***Town of Scituate  
Historical Commission  
Meeting Minutes – July 19, 2018***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**   
  
Chairman Doug Smith called to order a meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:00 pm on July 19, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.   
  
The following Commission members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Stephen Litchfield, Arthur Beale, Aubrey Schwartz, Karen Desler, and Mike Cuneo. Applicants, applicant representatives, and other parties interested in the demolition permit reviews on the agenda attended, as did Becky Malamut, chair of the town’s Water Resources Committee.   
  
**2. Meeting Minutes**  
The minutes of the June 28 Historical Commission meeting were accepted.   
 **3. Water Resources Feedback**Becky Malamut**,** chair of the town’s Water Resources Committee, introduced herself and provided an overview of that committee’s advisory and collaborative roles related to responsible water use practices. Recently the committee has been developing a water offset policy, which in its current form would require developers to pay a fee at a 2:1 ratio for the water their development is expected to consume. At the 2:1 ratio, a four bedroom home would incur a fee of approximately $5,000. Becky invited feedback from all meeting attendees about the policy and who it should apply to, which resulted in a variety of views being shared. **4. Demolition Review Applications**The hearing related to the demolition application for the house at **44 Ocean Avenue** was continued from the June 21 hearing. Since that earlier meeting Arthur Beale had visited the house so he was able to provide Committee members with an extensive photographic overview from his visit. Arthur’s photographs and overview were augmented by feedback and information from the applicants, Joan and Don Gillespie. Considerable discussion ensued from all in attendance.

Following all the discussion and questions, a motion was made by Doug Smith that the property at 44 Ocean Avenue be considered preferably preserved and subject to a twelve month demolition delay. The motion was seconded. Members of the Commission voted 3-2 in favor of the motion.   
  
A hearing was opened for a demolition permit at **3 Driftway**. The applicants, Rob and Maureen Hayes, their representative Michael Hayes, a builder, architects, abutters, and a realtor were in attendance.  
  
An overview of the real estate transactions leading up to the owners’ permit application was provided by Maureen Hayes. Bob Shepard of Shepard Construction provided his view of the condition of the house from a builder’s perspective. An architect also provided his view of the relative degree of historical quality in the home’s architecture and a realtor shared her views, as did an abutter.   
  
Doug Smith provided some feedback about the history of the house from the Form B. Considerable discussion ensued. It was agreed that the next step in the process would be a site visit. The hearing was continued.  
  
A hearing was opened for **7 Grasshopper Lane**. The applicant was represented by Rich Murphy of William Raveis, as well as an architect and builder. Collectively they provided an overview of the history of the house, which was supplemented by an extensive packet of information and photographs, along with a cost analysis comparing the options of building new versus renovating. They also presented a letter from the applicant that detailed some medical considerations that necessitate them to build a new home rather than renovate an existing home. It was again agreed that the next step in the process would be a site visit, so the hearing was continued.   
 **5. Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 8:57p.m.   
  
**6. Next Meeting**  
The next regular meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.