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**Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 12, 2021
6:30 pm – Scituate High School Gymnasium**

Annual & Special Town Meeting

Committee Members Present: Jerry Kelly; Chair, Michael Westort; Vice-chair, Dan McGuiggin, Jamie Gilmore, Lincoln Heineman, Missy Seidel, Elise Russo and Patrice Metro

Committee Members Not in Attendance: Lynda Ferguson

Mr. Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the agenda which was seconded by MS. Metro and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

Mr. Kelly made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 29, 2021 meeting which was seconded by Mr. Westort and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

Mr. Kelly provided a summary of a reserve fund transfer request for the Facilities Department in the amount of \$12,000. He explained that due to recent hirings there were now more female police officers than available lockers in the women's locker room

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to approve the \$12,000 reserve fund transfer to the Facilities Department which was seconded by Mr. Westort and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

The members generally discussed how to present their recommendations to town meeting in the most efficient manner without being duplicative of other presenters.

Mr. Heineman noted that Article 26 relevant to the deletion of the existing sign bylaw and replacing it with new language was still problematic in its current state as brought forward by the Planning Board. He noted that there were three areas of the bylaw that specifically need to be addressed and he proposed that the Advisory Committee make an amendment to the bylaw for the consideration of town meeting. The members discussed the various sections briefly and Mr.

Heineman then made a motion that the Advisory Committee present a motion to town meeting to amend Section 7.10.3D to remove the language pertaining to waivers, change '10 feet' to '5 feet' in Section 7.10.6B and in Section 7.10.6E change '60 days' to '120 days' and delete the final sentence relevant to an appeals process. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gilmore and voted unanimously.

Ms. Stephanie Burke, the petitioner for Article 30 – Water Conservation and mandates, presented her amendments to the Advisory Committee as she planned to present them later in the night when she moved her article on town meeting floor. She proposed to remove the mandates for residential, commercial and multi-family properties. Also, the rebate program would be at the establishment of the Water Commissioners (Select Board) in order to provide the Water Commissioners more flexibility to tailor a program to meet Scituate's specific needs.

Mr. Heineman asked Ms. Burke to clarify what the term town buildings meant in her amended motion. She clarified that she meant that this article would only apply to municipal owned properties.

Mr. Westort asked if she had an approximate cost for the mandate. She replied no but she was willing to remove the mandate date and change the motion to require replacement of WaterSense fixtures if the fixture was to be replaced.

She noted that she wanted to move this initiative along as the longer it was delayed the more water was lost.

Mr. Gilmore made a motion to approve the amended Article 30 as presented by Mr. Burke which was seconded by Ms. Seidel and voted in favor (7-1), Mr. Westort opposed.

Mr. Kelly made a motion to suspend the meeting for the duration of town meeting which was seconded by Ms. Metro and voted unanimously in favor (8-0).

Mr. Westort made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Mr. Kelly at 10:25 p.m.; the Committee voted unanimously in favor (8-0) to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Holt
Recorder