***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 17, 2018***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Stephen Litchfield called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:01 pm on May 17, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.

The following Commission members attended the meeting: Stephen Litchfield, Karen Desler, Aubrey Burke, and Mike Cuneo. Doug Smith and Arthur Beale had excused absences. A number of parties interested in, or affiliated with, the applications for demolition also attended.

**2. Meeting Minutes**The minutes of the May 3, 2018 meeting were approved.

**3. Demolition Permit Reviews**Mr. Jeff De Lisi, representing the owner of the property at **189 Front Street**, provided an overview of the building. Mr. De Lisi stated that renovations to the property over the years have, in his view, removed much of its historical significance. An abutter in attendance asked about the owner’s plans for the property. De Lisi said that the owner plans to build a more modern structure for commercial use. The abutter commented that he believes that demolition of the building would be one more step in the continuing eradication of the harbor’s history.

Steve Litchfield agreed to set-up a time for some members of the Commission to visit the property in order to assess its significance. The hearing was continued.

Discussion of the property at **53 Border Street** began with abutters describing their understanding of the history of the structure at that address, including multiple relocations and its former use as a firehouse. Jeff De Lisi, also representing the owner of this property, said the owner is amenable to having the property moved and has offered it at no cost to anyone who was willing to relocate it.

This hearing was also continued in order for some Commission members to visit the property for an assessment of its significance.

**4. Tercentenary Signs**There was no update on the status of the tercentenary signs.

**5. Building Dates Relating to Demolition Reviews**Steve Litchfield spoke generally about the desirability, within the bounds of the Demolition Review By-law, of establishing an arrangement with the Building Inspector such that the Inspector’s office would inform the Commission of demolition permit requests within some range of the 100-year benchmark stipulated in the by-law. This could allow the Commission to independently assess the age of a property in case the Building Inspector’s records are incorrect.

**6.** **Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 8:00p.m.

**7. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, June 21, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.