***Town of Scituate – Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – June 16, 2016***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**
Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:01 pm on June 16, 2016 at the Little Red School House.

The following members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Arthur Beale, Stephen Litchfield, Mike Cuneo, and Aubrey Burke.
 **2. Approval of Meeting Minutes**The minutes of the Commission’s meeting on May 18, 2016 were approved.
 **3. 50 Country Way Demolition Permit Review Discussion**Mr. Jim Sandell of Carr, Lynch, Sandell and Mr. Peter Genta of MPG Capital (together, “the representatives”) met with the Commission for a general discussion related to 50 Country Way and the plans for the multi-unit development at that location. Mr. Chris Ford also joined the meeting and participated in the discussion. The representatives have met with the Planning Board and the project is in the process of moving from conceptual documents to construction documents. The representatives retained a construction firm to review the structure at 50 Country Way. That firm reportedly identified numerous structural deficiencies, the resolution of which would essentially involve replacement of the entire house. Instead of the complexities of a full rehabilitation, the representatives would like to pursue the construction of a historically accurate reproduction.

The Planning Board has reportedly hired an engineer to review the report of the engineer hired by the representatives. Given the general nature of the discussion and some uncertainty about the status of the Planning Board’s review of the engineering report, the representatives agreed that the Commission would not open the demolition permit review hearing.

**4. North Scituate Rail Canopy**Commission members briefly discussed some additional ‘Phase II’ components – lighting, ceiling, and concrete work – that would bring the project to full completion.

**5. Tercentenary Signs**No significant updates on the project.

**6. Planning Board-related**Further to last month’s meeting in which Doug Smith mentioned the Planning Board’s interest in a presentation on the town’s historic assets, Doug reported that the Massachusetts Historical Society’s website has an overlay map of this very information.

**7. Commission Reorganization**Preliminary discussion of the need for a reorganization of the Commission was begun by Doug Smith. No specific action was taken by the Commission.

**8. Next Meeting**The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for July 21, 2016.

**9. Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.