***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2017***

**1. Welcome and Call to Order**

Chairman Doug Smith called to order a regular meeting of the Scituate Historical Commission at 7:05 pm on August 17, 2017 at the GAR Hall.

The following members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Stephen Litchfield, and Mike Cuneo. Arthur Beale and Aubrey Burke had excused absences. Karen Desler did not attend. A local citizen interested in the Historical Commission also attended the meeting.

**2. Meeting Minutes**The minutes of the July 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**3. Demolition Permits**Doug Smith reported that he was informed by the town’s building inspector that the property at **164 Turner Road** was largely demolished before the Commission had even considered the request for demolition application. A stop-work order has been issued.

Doug also reported that the applicant of the demolition permit at **18 Morton Place** has been informed of the demolition delay issued by the Commission.

**4. Form B Inventory Review**

Doug Smith shared a copy of a letter from the state’s Historical Commission acknowledging the receipt of the Form Bs prepared by Lyle Nyberg and complimenting the quality of the submissions.

**5. Merritt Cemetery**

Doug Smith also reported that research conducted by Lyle Nyberg on the Merritt Cemetery indicates that the cemetery seems to be abandoned. Doug will report these findings to the Board of Selectmen.

**6. Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

**7. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Commission is planned for Thursday, September 21, 2017 in the Local History Room at the town library.