***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2017***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:02 pm on May 17, 2017 at the GAR Hall.

The following members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Stephen Litchfield, Mike Cuneo, Arthur Beale, and Karen Desler. Aubrey Burke had an excused absence. Mr. Lyle Nyberg also attended the meeting.

**2. Meeting Minutes**The minutes of the April 19, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**3. Demolition Permit Reviews**The hearing for the demolition permit of **18 Morton Place** was continued.

Chairman Doug Smith confirmed to the Commission that the demolition permit application of **90 Ann Vinal Road** had been formally withdrawn.

A demolition permit application has been received for **169 Jericho Road**. Two members of the Commission agreed to coordinate a visit to review the property at that address.

The hearing related to the demolition permit for **537 Hatherly Road** was continued from the April 19 meeting. The property had been visited by a Commission member since the last meeting. Ms. Susan DiPesa, a co-applicant for the demolition permit, attended the meeting. The visit to the property showed little remaining in the way of historical attributes. Based on discussion, research, and the visit, a motion was made that the property at 537 Hatherly Road is not considered historically significant and the Commission approves the issuance of a demolition permit to raze, subject to notification by the chairman of the Historical Commission to the building inspector within seven days of the vote. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 3-1, with Commission member Desler voting against the motion.

The Commission reviewed the application for demolition permit for **15 Buttonwood Lane**. The applicant, Ms. Cheryl Fever, attended the meeting along with Mr. Bob Shepard of Shepard Construction & Development. Ms. Fever described the home and the challenges that it presents. Mr. Shepard described the structural issues with the home and provided his opinion that the building is not structurally sound enough to be brought up to code. He also showed the architectural plans to the Commission members. Commission members voted unanimously to close the hearing.

A motion was made that the property at 15 Buttonwood Road is not considered historically significant and the Commission approves the issuance of a demolition permit to raze, subject to notification by the chairman of the Historical Commission to the building inspector within seven days of the vote, and subject to Mr. Shepard’s opinion being submitted to the Commission in writing. The motion was seconded and approved by a vote of 3-1, with Commission member Desler voting against the motion.

**4. Form B Submissions**Mr. Lyle Nyberg attended the meeting. He provided Commission members with an update on his submission of three Form Bs to the state’s Historical Commission.
 **5. Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

**6. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Commission is planned for Thursday, June 15, 2017 at the GAR Hall.