the Commission archives.</p>
3. <u>GLOVER HOUSE</u>	N. Schultz, Molly Conner, and others have been working on a website dedicated to the effort to preserve the Glover House.

	<p>J. Oliver moved to approve placing the Commission's email address on the website to field questions from site visitors. R. Smith seconded. R. Smith and B. Graham raised concerns about conflicts since the Commission is an official board of the town. J. Oliver suggested using a free web-based email account, and the members agreed.</p> <p>N. Schultz suggested forming a Section 501(c)(3) organization to hold fundraising monies. B. Graham suggested that an attorney would need to set up the organization, which could be costly.</p> <p>D. Thompson suggested that a third-party non-profit could hold the funds on the Commission's behalf. N. Schultz will investigate this option and report back to the Commission.</p>
<p>4. <u>NEXT MEETING</u></p>	<p>Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. The Commission has agreed to continue to meet virtually via Teams.</p>
	<p>Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.</p>

Respectfully submitted,



Brad W. Graham, Secretary  
Swampscott Historical Commission