

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

OCTOBER 15, 2013

Present: Shawn Harris, Chairman; John F. Danehey, Richard W. Murray,
Martin J. O'Toole, Anthony V. Vegnani

Patricia A. Vinchesi, Town Administrator

Press: Scituate Mariner, Patriot Ledger

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.
2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA/ WALK-IN PERIOD

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ACCEPT the Agenda for October 15, 2013. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

No walk-ins this evening.

3. UPDATE/ Solar Array/ A. Bangert // Brightfields

Pete Pedersen, Eric Aubrey and Theresa DeLucia, representing Brightfields gave a PowerPoint presentation (attached) on "Scituate Solar 1" highlighting the following points: Informational Kiosk at Town Hall, Website accessible by the Public, and the Educational Package/Online Monitoring System. Mr. Pedersen thanked the Town of Scituate for their "patience" and noted that Brightfields owns a number of closed landfills throughout the country. Scituate's solar field was built in 3-4 months on 10 acres of land. Bruce Meacham, Chairman of the Renewable Energy Committee, and Adam Culbert, teacher at the Gates Middle School, were present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Culbert expressed great enthusiasm about the online curriculum as well as a field trip his students will be making to the solar array and the wastewater treatment plant this fall. Mr. Danehey noted that Widow's Walk Golf Course was originally a "brownfield". Now, the golf course, wind turbine and solar array are all "green initiatives" undertaken by the Town in the last 15 – 20 years. "The Town should be proud of itself." He thanked the Committee and the Town Administrator for their "diligence". He thanked Brightfields for purchasing materials locally – the concrete structures were purchased from Scituate Precast in Marshfield. Mr. Harris thanked Mr. Al Bangert, Director/ Department of Public Works, for "taking the lead" on this project.

4. 7:30 PM/ DISCUSSION with Community Preservation Act Committee

Lisa Fenton, Chairperson of the Community Preservation Act Committee (CPAC), and Marla Minier, member, were present. Ms. Fenton gave an update on the Committee's activities and noted that the new Housing Authority member, Stephen Coulter, is actively working on the affordable housing "piece". She noted that the way in which the Act is written restricts how the funds can be used. Mr. Harris asked how the Gates School project might be funded by the Community Preservation Act (CPA). Ms. Fenton stated that the Committee had not yet had a discussion on the Gates School topic. She noted that the CPA's application (November 1st deadline) is on the website accompanied by information on eligibility. She provided the Board with an "Allowable Spending" chart. Mr. Vegnani stated that many "big ticket" items will come before the Town in the next couple of years and the Board is trying to find creative ways in which to fund these projects. Mr. Danehey stated that perhaps the CPAC can "bank" some funds under three, specific categories. If for any reason the funds are not used over the next couple of years, the money will still be there for future projects. Ms. Fenton stated that the CPAC "cannot officially set aside money for a future project, but our Town does tend to do it that way anyway". Discussion continued on whether the percentage for the CPA will be reduced in the future. It was decided that Ms. Vinchesi would fill out a CPA application for FY15 for the Gates School project. Specificity, Recreational and Historical "pieces" were discussed. Ms. Minier suggested that two members of the CPAC and two members of the Board of Selectmen meet to talk about the future needs of the Town. Ms. Vinchesi requested that the CPAC be "mindful that if \$4 million in CPA requests come forward that the Town will be looking for a similar amount of money the next year". Maura Curran, Chairman of the Advisory Committee, asked if CPAC is required to disburse a certain amount of funds each year. Ms. Fenton answered "no".

5. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 1 – Reports of Boards and Committees

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 1 – Reports of Boards and Committees as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 2 – Fiscal Year 2013 Unpaid Bills

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 2 – Fiscal Year 2013 Unpaid Bills for \$2,143.20 as presented subject to any additional

changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 3 – Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Reconciliations

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 3 – Fiscal Year 2014 Budget Reconciliations as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. Discussion – \$73,000 for Veterans services, cable television and interim accounting services. This reconciliation replenishes the purchase of services. No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 4 – 2012 – 2013 Storm Mitigation and Remediation Costs

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 4 – 2012 – 2013 Storm Mitigation and Remediation Costs as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. Discussion – The total amount for the storms is \$965,501.00. By the end of FY13 only \$540,000 had been spent and the bulk was spent on Storm Nemo. \$416,000 surplus will go back to Stabilization from Free Cash. Discussion on FEMA reimbursement. No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 5 – Establishment of Revolving Fund – Scituate Harbor Community Building

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 5 – Establishment of Revolving Fund – Scituate Harbor Community Building as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 6 – Golf Course Equipment Purchases

Mr. Vegnani made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 6 – Golf Course Equipment Purchases as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/ or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. Discussion – There is some money in golf course retained earnings this year and it is time to replace worn out equipment. Leasing versus purchasing was discussed. Ms. Vinchesi said that the Town should own its equipment. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 7 – Town Pier Rehabilitation Project

Mr. Vegnani made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 7

-Town Pier Rehabilitation Project as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. O'Toole. Discussion – Harbormaster Patterson explained that no major repairs have been done in the last 30 years. It appears that the original rehabilitation estimate was low by \$73,000 and it is needed to move forward. He noted that the permits are “in hand” and he has applied for a grant to cover this increase. Re-surfacing the pier was one of the items added. If the grant money does not come in, they will simply scale back on certain areas of the project. Mr. Danehey asked if a study had been done to expand the overall dimensions of the Town Pier. Harbormaster Patterson noted that the footprint was expanded 25 years ago. The Pier’s elevation will remain the same. **No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)**

Article 8 – Fire Apparatus Acquisition

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 8 – Fire Apparatus Acquisition as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. Discussion - A committee has been formed to recommend the best type of fire truck to purchase – a multi-purpose truck (Quint) or a regular ladder truck. Mr. Murray stated that it is jointly a personnel and equipment decision. Mr. O'Toole asked if one style truck has an advantage over another truck in a storm situation. Deputy Fire Chief John Murphy stated that the new truck will not go out in the snow or salt water unless there is a confirmed house fire. **No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)**

Article 9 – Fiscal Year 2015 Plymouth County Retirement Pension Costs

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 9 – Fiscal Year 2015 Plymouth County Retirement Pension Costs as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. Discussion – This is an opportunity to “pre pay” \$225,000 to offset some of the \$362,000 increase to the Pension. The Town does need to receive written confirmation to do this from Plymouth County Retirement. If confirmation is not received, this Article will not go forward. **No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)**

Article 10 – Rescission of Authorized Unissued Debt

Mr. Vegnani made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 10 – Rescission of Authorized Unissued Debt as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 11 – Water Pipe Improvement Replacement Project

This project will be done in a “phased” approach over a 3 year time period. Discussion on the importance of having Town Meeting authorize this project. Debt exclusion override versus an increase to water rates was also discussed and Mr. Danehey requested a document comparing the numbers.

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 11 – Water Pipe Improvement and Replacement Project as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel and/or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. O’Toole. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Article 12 – Scituate Library Renovation and Expansion Grant Project

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT Article 12 – Scituate Library Renovation and Expansion Grant Project as presented subject to any additional changes by Town Counsel or the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. Discussion – Mr. Harris stated that it is the Selectmen’s job to present all the projects going forward in the Town and let residents then decide at the ballot. Ms. Marla Minier, Library Liaison member on the Public Facilities Master Plan Steering Committee, thanked the Selectmen and noted that the Library Foundation is working to continue raising private funds. Mr. Murray stated that he would support this project and hopes that everyone else supporting it will also support other Town initiatives going forward. **No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)**

Article 13 – Extension of Village Overlay Zoning District (By Petition)

Adam Brodsky, attorney representing the petitioner, Paul Donovan, petitioner and owner of South Shore Auto Parts/ Driftway, and Laura Harbottle, Town Planner, were present. Mr. Brodsky explained that this would extend the Village Overlay District to include 8 parcels on the south side of the Driftway (2 parcels are South Shore Auto Parts). He showed a preliminary design rendering depicting nicely landscaped buildings with a commercial use on the first floor and residential space on the second floor. This area would be an easy walk to the commuter rail and an opportunity to create a village setting in downtown Greenbush. This would increase the density of this area and bring in approximately \$66,000 in new property taxes. “This would broaden and diversify the commercial base in this area.” Mr. Harris asked about the property currently storing school buses behind South Shore Auto Parts - would that owner need to “sign on” to this idea? Mr. Brodsky said that this property(Rousseau) is already on the map presented this evening. Mr. Vegnani noted that this petition appears to specify certain properties rather than identify a certain “part” of Town. The Board concurred that they would

make a decision on the petition after the October 24th Planning Board hearing on this matter. This article will be postponed until the October 29th Selectmen's meeting.

6. PROCLAMATION/ United Nations Day – October 24, 2013

Mr. O'Toole read the United Nations Day proclamation.

7. ADOPTION OF SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Ms. Vinchesi stated that the Social Media Policy pertains to non-union employees, committees, commissions, boards and councils. The Policy is currently being bargained with the union employees.

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ADOPT a Town of Scituate Social Media Policy dated July 30, 2013. SECONDED by Mr. O'Toole. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

8. ACCEPT RESIGNATION/ Traffic Rules and Regulations Committee

Mr. Danehey made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ACCEPT the resignation of Karen McDonald from the Traffic Rules and Regulations Committee and further that the Board thank Ms. McDonald for her years of service to the Committee and the Town. SECONDED by Mr. O'Toole. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

9. APPOINTMENT/ Traffic Rules and Regulations Committee

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen APPOINT Paul Fantasia as a full member of the Traffic Rules and Regulations Committee. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

10. REPORT & "The Week Ahead"/ Town Administrator

The Town of Scituate will submit their second appeal (Woods Hole Group) to FEMA by tomorrow's deadline. Marshfield has submitted an appeal, as well. Bids were open for two facilities projects: Feasibility and Schematic Design for the Gates Intermediate School(12 bids) and Feasibility and Schematic Design for the Public Safety Building (11 bids) and will be reviewed by the Public Building Commission. Ms. Vinchesi spoke to the Town of Cohasset's Town Manager and they are not planning to actively pursue obtaining Minot lighthouse.

11. OTHER BUSINESS – Correspondence – Mr. Danehey read two letters: one letter thanked the Department of Public Works for the excellent work they have done on Pine View Drive and the other was the Waterways Commission thanking the Harbormaster for the “Touch a Boat” program in the Harbor.

Mr. Murray spoke about a letter from Senator Hedlund regarding an environmental bill. Mr. Danehey will try to attend the regional Drug Overdose Conference on October 30th. The Zoning Board of Appeals approved AT & T’s cellular tower location on Tilden Road. It was noted that the Historic Commission prefers a monopole design for that location. Mr. Vegnani noted that the meeting between the Humarock Civic Association and the Selectmen and many Town departments went very well last week. He is optimistic that conversations will continue to go well between the Town and the Plymouth County pension folks. October 4th’s “First Friday in the Harbor” was very well attended. The number of student resource officers will increase from two to four officers. Mr. Vegnani reviewed the local sports events. Mr. O’Toole spoke about the success of First Friday in the Harbor and “Fall for Scituate” in North Scituate – Mr. Dooley’s/Cohasset won the chili contest and Galley won an award for the best chowder. Mr. Harris spoke about the upcoming Halloween in the Harbor sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. He commended the merchants on putting on such a great event for the children.

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ACCEPT the Regular Session Minutes of May 21, 2013 and October 1, 2013. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

12. ADJOURNMENT & SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS

Mr. Vegnani made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ADJOURN the meeting at 9:25 PM. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

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Respectfully submitted,
Kimberley A. Donovan, Exec. Assistant

Board of Selectmen – List of October 15, 2013 meeting documents

- Topic: Presentation by Brightfields – Solar Project
- Letter dated September 30, 2013 from Chairman Harris to Lisa Fenton, CPAC Chairman
- e-mail RSVP from Lisa Fenton, CPAC Chairman dated 10/3/13
- Selected Background Information for November 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting
- Library Selected Questions and Answers
- November 4, 2013 Special Town Meeting Warrant
- Article background information & Petition signature sheets
- United Nations proclamation
- Social Media Policy dated 7/20/13
- e-mail resignation dated 10/4/13 from Traffic Rules & Regulations Comm. member
- e-mail thank you to DPW from Pine View Drive residents
- Letter dated 9/10/13 from Scituate Waterways Commission thanking Harbormaster for
“Touch a Boat” show
- Regular Session Minutes for 5/21/13 and 10/1/13