

SWAMPSCOTT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION: Virtual Meeting

Monday, October 18, 2021

6: 30 pm

<u>MEMBERS PRESENT:</u>	Dana Anderson, Kim Barry, Brad Graham, Ryan Judkins, Jonathan Leamon, Justina Oliver, Nancy Schultz, Richard Smith
<u>MEMBERS ABSENT:</u>	Jean Reardon
<u>OTHERS PRESENT:</u>	Molly O'Connell, Bruce Paradise, 19 attendees
<u>1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:</u>	6:34 PM J. Oliver called the meeting to order
<u>4. Public Hearing on 35 Pitman Road</u> <u>a. Presentation of findings of historical significance by the SHC</u> <u>b. Public comment</u>	<p>J. Oliver explained Article IX, Section 4: Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings. Began PowerPoint. R. Judkins reviewed the deeds history of 35 Pitman, owned by Samuel Cloon Pitman (1811-1878), one of the three founding selectmen of Swampscott after it separated from Lynn in 1852. R. Smith spoke about the architectural history of the house, including framing in basement of a style typical from 1775-1825. House dates from 1800 with a mid-19th c. addition. House details comport with deed information—one of the few houses from this early period extant in Swampscott today.</p> <p>b. Public comment</p> <p>Discussion ensued about the possibility of donating this house for affordable housing, moving it to an open lot about half a mile down the road. Mass Historical Commission and Habitat for Humanity might offer possible financial support. Affordable Housing Trust can also be approached, and costs of moving it further explored.</p> <p>Ann Driscoll asked about the history of the land and R. Judkins gave a brief historical overview</p>

	<p>starting in 1640. R. Smith gave an overview of Poor Lumber Yard and opera set construction company that was on the property. Samuel Pitman also raised prize-winning pears on his farm.</p> <p>Cynthia J. Tennant complimented the Commission on its research and Bruce Paradise for his willingness to donate the house. B. Paradise said he will also help with the logistics of moving the property. Gerry Perry asked if there is any historical relevance to the land itself? Does moving the house detract from the historical value of the land? J. Oliver noted she has discussed with B. Paradise the idea of installing a plaque or interpretative sign on the property to provide historical context. G. Perry asked if the property's historical significance requires the project notification to the Massachusetts Historical Commission? The house is not listed on the national or state registry. R. Smith doesn't think such notification is required. What is the timeframe for resolution? The Commission meets within 10 days of this meeting to vote. B. Paradise reiterated his support for the move and willingness to work with the SHC. K. Barry asked about contingencies if moving the house proves to be more challenging than anticipated. J. Oliver reviewed the next steps for the meeting on October 28. R. Judkins spoke about the role of the Commission working in partnership with the community. A. Driscoll inquired further about the lot, which is privately owned.</p>
<p><u>Closing:</u></p>	<p>R. Smith moved to adjourn, R. Judkins seconded.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.</p>
<p><u>Next Public meeting: October 28, 2021</u></p> <p><u>6:30 p.m.</u></p>	

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Schultz