***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2017***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:00 pm on November 15, 2017 at the Local History Room of the Scituate Town Library.

The following Commission members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Arthur Beale, Stephen Litchfield, Karen Desler, and Mike Cuneo. Lyle Nyberg, Bob Brand, and a number of parties interested in the demolition permit item on the agenda also attended the meeting.

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

**3. Demolition Permit Reviews**The application for demolition permit review for the property at **25 Whitcomb Road** was reviewed. A summary of the letter sent to the Commission by the owner, Mr. Mahoney, who attended the meeting, was read aloud by Doug Smith. Mr. Mahoney then provided some additional commentary about the home and the work that had been done on it.

Three Commission members – Arthur Beale, Steve Litchfield, and Karen Desler – had toured the property and pictures taken during their visit were circulated. Views on the relative historical significance of the property, based on the visit and prior research that was discussed at the October 19 meeting, were discussed by the Commission members.

Following the discussion, the hearing was closed and members proceeded to a vote. Commission member Mike Cuneo recused himself. Commission member Arthur Beale is a non-voting associate member. The remaining Commission members then considered the motion that the property at 25 Whitcomb Road is not considered historically significant and approves the issuance of a demolition permit subject to notification by the chairman of the Historical Commission to the building inspector within seven days of the vote. Members voted 2-1 in favor of the motion, with Commission member Karen Desler dissenting.

A demolition permit request for **119 Jericho Road** was received by the Commission. Two Commission members offered to arrange a visit to the property and report back to the full Commission.

**4. Form B Inventory Review**

Commission members reviewed and discussed some of the latest Form B work that Lyle Nyberg has prepared. These documents will formally be reviewed at the December meeting of the Commission.

**5. Tercentenary Signs**

No updates.

**6. CPC Application**

Doug Smith informed the Commission that the state is not providing any matching funds for historical survey work in the coming year. Nevertheless, Commission members voted to proceed with the application that Doug has drafted.

**7. Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

**8. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Thursday, December 21, 2017 in the Local History Room at the Scituate Town Library.