***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 28, 2018***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:04 pm on June 28, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library. The chief purpose of the meeting was to consider a demolition permit request since a quorum was not reached on this matter at the June 21 Historical Commission meeting.

The following Commission members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Stephen Litchfield, Arthur Beale, Aubrey Schwartz, Karen Desler, and Mike Cuneo. The applicant for the demolition permit on the agenda and property abutters also attended.

**2. Meeting Minutes**
The minutes of the June 21 meeting were accepted, subject to a minor clerical correction.
 **3. Demolition Review Application**Doug Smith recused himself from this agenda item so Vice Chair Steve Litchfield asked Arthur Beale to provide the Commission members with a photographic overview of the house at **53 Border Street**, which Arthur had recently visited. Arthur shared his photographs of, and comments on, the house, which were augmented by comments from the applicant and abutters. Considerable discussion ensued from all in attendance.

Following all the discussion and questions, a motion was made by Steve Litchfield that the property at 53 Border Street be considered preferably preserved and subject to a twelve month demolition delay. The motion was seconded. Voting members of the Commission (excluding Doug Smith who had recused himself) deadlocked 2-2 on the motion, with members Schwartz and Desler voting yes and members Litchfield and Cuneo voting no. Given the tie, the motion did not pass and the building inspector will be notified accordingly.
 **4. Gates School**Doug Smith invited questions from Commission members about the overview of the history of the Gates School that he had presented to the Board of Selectmen and had distributed at the most recent prior meeting of the Historical Commission. Members engaged in extensive discussion of the issue.  **5. Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 8:08p.m.

**6. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, July 19, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.