

**MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022 6:30 p.m.
SELECT BOARD HEARING ROOM – TOWN HALL**

In attendance Anthony Vegnani, Chair, Andrew Goodrich, Vice Chair, Maura Curran, Clerk, Karen Canfield, Karen Connolly

Also, in attendance Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Curran at 6:33 p.m. to accept the agenda for September 20, 2022 second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

The Scituate Select Board is committed to providing an environment of respect during meetings. We ask all members to interact in a polite manner even when there is disagreement.

We value the participation of our community and want all participants, including marginalized and minoritized communities, to feel welcomed and respected.

We ask our committee members, and all who participate, to commit to these standards to support and respect our community.

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Mr. Vegnani said Deb Kuppens will be leaving the Select board office for another opportunity. The Board would like to thank Deb for all her excellent work over the past year and a half. Jennifer Geoghegan will succeed Deb Kuppens in this position and start on October 3rd. Welcome to Jen!

WALK INS-None this evening.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR-

1. As discussed previously, the Town will no longer be providing Covid updates. People looking for information can go to mass.gov and click “Covid-19” for updates. Scroll down and click “Interactive Data Dashboard” and that will take you to a site where we get the majority of our information from.
2. After comments and discussion at the DEI committee, we have added a new feature to our web site. Residents and visitors to our web site for whom English may not be their first language can now scroll to the bottom of the web site and they will see a box with a drop-down menu labeled “Translate”. If you click on the menu it will allow you to pick from 108 different languages to translate the web site into to make it easier for people to get information and stay informed of what is happening in the community. Thanks to the DEI Committee and HR Director Clark for bringing this to our attention and thanks to Michelle and Lorraine of the Select Board/TA staff and IT Director Mike Minchello for making it happen.
3. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -50”, last week we were at -46”. Tack factory Pond is at -15.75”, last week we were at -14.5”. Average daily demand was at 1.250 MGD 1.212 MGD up slightly from last week’s 1.212 MGD. We are currently rated as having a significant drought by the Commonwealth, a slight upgrade from last week’s critical rating. Due to the drought worsens, the water tables supplying our wells has dropped, lowering the output from those

wells, making us more dependent on the water treatment plant. In addition, we have a failed check valve on well 22, taking this well-off line, making us more dependent on the WTP. The more we have to use the plant, the more Manganese we are putting into the system and the more discolored water we get. Manganese measured at the WTP is still high and is causing discolored water to go through the plant and into the system. Good news is with the cooler night temperatures we are seeing a slight reduction in the manganese numbers. We are working with our consultants and DEP to try and come up with a short-term fix while we wait for the construction of a new water treatment plant.

If you have brown water, please call the water department or email brownwater@scituatema.gov The Town also has water available for residents at the WTP during regular business hours.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .25" measured at the Plant. Again, this does not include rain starting yesterday and last night.

With the worsening of drought conditions and the strains being placed on our wells, we have implemented a Tier 4 water ban. This is a total ban on all non-essential outside water use. This includes vehicles and boats at marinas.

Celco will be working finishing up on Ridge Hill this week.

4. No paving on the schedule for this week. The contractor will be milling and paving sections of Glades Road and Bailey's causeway starting sometime during the week next week. Paving will be dependent on the weather.
5. The Board awarded a contract to repair the 4 sets of stairs at Minot Beach Several weeks ago. The contractor has started work on this project. Construction is expected to take approximately 4 weeks depending on weather and tide conditions. During this time, we will continue the one-way traffic on Glades Road from Gannet to Bailey's Causeway. We have spoken to the School Department and this is not expected to interfere with bus routes as they follow the current direction of the one way.
6. Hollywood will be back in Scituate this week. An "Untitled Novelist Project" is filming this week in the area of the sand hills general store and beach. Filming will finish tomorrow. SPD has a traffic plan for any road closures and detail officers. We are still waiting for a filming schedule as to the time of filming as that will be dependent on lighting and tides. A portion of Egypt Beach Parking lot and a small portion of the Central Park parking lots will be used for base camp and crew parking during the shoot.
7. Consultant on the light house project has made a determination that the lantern room needs to be removed as soon as possible. We are working on securing a contractor to do that work, and estimate that we will be looking for the removal of the lantern room sometime next week.
8. As Mr. Vegnani announced last night, the town has been awarded two more grants.
 - a. **Department of Homeland Security Port Security Grant** - \$437,251 for purchase of boat for Police Department; Town's share of purchase is in Article 5 capital plan of tonight's special town meeting
 - b. **Commonwealth of Massachusetts Seawall and Dam Removal Fund Construction Grant** - \$5,932,500 to fund two of the four phases of the Oceanside area seawall replacement project. Segment 1 is 355 LF +/- and Segment 2 is 347 LF +/- for a total of 702 LF +/- of the 1,428 LF +/- total project. The program allocates \$3,600,000 in FY23 and \$2,332,500 in FY24

and there are no matching funds required from the town. A third phase was authorized at the April 2022 annual town meeting in the amount of \$4M.

9. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.

Deb Kuppens will be leaving us for another opportunity and we are sad to see her go. We'd like to thank Deb for her hard work over the past year and a half. Deb will be succeeded by Jennifer Geoghegan who will start on October 3, 2022. We look forward to working with Jen.

Mr. Vegnani thanked the residents for showing up to the Special Town Meeting last evening. The Board thanked all the town employees for all their hard work preparing the meeting.

Ms. Canfield asked the status of the Director of Planning & Development. Mr. Boudreau said they are working on the job description and will have that done soon. Ms. Canfield asked for the status of the work done by the summer intern. Mr. Boudreau said he has a package that he will be looking at to present to the Select Board.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Donation to Scituate Police for Canine Brek Vest \$200

Move that the Select Board accept a donation of \$200 to go towards Scituate K9 Fund. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Scituate Town Library, Jessi Finnie, Library Director & Kevin Carleton, Library Trustee
Pat Murphy, Sheila Kukstis, Carol Sullivan-Hanley and Ginny Ayers also from the Library team.

1. Library Trustees fine free institution proposal

Mr. Carleton reviewed the following with the Board. The Scituate Town Library has historically taken in fines for overdue materials. Those fines go into the Town's General Fund. While the Library has taken in as much as \$25,000 per year at its height, fine revenue has been decimated in recent years due to (1) the implementation of network-wide (Old Colony Library Network) "automatic renewals", which automatically extend the renewal date once and sometimes twice, thus lengthening the amount of fine-free time that materials can be returned, and (2) the decision of many of other OCLN libraries to go fine free. Ms. Finnie explained at this point in time, 19 of the 26-member libraries do not charge fines (fines from other libraries, in addition to our own fines, are collected at the library at check-out). Because of this, the Library took in as little as \$3,600 in the most recent fiscal year. Ms. Finnie prepared a spreadsheet with the fines over the years. There are numerous reasons to become a fine-free library. It allows patrons to take out materials without fear of losing track of due dates and owing significant fines; it promotes equity for those who may be challenged by even the smallest fines; and it saves staff time (and money) that is spent managing overdue fines, overdue bills, and working with patrons on overdue charges. Lost and damaged books would still be billed, and Library of Things items would still accrue fines. Ms. Finnie said lost and damaged books will be fined.

Ms. Curran asked what the plan is for the museum passes. Ms. Finnie said most are going electronic and paper passes and codes are used in the majority of museum passes. Some will be billed a late fee if the hard passes are not returned. The Library of Things items will still accrue fines. Ms. Connolly recommended people view the Seinfeld episode with the library. It is very funny.

Ms. Canfield asked Mr. Vegnani to review what does have to come to the Select Board for discussion and vote. Mr. Vegnani said if it impacts the budget it needs to come to the Board and suggested a future meeting to clear up any murky waters on this issue. Mr. Boudreau said financial

impacting changes should come before the Select board. Mr. Goodrich said the communication from the library has been fabulous.

Move that the Select Board allow the library to forgo charging fines for the majority of its items, excluding Library of Things. Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (5-0)

2. Contract for Thoreau's Way Garden Hardscape to Northern Oak Landscape for \$78,984.00
The Scituate Library Foundation and the Goulding family have contributed money to establish a garden. The Scituate Town Library was awarded a CPC grant (via an application submitted by the Goulding Family and the Scituate Library Foundation) to create "an outdoor space on [the] library grounds consisting of a 36' x 25' (900sf) granite terrace with an 18" retaining/sitting wall and a stone art feature (whale) in the center" at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting. The Library and Foundation worked with an engineering firm to create a bid packet that was put out in July 2022. The funding for this portion of the project will create the hardscape, with a pollinator garden to follow utilizing private and Foundation funds. The hardscape construction includes the installation of underground, gravity-fed irrigation pipes that will be attached to a water retention system that will capture water from the gutter system and filter it to the garden. Native and drought-resistant plants will be used to ensure low maintenance. Ms. Finnie said the work will begin in October and should be finished by the end of the year.

Move that the Select Board award the contract to create the hardscape for Thoreau's Waye Terrace and Garden to Northern Oak Landscaping for \$78,984.00. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Board 143, 776 Country Way, October 23, 2022, 12-4 p.m., Mark Curreri, Owner

Mark Curreri is asking the Select board to grant approval for a Special Event Permit, One-Day Wine and Malt Beverages License and Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Board 143, Beer Garden on October 23, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm in front of his store at 776 Country Way. This will run in conjunction with Fall for Scituate. It will be similar to the event for their anniversary gathering which went well. There were 50-75 people coming and going for the past gathering.

1. Special Event Permit for Beer Garden
Move to approve a Special Event Permit for Board 143, Beer Garden on October 23, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm. Motion by Ms. Canfield second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (5-0)
2. Outdoor Entertainment Permit for one person amplified music
Move to approve an Outdoor Entertainment License for Board 143, Beer Garden on October 23, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm Motion by Ms. Canfield second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (5-0)
3. One Day Wine & Malt License
Move to approve a One-Day Wine and Malt Beverages License for Board 143, Beer Garden on October 23, 2022 from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm Motion by Ms. Canfield second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Fire Department Contract for new ambulance, Special Town Meeting Article 5 Capital Item 4 Ambulance \$435, 719, John Murphy, Chief

This is a contract to purchase a new ambulance & associated equipment for the Scituate Fire Department. This was approved last evening at the Special Town Meeting. It is typically 8-9 months to build and up to a year to get the ambulance. Chief Murphy would like to move this along before the prices increase 10% next week. He would like to streamline this and get it ordered to save the Town some money. Chief Murphy said this is the third ambulance we've ordered from this company. He sat down with paramedics and put their specifications today. Since then they use the same template now for the ambulance. Mr. Goodrich asked when we can expect delivery. Chief Murphy said he hopes 18 months would be the timeframe. We are trading in the old ambulance. This was approved and voted at Special Town Meeting last evening. Ted Goode 21 Grasshopper Lane asked if there were any other good buys.

Move to award the contract to Specialty vehicles, Inc to build and deliver the agreed ambulance & associated equipment for \$434,913. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Approval of Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee Charge, Corey Miles, Coastal Management Officer In August 2020, the Scituate Harbor Sustainability and Resiliency Master Plan identified redevelopment of the Cole Parkway area as a necessary action to ensure this area can be used in the future. In 2022, the Town applied for and received an ARPA grant to begin designing conceptual redevelopment alternatives. The mission of the COLE PARKWAY REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CPRC) is to provide recommendations to the Select Board on conceptual redevelopment alternatives that include flood risk reduction and improve the areas' function as a recreational amenity for the Town. Ms. Canfield said the work that was done in the master plan is in line with this and thanked Ms. Miles for bringing this forward. Waterways will represent the fishing community and they will add a representative from the Economic Development Commission (EDC). Mr. Goodrich asked why a Coast Guard member. Mr. Boudreau said he would like the Coast Guard involved because they reside there. Ms. Curran asked what is the scope of this. Ms. Miles said this is what the committee will discuss. Ms. Miles is also working on the Scituate Harbor Community Building and she is the common thread to look at the big picture and work on them all together. Mr. Vegnani said he is concerned about taking off the fishing community. Mr. Boudreau suggests make the Coast Guard a non-voting member and add a member of the fishing community as a voting member. Mr. Vegnani suggests that more technical expertise would be required rather than the EDC and believes a resident should be added. Ms. Connolly suggests that we eliminate the Scituate Harbor Cultural District (SHCD) from this committee. Ms. Canfield suggests we add a Harbor resident in place of the SHCD member.

Move to accept the Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee Charge with amended changes to remove the SHCD and add a Harbor Resident, change Coast Guard representative to a non-voting member and add a voting member from the fishing community and publish charge and openings. Motion by Ms/ Curran second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

CAP'N Mike's TIKI Boat Proposal, Mike Fallon

Michael Fallon has been operating his Tiki Boat business in Eagle's nest Duxbury and Brown's Bank sandbar in Plymouth since July of 2020. He hopes to expand to The Spit in Scituate beginning in 2023. His company is three years old. He loads up the boat and heads out on the water to sell his goods. It is a pontoon boat and outfitted with a full kitchen. They have an electric hotdog steamer. There is no open flame. Mr. Fallon is a US Marine. He grew up on boats. He does not have a Captains license. He is an experienced boater and he serves Plymouth and Duxbury. The jet ski goes boat to boat in Duxbury. The boat goes to the sandbar and stays in one place like an ice cream truck. They sometimes do private events at people's property. Ms. Curran said she loves the idea. He would like to dock at the Herring River down to the spit inland away from the harbor. Ms. Curran said it is a treacherous area. He is not launching from the harbor which has to go through this area. Mr. Fallon would like to stay for 4-6 hours a day and anchor there. He would like to leave it on the dock for the whole season. Ms. Curran is concerned with the safety aspect. Ms. Canfield asked if this would be the second

boat. Mr. Fallon said yes this will be the second boat. Ms. Connolly said she would like to be assured the trash would be picked up and taken care of at the spit or any other location. Mr. Vegnani thinks it's a great idea at a terrible location. He encouraged Mr. Fallon to take a look at safer locations. Mr. Fallon would like approval of the concept. If it is deemed dangerous he would not move forward with it. He has other locations he could do this. He'd like to do this in Scituate at the spit. The Board would like him to meet with our safety team to look at other locations. The Board supports the idea but is not comfortable with the spit as the location without our safety team taking a look at this proposal and other potential locations. No motion was made at this time.

The following background material has been submitted:

- Business Proposal to serve hot dogs, ice cream, shaved ice, soft drinks and water
 - Historical Presentation of the business
 - "Life on the Bay" Article, June 2021
 - Operational Policy #53-18
- *Note: State Hawker Peddler license would be applied for once preliminary approval is obtained by the Select Board.

DPW Water & Reservoir Update, Kevin Cafferty, DPW Director
Mr. Cafferty and Mr. Sean Anderson, Water Superintendent

Dolan Well: A draft study including water sampling and pump testing has been completed. The Town budgeted \$3.2M. The costs have escalated to between \$5.5M to \$10.0M. Once the treatment plant location is secured, the Town will work with the engineering firms for the plant to determine the best future options. The Dolan Well will require treatment for pfas and is expected to supply 350,000 GPD. One of the options is to run this back to the treatment plant.

Emergency Treatment: We are working with the MA DEP and Woodard & Curran on a temporary Emergency Treatment System to remove as much manganese as possible from our current Surface Water. This was an immediate response to the levels of manganese seen in the surface water this year. Our long-term action plan of lowering the manganese is in line with our design of the New Water Treatment Plant as it will be capable of lowering the levels particularly in the summer months.

Humarock Water Line Replacement Project: We have completed 90% of the design and the cost has escalated on this project. The estimated cost of this project is over \$9.6M, only \$6.3M was allocated. We are looking to break the project in to two sections and constructing what we can afford now and postpone additional work until funding becomes available. The cost of water pipes has skyrocketed and there is a shortage. A potential solution is to do ½ of Humarock and come back and do the other ½. Leak detection is done and a big problem is how a house meter is installed after the service.

Reservoir Dam Project: A Conference call was held with the MA DEP to discuss comments received on the Environmental Impact Report. The spillway design was revised to address comments received from the Office of Dam Safety (ODS). This is the oldest dam in the country as listed on the National Inventory of Dams (1640). Legal access to the Dam is under review. Habitat assessment has been completed around Tack Factory Pond. Responses to agencies as the Final Environmental Impact Report is being prepared. The total water reserve is expected to be 28 MG. Demand in summer is 1.8 MG therefore this will give an additional 15-day capacity.

Ms. Curran said they were informed the project would provide an extra 30 days of water capacity and now it says 15. Ms. Curran said this is a different message. Mr. Cafferty said it is number of gallons not necessarily number of days. Mr. Cafferty said it varies on the elevation 18 inches-2 feet. The next step is to meet with the engineering firm now that we have the location for the new water treatment plant. Mr. Vegnani asked Mr. Cafferty to get back to the Select Board on this.

New Water Tank: We are holding this project up until the site of the treatment plant is determined. The budget for this project is \$2,720,000. Now that the location is determined they can work on the flows and location for the water tank. We currently have a low and high service system. We could possibly site the tank at another location. Mr. Goodrich asked if it is possible that the new tank will increase capacity. Mr. Anderson said it increases fire protection capacity.

SCADA Upgrades: New computer and Supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) upgrades have been completed at the Old Oaken Bucket Surface Water Treatment Plant. Ongoing contracts with Woodard & Curran will install SCADA with security and alarm upgrades at 4 existing wells. Well upgrades are being done. They are looking for a new well location in the West End and other places.

Water Treatment Plant: Location approved at Special Town Meeting last evening.

Well Upgrades at 10,11,19,22: Electrical upgrades at these wells are ongoing as part of the SCADA upgrades listed above. These upgrades include replacing old outdated analog panels with new PLCs (Programmable Logic Controller) to ensure all alarms function and call out properly.

West End Well Investigation: An RFP will be issued for this project. \$250,000 has been allocated for this study.

Well Upgrades at 10,11,19,22: Electrical upgrades at these wells are ongoing as part of the SCADA upgrades listed above. These upgrades include replacing old outdated analog panels with new PLC's to ensure all alarms function and call out properly.

Phase 5A Watermain Replacement Project: Coming to the end of the Phase 5A watermain replacement project. Roadways included Utility Road, Cedarwood Road, Fairview Avenue, Chittenden Road, Brown Road, Hornbeam Road Bonnie Briar Circle, Bradford Avenue, Claymore Terrace, Cricket Circle, Drew Place, Foam Road, Greenfield terrace, Jericho Lane, Lantern Lane, Pine Brook Lane, Rainbow Court, Sassamon Road, Studley Royal Road, Westgate Lane, Wood Avenue and Youngs Lane (12,367 lf – 175 dwellings)

Phase 5B Watermain Replacement Project: Coming to the end of the Phase 5B watermain replacement project. Roadways included Old Oaken Bucket Road, Brook Street, Tilden Road, Ridge Hill Road, Foxwell Lane and Hewes Road (14,580 lf – 150 Dwellings)

North Scituate MBTA Crossing: Utilizing the existing watermain contractor, we completed a vital loop and connection in the North Scituate village. During a previous watermain replacement project this activity was shut down by the MBTA. The connection will provide redundancy, upgraded firefighting capabilities and improved water quality.

Phase 6 Watermain Replacement 90% Design: Roadways included in the next watermain replacement phase include Edgar Road, Fay Road, Garden Road, Hawley Road, Irving Road, Jay Road, Norwell Ave, Longley Road, Ermine Road and Jericho Road (14,247 lf). The costs have escalated. We are also looking at combining some small sewer repairs within this project site as identified in the latest I/I Report completed in the fall of 2021. There could be an issue with an increase in material costs that could result in a reduction of scope. Mr. Vegnani asked Mr. Cafferty to post these projects on the DPW website.

145RR Glades Road Water Line Emergency Waiver, Bill & Susan Murphy
Residents postponed to a future meeting after meeting with Kevin Cafferty, DPW.

Commission on Disabilities (COD) Update Charge and add Student Intern, Athena Brodsky, COD Member

Ms. Brodsky reviewed the Commission on Disabilities (CoD) Charge Revision. The CoD would like to add a student intern to their committee which they have negotiated with Scituate Public Schools and are seeking the approval of the Select Board. They worked with the high school administration to implement this.

Move to accept the Commission on Disabilities charge and the addition of a student intern. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Scituate Boat Works Estoppel Agreement, Brian Curreri, Owner

Request received from Brian Curreri, President Scituate Boat Works. He is asking the Select Board to sign an Estoppel Certificate to leasehold mortgage with Bluestone Bank. Original agreement signed in 2011 and new one is required for mortgage sought by Mr. Curreri. The request and documents were reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

I move that the Select Board execute the Request for Third Assignment of lease and assignment relating to Scituate Boat Works - Monahan's Marine, a copy of which is attached hereto. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Glades Road Parking

Ms. Connolly brought this up when we voted to spend \$400K of town money to repair the four stairways at Minot. Ms. Connolly said it will not improve access to the beach for the public. She would like to see seasonal beach parking to expand access to the beach. She would like to make more handicap parking at the beach. This can be referred to the Beach Commission who can look at all the beaches. The other option is for Traffic Rules and Regulations to look at this also. This is the beginning of a process. Ms. Connolly does not want to put anyone in danger but if we're spending \$400K we should look at how we can expand access. This topic is on the agenda for the Select Board to discuss. Mr. Goodrich believes Traffic Rules and Regulations should be the starting point. It is irresponsible not to investigate the options. Ms. Curran respects the premise to expand accessibility to the beach. She does not think it belongs with the Beach Commission. She thinks it opens up Pandora's box at all the beaches. She personally would not like to see parking on Glades Road. There is no guard rail there. She feels it should be referred to Traffic rules & Regulations Committee. Ms. Canfield is not supportive of this proposal and it is a bad idea. The Beach Commission is working on a number of things at all of our beaches. She thinks it is in the charge of the Beach Commission to make suggestions. Then the Traffic Rules & Regulations could review the Beach Commission recommendations. Mr. Vegnani does not want to put parking on Glades Road. It would block the view to the ocean, open safety concerns and he suggests looking elsewhere for parking. Ms. Curran is not in favor of putting parking on Glades Road.

Peter Terode, 4 Gannett Road, said it is beautiful and he is a retired fire chief. What he sees on a daily basis is nuts. There are cars coming down the one-way street, bicycles, skate boards, etc. You can see horses, power boats, paddle boarding, kite skiing, fishermen while people are swimming, etc. It would be a big liability for

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the Town to add parking. He likes the idea of improving bicycle paths and electric shuttle busses from different parts of Town to the beach.

Motion not to pursue parking on Glades Road. Motion by Ms. Canfield second by Ms. Curran Motion passes (4-1)

MBTA Unallocated Historic Resource Funds in the amount of \$5,333.29 for Repairs to Cudworth House, Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator & Nancy Holt, Town Accountant/Finance Director

Mr. Boudreau said the Cudworth house was closed up and a family of skunks moved in causing significant damage. There is still money in the MBTA historic fund that can be used. Since it is less than \$50,000 we can get three quotes to begin.

- 1. Move to release of the remaining unallocated MBTA Historical Resource funds amounting to \$5,333.29 to be used in conjunction with a reserve fund transfer for remediation of a skunk infestation and general minor sanitary and safety repairs at Cudworth House. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (5-0)**

Cedar Point Betterment Assessments, Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator & Nancy Holt, Town Accountant/Finance Director

The original estimates for the betterment was in the neighborhood at \$42,000 per household. The bid came in at \$25,000 per house and after the project, the betterment before the Board this evening is \$18,745.70 for 126 affected parcels and \$9,372.85 each for the three accessory dwellings. The total amount of concern is approximately \$700K. The residents are objecting to three parts of the cost. Mr. Ball, President of Cedar Point Association said he appreciates the Board going forward with the gravity sewer system. They said they were not aware of tonight's meeting until last Thursday afternoon. The property owners are concerned with some of the items included in the betterment costs. Mr. Ball thanked Ms. Holt, Ms. Devin and Ms. Seghezzi for their responsiveness to the residents. Michele Loring, 67 Rebecca Road said April 26th there was a warrant article item FF, Cedar Point Sewer \$2.5M to control inflow to Cedar Point. This was for pressure pumps and the residents investigated this with the Town regarding pressure pumps vs gravity sewer. The Town voted and agreed to install the gravity sewer system. In 2020 in the warrant the construction costs of a sewer pipe replacement. The Town Administrator and the DPW Director started having the contractor do work that was not related to the sewer system. The storm water drain improvement was a number of change orders. This is outlined in a letter sent to the Board back in March. Stormwater is not part of the sewer system. Installation of granite curbing was added and it should have fixed the concrete. The change order increased the project by \$24,000 for the granite curbing. The paving and line painting at the lighthouse parking lot should not have been included in the sewer project. Thermoplastic paint was used at considerably more expense. On average 1200 vehicles go around the lighthouse every day. The town is asking the homes on the point to pay for the parking lot to pay for the cost of this expense. The total costs are estimated to be \$229,000.

Mr. Boudreau said storm water is connected to I/I where a pressure system is not. There is no question and this is \$74,000. The watering system was placed on the island and had to be replaced. The decision was made to use granite curbing because the asphalt was damaged and destroyed. The parking lot had to be replaced as part of the project. The town put forth and extra \$1.4M for this project due to the gravity sewer system.

Mr. Vegnani said he understands the concern about coming before the Board to say they don't agree with the outlined costs. These are not clear items not related to the project. The Town paid \$2.4M and worked to get a \$2.2M grant for the project for the Cedar Point residents. We have never had a group in Town come back to us like this. We bent over backwards to get the project the residents wanted, the grants we accessed, etc. It does not make sense. This project got more funding from outside sources than any in town. Ms. Connolly echo's Mr. Vegnani's comments. Ms. Connolly said she was new to the Board when this topic came up. Ms.

Connolly asked herself if the residents were sure they wanted to pay the more expensive betterment. The Cedar Point residents said “we will pay the betterment”. Ms. Connolly is extremely disappointed in the residents to come back like this. It was in deplorable shape. She is personally upset since she stuck her neck out for the residents. It was a bad idea for the residents to come here and reduce the already reduced betterment cost. Ms. Curran would argue that those implications whether it is the storm water, the condition and aesthetic of the neighborhood that should be considered. Ms. Curran voted no for the gravity system. In her opinion, we have been transparent and the residents got a fair deal.

Ms. Loring, Rebecca Road resident, said the initial appropriation that the Town gave was because the pumps were being installed. That’s why the \$2.5M was being given. The Town did a great job putting in the sewer system. We are not ungrateful; the assessment is not done right in her opinion.

Mr. Vegnani said regardless of whether it was this system or that system the Town provided \$2.2M and \$2.5M in grants and allocations to reduce the cost of this project. At the meeting the residents told the Board, we don’t care how much it costs we want the gravity system. Mr. Vegnani feels the residents are off base on this.

Dave Ball said keep in mind Cedar Point was sewerred in 1972. We had a system that the Town determined was failing and had to be replaced. Everyone is pleased with the project and the company that handled the sewer installation. He feels the lighthouse parking lot was added on at the last moment. There were two or three residents at each meeting. The lighthouse is a public parking lot.

Mr. Boudreau said the parking lot was part of the project from the beginning, it was not a change order or added later to the project.

Jay Farrell, 51 Rebecca Road said we paid a betterment in the 70’s and 40 years later we paid another betterment. He asked if every resident is billed a betterment and Mr. Vegnani said yes, another betterment is required to be paid anywhere in Town who requires a new sewer system.

Mr. Vegnani said we have the three items the residents are concerned about and they will take it under advisement.

Mr. Vegnani asked the Board if anyone wants to reconsider the amount.

Ms. Canfield asked if the storm water drainage is part of the project. Mr. Boudreau said we are required to address this with the sewer gravity system and has to be addressed. Otherwise, why are we doing the project. Mr. Boudreau said the parking lot was not an add on and was always part of the project.

Move to assess a betterment to the improved parcels as part of the Cedar Pint Sewer Replacement Project at \$18,745.70 each for the 126 affected parcels and \$9,372.85 each for the three accessory dwellings for a total assessed betterment amount of \$2,380,703.90. Motion by Ms. Canfield second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (5-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Liaison Reports

Ms. Curran thanked Jim and the DEI committee for the translator on the website.
We have an application at the Affordable Housing Trust for the recent grant.

Mr. Goodrich did the school walkthrough on Monday. It was great to see the work that has been done.

The Beach Commission met last week Mr. Vegnani said. They voted unanimously to pursue putting bathrooms at the beaches.

2. Correspondence

The John P. Connors Memorial Fundraiser on October 3rd at Cheever's Tavern.
Glades Road resident correspondence.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. Move to accept the minutes for the Select Board meeting held September 6th, 2022. Motion by Mr. Vegnani second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

2. Move to accept and not release the Executive Session Minutes for the Select Board Executive Session held September 6th, 2022. Motion by Mr. Vegnani second by Mr. Canfield. Unanimous Vote (5-0)

4. Adjournment and Signing of Documents

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m. by Mr. Vegnani second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

List of Documents for the September 20, 2022 Select Board Meeting

- Agenda
- Upcoming Meetings and Events
- Donation to Scituate Police for Canine Brek Vest \$200
- Scituate Town Library, Jessi Finnie, Library Director & Kevin Carleton, Library Trustee
- 1. Library Trustees fine free institution proposal
- 2. Contract for Thoreau's Way Garden Hardscape to Northern Oak Landscape for \$78,984.00
- Board 143, 776 Country Way, October 23, 2022, 12-4 p.m., Mark Curreri, Owner
- 1. Special Event Permit for Beer Garden
- 2. Outdoor Entertainment Permit for one person amplified music
- 3. One Day Wine & Malt License
- Fire Department Contract for new ambulance, Special Town Meeting Article 5 Capital Item 4 Ambulance \$435, 719, John Murphy, Chief
- Approval of Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee Charge, Corey Miles, Coastal Management Officer
- CAP'N Mike's TIKI Boat Proposal, Mike Fallon
- DPW Water & Reservoir Update
- Commission on Disabilities (COD) Update Charge and add Student Intern
- Scituate Boat Works Estoppel Agreement
- Glades Road Parking
- MBTA Unallocated Historic Resource Funds in the amount of \$5,333.29 for Repairs to Cudworth House
- Cedar Point Betterment Assessments
- Correspondence
- Meeting Minutes for September 6, 2022 Select Board Meeting and Executive Session

Select Board Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2022

SELECT BOARD

Anthony V. Vegnani, Chair

Andrew W. Goodrich, Vice Chair

Maura C. Curran, Clerk

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Karen E. Connolly