



**Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Community Room, Scituate Public Library  
Thursday, March 22, 2018  
7:00 pm**

**Committee Members Present:** Lincoln Heineman, Chairperson; Mark Sandham, Vice Chair; Jamie Gilmore; Patrice Metro; Mike Westort; Anthony Antonello; Geoff Burns

**Committee Members Absent:** Jerry Kelly; Sean deLacy

**Also in Attendance:** Nancy Holt, Finance Director; Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator; Jim Hunt and Andrea Hunt; Eileen Farraher and Fairway Village Condo Board; Patti Minnis, Fairway Village Condo, Lisa Spencer Deputy Director SSCAC; Keith Walo, Waterways Commission

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Lincoln Heineman.

Lincoln Heineman made a motion to accept the Agenda, seconded by Geoff Burns; Unanimous Vote (7-0). Lincoln Heineman noted that the article numbers were changed due to the updated warrant.

**Review Petition Articles:**

Lincoln changed the ordered of the Agenda to Review Article 23 first and appointed Mark Sandham to act as Chairperson. Lincoln excused himself from the meeting, as he is a member of the South Shore Community Action Council.

**Article 23: South Shore Community Action Council**

*To see if the Town of Scituate will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to South Shore Community Action Council, Inc. for services to low-income families and elderly residents in the Town of Scituate, or take any other action relative thereto.*

Lisa spoke about her 11 incorporated towns, and the fuel assisted and energy program services they provide for low-income households. She said they are seeking assistance from all the towns they serve because of the recent gap in Federal Funding. She would like this article to be on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

- Funded by Federal (67%) the total was \$19M in 2017; \$74,000 in fuel-assisted payments went to vendors.
- Elderly and handicap transportation , fuel assistance, weatherization of homes, replacement of heating systems and energy audits
- Provided 39 towns with fuel assistance
  - 111 households in Scituate
  - 22 households in Scituate used the energy audit program
  - 50,000 passenger trips for Scituate's residents last year
  - 70 infant and toddlers in Scituate received meals, snacks, on site nurses and transportation

Geoff Burns said they serve a great purpose, and asked if they thought the federal funding will decline going forward, Lisa said that in the past 2 years they have been zeroed out of a few programs. There may be increases in funding in the future, but they need private funding for programs like volunteer income tax returns, which costs \$20,000 to run. There are gaps in funding at various times of the year and there are currently 3,000 households that do not have funding. In addition, there may be emergency needs that they may not be able to fund. Federal funding will not cover certain situations, for example: a fire in a house, or the need for a new water boiler or relocation of people due to flooding.

Jamie Gilmore asked what the State support was; Lisa said they have a couple of small State programs. The Consumer Aid Program is funded by the Attorney General's office (\$45,000 funding for this program). Some childcare programs, which are combined with federal for (\$3M combined). Jamie said you are asking for \$10,000 and wanted to know where that number came from, Lisa said that the people who got the signatures came up with the number, Jamie asked how many other towns were supporting them, and Lisa said Carver, Wareham, Marshfield, Halifax and Pembroke. Jamie said many people do not realize how much support they provide to Scituate residents.

Anthony Antonello added that it was a very worthwhile program.

Mike Westort asked if they were asking all towns for the same amount, Lisa said they are not asking all 11 towns. Mike wanted to know how many of the 11 had donated and why all of a sudden they were asking for funding. Lisa said they have a new CEO with a different philosophy. Geoff Burns asked if the other towns were getting the same request for the same amount of money. Lisa said the representatives might make different suggestions for an appropriate ask.

Jamie stated that this program originated from the LBJ fight against poverty and was always funded by the Federal government, but with the new trending of less Federal government support, that was causing them to go to Towns for funding.

Mark Sandham asked how the current 100% of \$19M and how it was split, Lisa said administration is between 6% and 7%.

**Mark wanted to see spending for last 5 years and backup and detail of budget. 990's are available Lisa said and she would provide them to the Committee.**

**Mark suggested to Lisa that she should include her pamphlet for Town Meeting.**

Jim said it could not be in the book because they are not a Town organization, but it can be left in the hallway for Scituate residents to pick up.

Mike asked if Lisa thought she was going to ask for money every year, and Lisa said yes we are going to ask for support every year.

**Lincoln re-entered the meeting at 7:29 PM**

#### **Article 22: Ellis Property Study Commission, Jim Hunt**

*To see if the Town will vote to create the "Ellis Property Study Commission", consisting of 7 members: one each from the Board of Selectmen and School Committee, two from the Advisory Board, and three at large members who shall be registered voters of the Town to be appointed by the Moderator. Each appointing authority shall report its Commissioner choice to the Town Clerk. The charge of the Commission shall be to review the status of the so-called "Ellis Property", the uses of such property, to examine the legal status of such uses, and to make recommendations to Town Meeting regarding what steps, if any, are required to make such uses conforms with: 1) the law and 2) the donative intent of the Ellis family. The Commission shall report its findings at the next regular Annual or Special Town Meeting, and shall issue a report to be published in the Town's*

*Annual Report, upon which publication the Commission shall sunset. The Commission shall convene within 30 days of the close of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting, and the first meeting shall be called and convened by the Town Clerk for purposes of organization. Should either or both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee fail to designate its Commissioner by the date of organizational meeting, such non-acting board shall forfeit its appointment, and the Commission, and its quorum as appropriate, shall be reduced in size by the forfeiture; or take any other action relative thereto.*

*Sponsored By: Richard W. Lambert Jr.*

Jim Hunt said that Richard Bowen [Town Moderator] a private citizen wrote the wording for the Article. The article is proposing a legislative commission to look at the original deed for the Ellis property. Jim Hunt said that it is a matter of record and it is available for public inspection. Review is necessary due to the current dispute of the status of the 96-acre conservation land (which included parcel 2, which is on the other side of 3A). The task of the commission would be to do a comprehensive and thorough review of how we got to where we are today:

1. Lack of action by the School Committee to comply with STM 2/3 vote which took place a year and a half ago which stated a transfer back to Conservation. The School Committee refuses to vote. Jim Hunt said we were assured that this would come to a vote before Town Meeting; superintendent had told the Advisory Committee that this land would be used in the future.
2. The status of the 7.1 acres that presently holds the Public Safety Building; there is a question whether or not this building legally exists on this property. Legal steps need to be implemented; the issues will only be resolved when the matter goes to court. Our proposed commission would ferret out most of the facts regarding this question and report them to the members of the legislature at Town Meeting
3. The 3.8 acres of the Ellis property that were contained in the original deed is now being occupied by the Arts Association, in the original Ellis house. There is also an 800-foot right of way that crosses conservation land and is not identified separately. This parcel is included in the 1969 deed so its status needs to be reviewed. It was not included in the negotiated agreement with the Attorney General.

The proposed commission does not have a budget, Jim Hunt had asked to include \$10,000, but it was outside the article and was out of order, if the people vote to enable the commission he hopes to get cooperation throughout the Town's governing bodies. He said he would also solicit the support of the Advisory Committee.

Jamie Gilmore clarified that this article was to create a commission that would review the original deed and it would be constituted by some of the town appointments and 3 outside people, but with no specific qualifications required. Jim said yes and that the moderator would appoint the outside people and the plan was to have the Town Clerk convene the first meeting.

Jamie said he asked the original question of the superintendent, knowing there was no deed. The vote at the Town Meeting was in favor to ask the School Committee to give the land back. Jamie said that they have to vote it as surplus land first to give it back. Jamie said it is still part of the Ellis Land, it is not being developed and when it was voted, the conservation laws were different. Jim agreed. Jamie does not think a commission is needed because all the information is out there. The Public Safety Building does not have its own deed and the bond was granted with that information submitted. Ultimately, it is all Town Property. He also did not think the moderator should be head of the commission.

Geoff Burns wanted to know how the composition of the Committee (BOS and Advisory) was chosen. He further asked, what the goal was, the Public Safety Building is already built. Jim said that the lawyers asked the same question, he said he would like the Attorney General's opinion to be ratified. We want to be sure that everything is legal; we are worried that someday the Town could be sued.

Jamie thought the commission should be made up of a group of independent people who know these laws. He further stated that it would make sense to get the professionals that understand municipal law as it works relating to conservation land.

Patrice said she did not see how a group of citizens would be able to solve this; it is just going to be people opinions. Jamie agreed that laymen would not be able to clarify this issue.

Mark asked what if Advisory members fail to make an appointment. Are we compelled to appoint a member just because the moderator says so. He asked what the state regulations are regarding the creation of commissions. He was wondering how effective the commission would be. Jim Hunt said that Mr. Bowen has currently withdrawn from further discussion due to prior communication with Kathy Curran. She was concerned about being the person who runs the meeting she sent an email asking Mr. Bowen to strike her as the person running the meeting.

Mike asked how the commission would figure out the original intent of the Ellis Family. Jim said by reading the deed. The Attorney General interpreted it one way, but there may be different interpretations. Mike asked if Jim would be looking for funding later, Jim said yes they would need legal and administrative help. The next Town Meeting would be the deadline for an answer (report) from the proposed commission. Mike said that the Board of Selectmen represents the people, and he felt we should not supersede them.

Lincoln said this article is trying to get to the substance of the situation, Lincoln thinks that articles 19 and 20 would go a long way to putting this to bed once in for all.

Jamie asked about The Arts Association losing the occupancy and stated that they have been using the property for years. Andrea Hunt, clarified Article 97, specifically whether the land had been transferred before or after. She stated that in conservation law, if the land had not changed in 50 years it was still protected by the Laws of Article 97. The Attorney General said it was still protected by Article 97. We do not want the Public Safety Building or Art Association to move, we can ask them to be exempted. Article 97 states that they could not transfer the land to the School Committee. The 1974 Quinn opinion states that Article 97 is retroactive, that is the question that would go to court.

Lincoln restated what Andrea Hunt had said about it making sense to take the Public Safety Building and the Art Association out of Article 97. It was stated that we would need to convince the Board of Selectmen to do this.

Anthony asked about the deed, Jim said the land would be controlled and managed by the Conservation Commission. In 1972, it was giving to the School Committee, but they should have gone to the State legislature because it was conservation land.

The Attorney General made an agreement to replicate the land that the Public Safety Building used.

Jim Hunt said that the moderator's [Richard Bowen] memo is what started the legal questions.

Jim wants to properly inform the people of the current facts so they would advocate for the laws of Article 97 to be followed properly.

Andrea Hunt said they had been advised to sue the Town of Scituate by three separate parties, but she stated that they just want to preserve the 14 acres and we want them to remain conservation land as it was deeded. In

addition, we are trying to prevent a lawsuit. The lawyers are not in agreement, we want to bring Advisory, the Board of Selectmen and other citizens together to come to a decision that we can all agree on.

Geoff said he thought the School Committee had no intention of building on the land, and could the School Committee just give the land back. Jim said the issues are bigger than that, the Public Safety Building does not have a deed. We should really legalize this building as well as the Arts Association building.

### **Special Town Meeting Articles Votes:**

#### **ARTICLE 1. FY 18 Budget Reconciliations**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

#### **ARTICLE 2. Unpaid Bills**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

### **Town Meeting Articles Votes:**

#### **ARTICLE 1. Compensation of Elected Officials**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

#### **ARTICLE 2. Reports of Boards and Committees**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

#### **ARTICLE 3. Capital Improvement Plan**

##### **Item A: Widow's Walk Design Improvement**

Mike said it seems like we are doing a study to fix what we already have. He would rather spend more money to know if this is the best use of the land. Mike would recommend more funds and an expanded scope. Jim Boudreau thinks it serves a certain customer/golfer or niche and they do not want to compete with private clubs. Jim said we are currently losing business. Once we do the study we can look to see if we could do more. Anthony thought that they just needed to make some improvements in the building and that \$30,000 was not going to do a lot.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority in favor (6-1)

##### **Item C: Widow's Walk Net**

Lisa Spencer Deputy Director, SSCAC and Patti Minnis, Fairway Village Condo, spoke about the need for a new net on the 5<sup>th</sup> hole and they wanted to thank Bob Sanderson for putting it on his budget. Their request is for a protective golf net to catch the golf balls before they reach the condominium property (the condo abuts the 5<sup>th</sup> hole of Widow's Walk). Presently, it is a major safety issue and people have almost been hit. Windows, doors and deck furniture have been damaged. People are afraid to have their grandchildren on their decks. There is an average of 6 -10 balls per week hit onto the property of the 6 abutting condo units. The 5<sup>th</sup> hole is the only hole that the golfer tee's off in the direction of residences. They feel that someone is going to be seriously injured. She said that we appreciate Widow's Walk being a good neighbor to us. Lincoln asked who put the original net up, and Lisa did not know. The contractor told Lisa that the net is not high enough or long enough and also not on proper poles. Mike said that he thought the condo should be responsible for putting up the net, Lisa said someone on the Town Board gave the Condo permission to build the 3<sup>rd</sup> building which abuts

the 5<sup>th</sup> hole. Lisa also said that Al Bangert and Bob Sanderson came out to see where the property line was with a town engineer who said that one net post is on condo property and one is on Town property. Lisa further said that the condo unit doesn't have the money to put up a net. Jamie thinks that the golf course is creating the nuisance and without the golf course, they would not need a net. Mark agreed and thinks the Town [golf course] has created the hazard.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority in favor (6-1)

Item J: Expand Cudworth Cemetery Phase 3

Lincoln asked about the Capital Stabilization fund and where the expansion was taking place, Nancy said in the open space where the cremation area is and that people pay fees.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

Item M: Senior Center

Anthony asked if the location was finalized. Jim said the Board of Selectmen recommended putting it on the property where the old Gates School was. He also said that the Friends of Scituate Seniors and the Scituate Council on Aging were in favor.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority in favor (6-1)

Item U: Viability Study for Elementary Schools

Geoff asked, why the viability study was on the Capital Plan and was that always the case, Jim said yes it is in the correct place.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

Item V: Automated License Plate Recognition

Lincoln said they would be collecting tens of thousands of license plates and there is no clarity as to who has access to the information, he felt it was an invasion of our civil liberties. Jamie said because the cost is \$20,000 each, they should not be on this budget and also felt that there is no right to privacy in regards to public safety and when you are in public. Lincoln said you are not committing a crime so the State should not know where you are. When you are in violation it is okay, but this collects information on everyone. Geoff wanted to know where it would be, Lincoln said it would be used everywhere in town, it would be in the police vehicle. Mark said he thought it was going to cause problems because they could create too many tickets and it will not build good will with the residents of the Town; it could cause complaints.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee does not recommend approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority opposed (1-6) and is not in favor of this article.

Item RR: Upgrade Well Filter

Upgrade filter, Lincoln wanted to know exactly what they are doing. **Anthony said they tried before without success that is why they connected it to the reservoir; and that he was going to talk to Sean.**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority in favor (6-1)

Item UU: Replacement of Unit 3 Safety Boat

Mike thought they had a boat that they could retrofit instead. Keith Walo, Waterways Commission, said Mr. Friedman had made some comments, but there has been no votes from the WWC on the boat. They are going to have an emergency meeting because they have been asked to go to the Board of Selectmen meeting. He further stated that the GITMO boat does not solve the problem.

**Phyllis Karlberg, 26 Hewes Road** added that she hopes someone supervises the tie up of the boat and that the boat should have been tied up properly before the storm.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

#### **ARTICLE 4. Fiscal Year 2019 Operating Budget**

School Committee: Anthony wanted an explanation of the budget, Jamie provided a copy of the budget to Anthony who withdrew his hold.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

Beautification: They received their original requested budget (\$1,000 added back). Lincoln said we should put extra money in the budget to reach \$30,000. Where would the money come from, Jim asked he further stated that they haven't asked for it and they should come early and tell us where they would spend the money if they want to ask for more. Mark agreed that they did not ask for more money but that the Advisory Committee told them to ask for more next year.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

Historical: Lincoln thinks it is money well spent. They did request \$18,000 Lincoln wanted to give them the money they originally requested.

**Lincoln Heineman made a motion to raise the budget for Historical to \$18,000 second by Geoff Burns.**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority in favor (6-1)

Nancy said there is a number of places to go for funds and that is why no money was added back into the budget. Jamie asked about the funds, Nancy said that the Historical buildings have a trust fund. Lincoln asked how the money could be spent; Nancy said per building.

Plymouth Country Retirement: Geoff said he has misgivings on how the department was run. Wants greater insight as to what is going to happen going forward. He felt their answers were inadequate when they presented in front of the Advisory Committee. He feels it needs to be reevaluated. Jim wanted to know what specifically to look at and Geoff said the investment strategy. **Jim said to write down his questions and give them to him. Jamie said we should invite them in front of Advisory again with the new Town Administrator.**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

Contributory Group Insurance:

Mayflower to MIAA rate increase was 11.9% for active plans for FY18

The Town forecast 7.9 for FY19 Actual is 4.6. Lower than Mayflower by a little.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this item

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

#### **ARTICLE 5. Waterways Enterprise Fund**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 6. Golf Course Enterprise Fund**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 7. Wastewater Enterprise Fund**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 8. Transfer Station Enterprise Fund**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 9. Water Enterprise Fund**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 10. Stabilization Fund Excess Levy**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 11. Revolving Fund Limits**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 12. Community Preservation**

Patrice asked about item #8 (see below) in regards to Title IX and if it required putting a priority on the girls' softball field. Karen Connelly said yes and it is in phase 2 of the plan. The track is first because it is unsafe.

### 8. Design and Engineering for High School Athletic Complex - \$418,500

(Undesignated)

*This request is for the design and engineering of the fields behind the High School. This includes the area from the current JV Baseball Field to the Track and Turf Field. The design and engineering would include (from west to east): Varsity Girls Softball Field, Multiuse Field, Varsity Baseball Field, and the Track and Turf Field. The Scituate High School Turf Field is at end of life and requires replacing. In addition, there are Title IX issues concerning the Girls Varsity Softball program. This area is the most heavily used recreational area for youth and school athletic programs in Scituate. It is used by the young and mature 12 months of the year. A new design and engineering plan for this area would address the Track and Turf replacement, Girls Softball program and make the most efficient use of this area with a multiuse field between the two ball fields. This project will provide design and engineering for the area behind the High School that is consistent with the field use plan for the Town. The Recreation Department and School Department have come together to support this project. The Community Preservation Committee voted 6-0 to approve this request.*

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 13. Community Preservation Act Reconciliations**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.

## **ARTICLE 14. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 91 Liability**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) vote in support of this article.



## **ARTICLE 15. Zoning Bylaw Amendment: Recreational Marijuana**

### **Prohibition on Marijuana Establishments**

*To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 420 of the Zoning Bylaw by adding new use category GG. Marijuana Establishments and to add a new Section 492 prohibiting Marijuana Establishments.*

### **Zoning Bylaw Section 4928**

*In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of marijuana establishments, as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 1 and as may otherwise be defined by Massachusetts law or regulation, to include, without limitation, all marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers, on-site consumption of marijuana at a marijuana retailer location, any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, and the conducting of any such activity for commercial purposes by whichever name used, shall be prohibited within the Town of Scituate. This prohibition shall not be construed to affect the medical use of marijuana as expressly authorized by the provisions of Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012 and 105 CMR 725.000 (as the same may be amended from time to time), or take any other action relative thereto.*

Mike asked if this was to put in the bylaw only, Jim said you have to pass both Article 15 and Article 16. Why do they want to ban it Mike asked, Jim said the desire is that we do not want this type of business and we do not want to make it too easy to open an establishment. Jim does not think the Town would get a lot of tax revenue from it. Mike thought you just had to provide a letter of non-operation to stop a business from opening.

**Valerio Romano**, 38 Indian Wind Drive, thinks the Town would be negligent to make an outright ban without thinking it through. He further stated that the Town should not assume a very highly regulated medical marijuana establishment would affect the opioid epidemic that studies show that it is the opposite. He felt it could be used to bring in more business. It is legal, and if we ban it, all the towns around us will collect the money and we will not. Lincoln said the tax revenue is a good point and that prohibition does not work. He agreed that there should be more thought put into it. It was discussed that it could be 9% in tax revenue, which could be a lot. Lincoln asked about the vote and Jim said that the Board of Selectmen was unanimous and the planning board was split 2 and 2. He further said that a host community agreement would then need to be signed to allow an establishment to be opened.

Mark asked if this was medical and the answer was that is recreational only.

Jim Hunt said this is bad zoning. If you zone to prohibit a certain business you will spend time in court. Jim said we are allowed to do this so we cannot get sued and that there is no legal liability.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee does not recommend approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority opposed (2-5) and is not in favor of this article.

## **ARTICLE 16. General Bylaw Amendment: Recreational Marijuana**

Jim said if you are opened to Article 15 you should feel the same way about Article 16

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee does not recommend approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority opposed (2-5) and is not in favor of this article.

## **ARTICLE 17. Extend Business District and Village Business Overlay District**

Lincoln asked for the map to be explained, Jim said that everything in red is the existing overlay area, pink is being added, light green is salt marsh, Lincoln thought the light green was a parking lot. Jim said it can still be in that district we are not changing the zoning. Mark asked if dark green was the old driftway building and was it the only thing being added and what is it zoned for now. Jim Hunt said it was residential. They need to change zone to sell it.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

**ARTICLE 18. General Bylaw Amendment: Expansion of Flu Clinic Revolving Fund to Include Additional Public Health Vaccinations**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

**ARTICLE 19. Tack Factory Pond Land to Conservation Commission**

Mike Westort originally voted to oppose but immediately asked for a retake, the second vote was unanimous

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

**ARTICLE 20. Ellis Property Conservation Commission Restriction**

Mike said are we doing this to be proactive and Maura said no, we are doing what the Attorney General asked.

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Unanimous (7-0) in support of this article.

**ARTICLE 21. South Shore Vocational Technical Regional Amended Agreement**

*To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to the Agreement among the Towns of Abington, Cohasset, Hanover, Hanson, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate and Whitman, Massachusetts with Respect to the Establishment of a Vocational Regional High School District as revised on October 31, 2017, a copy of which is on file with the Board of Selectmen, or take any action relative thereto.*

Lincoln said he thought they were removing all the required budget approval by Advisory, and they would not get detailed budget information going forward. He thought the detailed financial Annual Report to the towns were being removed as well. Jim asked what the penalty was, Lincoln said there is no penalty. Jim said if it is a majority vote that it could pass from the other towns if they vote yes. Patrice and Mike agreed that they need the [budget] information

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee does not recommend approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority opposed (1-6) and is not in favor of this article.

**ARTICLE 22. Petition Article Ellis Property Study Commission**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee does not recommend approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority opposed (2-5) and is not in favor of this article.

**ARTICLE 23. South Shore Community Action Council Petition Article**

**Recommendation:** The Advisory Committee recommends approval of this article.

**Advisory Committee Vote:** Majority vote (5-1) in support (1 abstention) of this article.

**Approval of Minutes**

Meeting minutes Jamie Gilmore make a motion to accept the minutes from the March 15 meeting and Geoff Burns seconded Unanimous vote in favor (7-0).

Jim Hunt said he was going to talk to his fellow petitioners since the Advisory Committee did not fully support the article they would discuss indefinitely postpone (IP) Article 22.

There was discussion regarding the deadline of the summaries and without the background summary, it is

making it harder. Nancy Holt said that the previous Town manager used to prepare the summaries and that she would write the background summaries when she got home. It was decided that Sunday at 6:00 PM would be the deadline for the Advisory Committee's write-ups to be sent to Lianne Cataldo.

### **Adjournment**

**Lincoln Heineman made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mark Sandham seconded the motion, the meeting adjourned at 10:09 PM; Unanimous Vote (7-0).**

Respectfully submitted by,  
Lianne Cataldo (Recording Secretary)

### **Follow-up Items:**

- Deadline for Write ups: Sunday at 6:00 PM
- Nancy Holt to provide article summaries
- Spending for last 5 years and backup and budget detail for South Shore Community Action Council.
- Anthony to talk to Sean about the upgrade of the water well filter
- Geoff Burns to write down his questions regarding the Plymouth Country Retirement and give them to Jim
- Invite Plymouth Country Retirement back to present in front of Advisory

### **Referenced Materials**

- *Agenda*
- *03/15/18 Meeting Minutes*
- *Final Warrants (STM, TM)*
- *South Shore Community Action Council Pamphlet*