***Town of Scituate
Historical Commission
Meeting Minutes – October 19, 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 October 19, 2017 at the Local History Room of the Scituate Town Library.

The following members attended the meeting: Doug Smith, Arthur Beale, Stephen Litchfield, Aubrey Burke, Karen Desler, and Mike Cuneo. Lyle Nyberg, Bob Brand, and Richard Eckelhofer also attended the meeting.

**2. Meeting Minutes**The minutes of the September 21, 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

**3. Demolition Permit Reviews**An application for demolition permit review for the property at **25 Whitcomb Road**, filed by the prospective purchaser (Mr. Eckelhofer), was reviewed. The applicant described the property and provided a printout of the real estate listing, including pictures of the home. Chairman Smith had researched the property and read aloud the information he had found in the MACRIS database. Committee members agreed that a visit to the property would be required and would make arrangements to do so through the listing realtor.

**4. Form B Inventory Review**

Lyle Nyberg presented the Commission with a Continuation Sheet that corrects an existing Form B (SCI-1073) in MACRS for the Welch Building. The original Form B was filed in 2005. After review and discussion, the Committee voted unanimously to approve submission of the Continuation Sheet to the state Historical Commission.

**5. Merritt Cemetery**

Aubrey Burke reported that she had contacted people that were reportedly involved in the sale of the property in which the Merritt Cemetery may be located. While the seller believed the cemetery was included in the larger sale, the buyer does not know whether it was included.

**6. Tercentenary Signs**

Arthur Beale informed Commission members that the Stockbridge Mansion tercentenary sign has been repainted. Arthur video-documented the process that he followed in restoring this sign. The video can be shared with prospective bidders for restoring the other signs in an effort to ensure the most cost effective bid.

**7. General Discussion**

Doug Smith highlighted a few items of general interest:

* The state has made some changes to the Open Meeting law, in particular related to the timely posting of meeting minutes.
* Doug has submitted a CPC application for conducting additional historical surveys. The application is contingent upon the receipt of state matching grant funds.
* Doug had recently met with Brad Washburn, the town’s director of planning and development. The discussion focused on the inclusion of a historical component into any revised town master plan.

**8. Adjournment**The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

**9. Next Meeting**
The next meeting of the Commission is planned for 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 in the large conference room at the town library.