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**Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
Scituate Town Library
Thursday – October 5th, 2017
7:00 pm**

**Committee Members Present: Jamie Gilmore, Anthony Antoniello,
Lincoln Heineman, Mark Sandham, Patrice Metro**

**Committee Members Absent: Sean deLacy, Geoffrey Burns, Gerard Kelly,
Mike Westort**

**Also in Attendance: Nancy Holt, Finance Director, Maura Curran,
Chairman Board of Selectmen, Anthony Vegnani, Selectman.**

Voted

**The meeting was called to order by 7:00 by Jaime Gilmore and the
agenda was moved by Jaime Gilmore and seconded by Lincoln Heineman
and the committee unanimously voted to approve the agenda.**

There were no prior minutes to approve.

**Mr. Gilmore then introduced Maura Curran, Chairman of the Board of
Selectmen.**

**She gave an update on the outline in the letter from the Attorney General
regarding the Ellis Estate property that was utilized for the Public Safety
Complex.**

The Town has 12 months to take the following steps:

Replace the acreage that was used to construct the Public Safety building. The selectmen are working on identifying that acreage and hope to have it categorized by the Town Meeting. It needs to be similar property in size, 7.1 acres and type.

Need to place a CR on the other 77 acres of the Ellis Estate. The conservation agent is working on this presently. Maura noted the conservation agent is new to this position with the town.

The School Committee is working on the 13.8 acres that is under their prevue. The Selectmen are not able to handle this portion as is in control of the School Committee.

Mr. Gilmore then noted the memo from Mr. Bowen, Town Moderator, outlining possible next steps. Mr. Gilmore then asked that the memo be absorbed by the committee and discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Vegnani noted there were several ways to handle this situation and that nothing was done incorrectly. The Town Counsel wanted to proceed with litigation, but it was deemed not in the interest of the town. Mr. Gilmore stated that advice was given by Town Counsel and then decisions were made based on that advice.

Maura Curran said the warrant article is open right now waiting for the various parcels to be outlined. Mr. Sandman asked for the time frame, and Maura responded they have twelve months to comply.

Mr. Heineman asked if the Town Counsel could look at the Bowen memo and his outline as a way to proceed.

Maura Curran then pointed out that the school board has their own counsel.

Mr. Hunt asked if the land the PSC sits on has been subdivided from the other parcel and when will clear title be assigned. Maura Curran will get

an answer for Mr. Hunt. Mr. Gilmore said a new parcel has not been filed with the registry. Mr. Vegnani asked how Mr. Hunt was aware of the Bowen memo. Mr. Hunt said he received it from Mr. Bowen.

Anthony Antonello suggested the Bowen memo be sent to the Selectman and Mr. Gilmore stated he already gave it to Mr. Vegnani. Mr. Gilmore noted that the Selectmen have relied on Town Counsel in the past.

Mrs. Hunt responded to the comment by Mr. Vegnani that they did not approach the Board of Selectmen. Ms. Lambert and Ms. Hunt brought a great deal of material to the attention of the Selectmen regarding the status and origin of the land.

Maura Curran said the town is doing what the Attorney General has outlined to remedy the Ellis Estate lands. Mr. Gilmore asked to move forward. Mr. Vegnani stated they would be doing exactly that.

Discussion then centered on the Bowen Memo and it was stated that it was one way of looking at the next steps.

Jim Hunt stated he felt the Attorney General's letter was a good outcome, but his concern was that clear title be obtained and not jeopardize the bond. Maura Curran said she would find out.

Mr. Gilmore then spoke about the past two years and hoped that this committee served the community well. He thanked the members of the Advisory Committee. He noted that the next meeting would take care of the Liaison appointments.

Voted:

Mr. Gilmore then nominated Lincoln Heineman as the new Chair, and it was seconded by Mr. Antonello, voted unanimously by the committee.

Mr. Gilmore thanked Mr. Heineman for taking on this role.

Mr. Heineman then asked Mr. Vegnani and Maura Curran about the remote participation meeting option, which is a program to allow committee and board members to participate when not able to attend in person. Maura Curran said she has some guidelines, and once the new Town Administrator is aboard, they can discuss what will be enacted in Scituate. There are certain requirements as published by the Attorney

General's office and Mr. Heineman stated he would like to have a copy of that outline.

Mr. Sandman wanted to cover some dates for the future meetings. Mr. Gilmore said every Thursday night is booked at the Library through to the date of Town Meeting.

CPC will be on the agenda for the October 19th meeting.

Mr. Sandman asked about the warrant being done. Nancy Holt handed out the draft of the warrant to the members of the committee for their review. There was no discussion regarding the articles by the Advisory Committee.

The Advisory Board recommendations are due on the 24th of October for the articles.

New Business

The Association of Town Business Committees is holding a meeting October 21st in Franklin. The Town will reimburse to attend. October 10th is the deadline to sign up.

Mr. Heineman noted the going away party for Town Administrator, Patricia Vinchesi at the Scituate Yacht Club in November and hoped committee members could attend.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Antoniello, and voted unanimously to adjourn.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.