**“BE A HOST TO THE COAST”**

**The Scituate Emergency Management Agency wants to help our coastal friends find a safe place to stay during our significant coastal events. Our outreach theme is “Be a Host to the Coast”. This is about neighbors helping neighbors. If you have family, friends, neighbors or just want to help provide Scituate coastal residents with a safe place to stay during our coastal storms we are asking you to reach out to them and invite them to your home.**

**The reason for asking residents to leave their homes during coastal events is to minimize the risk to our coastal residents and first responders. Often these homes are not accessible due to debris and extreme flooding which hinders emergency efforts should they need evacuation, EMS, or fire protection. Historically in the large coastal storms over 90% of deaths occur from flooding. We cannot avoid the impacts of a large coastal storm but we can minimize the risk to our citizens who live along our beautiful coastline during these events.**

**If interested in helping, please reach out to your coastal friends or contact Michele Moran at** mzran@comcast.net**.**