***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 7, 2018***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a special meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:02 pm on August 7, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.

The following Commission members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Stephen Litchfield, Arthur Beale, Aubrey Schwartz, and Mike Cuneo. Karen Desler was absent. Attendees also included the home owner, relatives of the owner, an architect, a builder, legal representatives of the owner, and other parties interested in the demolition permit review on the agenda.

**2. Demolition Review Application**The hearing related to the demolition application for the house at **7 Grasshopper Lane** was continued from the July 19 meeting of the Commission.

Letters from the home owner (Patricia Lydon), a lawyer (Daniel Nye), and the owner’s son (Mike Lydon) were presented to the Commission. Mr. Lydon spoke about the circumstances of the impending home sale and the financial hardship that would be experienced if the sale were to fall through, as did the owner’s daughter Patsy. Similar sentiments were echoed by many others in attendance.

An architect for the prospective buyer shared her views on the existing house, namely that it does not reflect the style of the Minot neighborhood or any clearly identifiable style of American architecture.

Following all the discussion and questions, a motion was made by Doug Smith that the property at 7 Grasshopper Lane be considered preferably preserved and subject to a twelve month demolition delay. The motion was seconded. Members of the Commission voted 4-0 against the motion. The town’s building inspector will be notified accordingly.

**3. Clerk Assistance**Commission members discussed the establishment of a co-clerk role or the possibility of asking the Board of Selectmen to authorize support for minute-taking at meetings of the Historical Commission.
The meeting adjourned at 7:46p.m.

**4. Next Meeting**
The next regular meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, August 16, 2018 at the Scituate Town Library.