

**MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY, October 4, 2022, 2022 6:30 p.m.
SELECT BOARD HEARING ROOM – TOWN HALL**

In attendance Andrew Goodrich, Vice Chair, Maura Curran, Clerk, Karen Connolly, Anthony Vegnani, Chair – Remote Participation via ZOOM & Mr. Goodrich acted as Chair for the meeting.

Not in attendance: Karen Canfield

Also, in attendance Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Curran at 6:30 p.m. to accept the agenda for October 4, 2022 second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

Mr. Goodrich read the following statement:

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.

WALK INS – None at this meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR –

1. Water update. These numbers are before the rain last night. Reservoir is at -55”, last week we were at -49.75”. Tack factory Pond is at -11”, last week we were at -15.75” Average daily demand was at 1.167 MGD down from last week’s 1.187 MGD. We are currently rated as having a significant drought by the Commonwealth, a slight upgrade from last week’s critical rating. Manganese measured at the WTP is still 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. Manganese samples have been below action levels set by DEP for both August and September. Distribution samples for September ranged from 0.007 to 0.054 mg/l. 0.3 mg/l is the action level set by the state so we are well under those levels. 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 who are experiencing brown water at the WTP during regular business hours.

Rainfall over the last 7 days was .1” measured at the Plant.

Celco will be working finishing up Foxwell Lane this week.

2. No paving on the schedule for this week. We are working with the paving contractor to schedule remaining paving items before the end of paving season.
3. 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.
4. Consultant on the light house project has made a determination that the lantern room needs to be removed as soon as possible. We have secured a contractor to do that work and right now it is scheduled to begin Wednesday of this week. Wednesday will see stabilization work and prep work for the removal of the lantern room. Thursday large crane will arrive early in the morning to begin separation and removal of the lantern room. This process should be completed by noon. The lantern room will be removed and placed in the lighthouse keeper’s yard. Once the lantern room is removed, the tower will be made water tight. We posted a notice on the web site and sent an email blast this morning.
5. The Scituate Police Department will be hosting a blood drive to remember and honor those fighting cancer on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 8:00am-2:30pm. The blood drive will take place at the public safety complex, 800 Chief Justice Cushing Highway in the side parking lot. The Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Brigham and Women’s Hospital Blood Mobile will be on site. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins will be taken as time allows. Information on registering for an appointment will be available on the town web site.
6. The Town is looking for plow drivers for the winter and for positions in the DPW, interested parties should contact the DPW.

Ms. Connolly asked if the lighthouse room needs to be completely replaced will it be thrown out. Mr. Boudreau said we would reuse what we can and will not throw it away. When we get a good look to see what we have we can make a determination of what we can reuse and what we will do with the lantern room and associated costs.

Ms. Curran asked if we have considered doing a career fair for plow drivers and other openings. Mr. Boudreau said we are doing everything we can at this point. Mr. Cafferty said we can reach out to the Vocational school also.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Outdoor Entertainment Permit, Fall for Scituate, Jean DiGiacomandrea, Organizer, Chamber of Commerce via ZOOM

Jean DiGiacomandrea reviewed the Fall for Scituate event and is requesting an outdoor entertainment permit for a DJ from 12 – 4 PM and the WSU Bluegrass band from 2:30 – 4 PM at the 10th annual Fall for Scituate Event held at the North Scituate T Parking Lot, on October 23, 2022 Fall for Scituate special event. A letter to abutters was sent out and there is a copy in the Select Board office. Mr. Vegnani said crossing the street can be

a hazard. Ms. DiGiacomandrea said they will have three officers this year and they will be posted at the crossings. Mr. Vegnani asked Mr. Boudreau to touch base with the police department.

Move to grant an outdoor entertainment permit to Jean Di Giacomandrea, on behalf the North Scituate Merchants, for a DJ from 12 – 4 PM and the WSU Bluegrass band from 2:30 – 4 PM at the Fall for Scituate Event held at the North Scituate T Parking Lot, on October 23, 2022. Motion by Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

Communication Specialists/Dispatchers Memorandum of Agreement, Bob Clark, Human Resources Director

Mr. Clark reviewed the major changes made in collective bargaining with the Communication Specialists bargaining unit. This was a big contract to negotiate. It was a great group to work with. Mr. Vegnani asked what the Town's responsibility is for the uniforms. Mr. Clark said we give the employees a stipend and we provide the insignia to the company that makes the uniform. The stipend is \$300 a year. Ms. Curran asked who they report to. Mr. Clark said they report to the Communications Manager who reports to the Deputy Chiefs in Police and Fire.

Motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Memorandum of Agreement for SEIU Local 888 TOSCA Unit B (Communication Specialists) bargaining unit for the period of July 1, 2022 through to June 30, 2024. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

Contract & Surplus Harbormaster, Stephen Mone, Harbormaster

- Approval of Cole Parkway Marina Contract for Float Replacement \$2,066,000,

The replacement of the existing wood floats at the Cole Parkway Marina is the 2nd and 3rd phase of the rehabilitation of the marina. The project was designed by the Town's consultant, GEI Consultant, Inc. Of Franklin MA. The project was publicly bid on September 15, 2022 with two bids received:

- Ack Marine General Contracting, LLC of Quincy, MA with a bid of \$2,066,000 for the base bid and alternate #1
- C. White Marine, Inc. of Danvers, MA with a bid of \$2,387,660 for the base bid and alternate #1

The project includes the entire marina. Based on the recommendation of GEI we are requesting the Select Board award the contract to ACK Marine for the low bid of \$2,066,000

The project is funded in part by a \$1,000,000 grant for the Commonwealth's Seaport Economic Council and the Town's Waterways Enterprise Fund of \$1,525,000 for a total appropriation of \$2,525,000. This work will be

completed for the opening of the marina in 2023. Mr. Mone said we will lose three slips but nobody is losing a slip.

Move that the Select Board award the contract for the float's replacement to the Cole Parkway Marina to ACK Marine & General Contracting, LLC of Quincy MA, for \$2,066,000 (Base Bid & Alternate #1) Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

- Declaration of Surplus Harbormaster Surplus Engines

In 2017 Waterways purchased a boat with two Yamaha outboards and now they have 3,000 hours on them. A year and a half ago we replaced the engines that just came in and we are rehauling the boat and we would like to sell the old engines.

Move to declare and auction two surplus Yamaha 2017 engines from the Harbormaster Office.

Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

Emergency Waiver Request 145RR Glades Road Water Line, Bill & Susan Murphy, Owners

Susan Murphy provided an overview of the situation 145RR Glades Road. DPW has told the homeowners it is a private way and they are responsible to replace the water line to their residence. Other resident properties are served off of that water line. Bill Murphy said a letter was sent by the DPW to the other three residents that share this water line but the Murphy's never received the letter. The building department said they never heard of this requirement before.

The Board asked Mr. Cafferty to explain. The water division specifications were updated and any home has to replace to the main. It is something that was typically required. The home is set far back and it is after the meter. The meter is in their home. What is typically done is it has to be replaced back to the main. Mr. Boudreau said there is an easement and an alley way. Mr. Cafferty said he does not have an easement to do the work. The line that feeds the Murphy house is a 1-inch copper line that feeds four houses. Mark Cloud suggested a 2-inch plastic line to the house. If no neighbors were involved it could be a 1-inch service. Mr. Cafferty reached out to a local contractor to get their best price. The neighbor replaced the line to their home and it cost \$12,000 for 30 feet. The water main was replaced 8-10 years ago by DPW. Mr. Boudreau said a betterment is not an option because that would have to go to Town meeting in April. It would not get done until next summer. Mr. Vegnani said it is a difficult situation. The Murphy's said they are not unwilling to pay their share of a new line. Ms. Curran said the resident would have been required to replace the water line from the home to the water main. The ramifications of leaving it as is, it could break. The Murphy's are building a new home and there is only a one-inch pipe. Mr. Cafferty said if it did break all of the homeowners would have to pay for the new line. Mr. Murphy said three local contractors will not touch this with one line going to the new home. The Select Board asked for evidence that we can show in a similar situation this is required. Mr. Goodrich wants to make sure that the regulation was preexisting prior to March, 2022. The Board would like

DPW to research this further and come back at the next meeting to discuss and vote.

DPW Contracts for Two New Replacement Trucks with Plows for Highway 22-HW-44 \$60,383.63 and Public Grounds 22-PG-46 \$60,383.63, Kevin Cafferty, DPW Director

Mr. Cafferty said it was difficult finding equipment but they were able to track down two trucks. They are in queue to be made but they will honor these prices.

Move that the Select Board award the contract 22-HW-44 to purchase a new 2023 Chevrolet Silverado K2500 with plow in the amount of \$60,383.63. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Move that the Select Board award the contract 22-PG-46 to purchase a new 2023 Chevrolet Silverado K2500 with plow in the amount of \$60,383.63. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote for both motions:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

INTERVIEW/DISCUSS Board & Committee Applicants

- Sister City, Cape Verde

Six of the eight current members appointed are Scituate residents and there are two more applicants this evening.

Hope Fernandez lives in Kingston, MA and this is a passion of hers all her life. Her family is from Scituate and still here. She was informed by one of her cousins and she could be a bridge between the US and Cape Verde.

Taylor Lawrence is a Scituate resident and is a former teacher. Teaching and educating is in her DNA. She has met a lot of young families and they don't know anything about Cape Verdeans. She thinks it is important that you know who your neighbors are. Her Great Grandfather and Grandmother did a lot of work in the town for Cape Verdeans and involved in a lot of activities. It is important for people to know their heritage. Her Grandfathers farm was worked by Scituate residents. They still have 30 blueberry bushes. She would like to carry on what her grandparents started. Ms. Connolly said the agricultural heritage is something to celebrate in Town. Ms. Curran loves Ms. Lawrence's energy and it would be great to engage this generation. Mr. Vegnani said her pride in her heritage is overwhelming.

- Beautification Commission

Jeanmarie Voelger, 73 Greenfield Lane in Scituate has volunteered for five years as an adopt a lot caretaker. She cared for the elephant fountain garden and the garden on Stockbridge Road. She has worked with Mary Tennaro. She said she would help spread the word that it is all volunteers who care for the islands in Scituate.

- Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee Harbor Residents

Graham McGirr, 34 Kent Street and he moved here in 2007 and has three children. They purchased

Harborlight Toys and run that business now in Scituate. Cole Parkway flooding is an issue and needs to be thought through with climate change. It is nerve wracking to know the Atlantic may be visiting. Seasonal business is so important and he would like to help find a new way to see downtown Scituate thriving. The sky is the limit. Mr. Vegnani said they will be speaking with a number of residents. He has worked 20 years in the manufacturing and printing industry. He is experience in working on creative solutions and look at better ways to construct something and bring people to the table for solutions.

Sherry Crichfield Lyons lives on Youngs Lane off Brook Street. She spent 35 years on oncology and has done a ton of research. She has lived there forever. She sees the ocean rise. She understands this will be a very intensive process. She is aware that berms can be put in place. She has lived through many storms there. She is retired and has the time to invest on this committee. She can investigate the grants available and write grants.

Tim White and Steve Burke were not in attendance. The Select Board agreed to offer for them to attend the October 18th meeting.

REVIEW DISCUSS/VOTE Scituate Beach Commission, Kelly Bower, Chair

The mobi mats were ordered and delivered to Town Hall.

- Charge (Existing, Proposed, Redlined Versions)

Writing of a three-five-year plan for the beaches is outside of their purview and should be written by the Conservation Commission and the Coastal Management officer. Mr. Vegnani said the Beach Commission should address more of the immediate need and not long-term planning. Ms. Connolly said CPC was concerned that this is an equity issue and every beach is being treated in an equitable manner. For example, what is the plan to roll out mobi mats for each beach.

Motion by Ms. Connolly to accept the charge as presented second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

- Proposed Project Updates were included in a presentation to the Select Board:

a) Beach Entrance Signage

Ms. Curran said we have a theme with the Sea Scituate signs and Ms. Connolly said there are harbor walks sign also. They would like to be consistent with what we have for signage. We do not need to solve it tonight but just create a new design in line with what we have.

b) Dune Protection Signage

Ms. Bower provided samples of Dune Protection Signage to use in our dunes. There are three for Museum Beach and one at Peggotty Beach. They will work with Conservation for proper placement. DPW will install the signs with coordination with Conservation.

c) Beach Grass Planting

Ms. Bower reviewed the proposal for beach grass planting. A map of Peggotty Beach on Inner Harbor Road and fencing expansion would be helpful also. Ms. Curran said this should be done in cooperation with the Conservation Commission. The Board supports the idea and collaboration with neighbors is important. The Board instructed Ms. Bower to work with the

Conservation Commission. The amount is \$1313 that is needed. Mr. Boudreau said we will come up with the funds to pay for this.

d) Cleanup Stations

Ms. Bower provided pictures of cleanup stations with mesh bags for clean-up, four hooks, four carabiners and custom signage.

NEW BUSINESS:

- One Day Beer & Wine License
 - a) Mullaney's for two Private Events @ 8 Allen Place on 10/22 and 10/29 7- 11 p.m.
- **Mullaney's, 8 Allen Place, for a private event on October 22, 2022 and October 29, 2022 from 7:00 PM until 11:00 PM. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)**
Roll Call Vote:
Vegnani - yes
Goodrich - yes
Curran - yes
Connolly - yes
- Board & Committee Appointments
 - a) Sister City, Cape Verde
 - b) Beautification Commission
 - c) Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee
- **Move to appoint Hope Fernandes and Taylor Lawrence to the Sister City Cape Verde Committee for a term of two years or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)**
Roll Call Vote:
Vegnani - yes
Goodrich - yes
Curran - yes
Connolly - yes
- **Move to appoint Jeanmarie Voelger to the Beautification Commission for a term of three years or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)**
Roll Call Vote:
Vegnani - yes
Goodrich - yes
Curran - yes
Connolly - yes
- **Move to appoint Bob Warner, Justin Young, Chris Irish, Matt McKinley, Joby Norton and Corey Miles to the Cole Parkway Redevelopment Committee for a term of two years or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)**

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

OTHER BUSINESS:

- **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Connolly said CPC held their annual meeting last evening and it was very thorough. They work very hard and do a lot of work on behalf of the Town. They have 11 applications for the next upcoming Town Meeting.

Mr. Goodrich said October 22nd is the accessibility awareness event at the high school from 10 am to 1 pm. There will be a lot of resources there for the public, residents, friends and caregivers.

- **Correspondence**

Accessibility Awareness flyer October 22, 2022

Letter from Beach Commission in support of Public Restrooms at all the beaches.

Grant Report Card identifying all grants received to date. We have received \$566K in grant money to date and the Coastal Resilience grant award for \$2M for beach nourishment.

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Move to accept the minutes for the Select Board meeting held September 19 and September 20, 2022. Motion by Ms. Curran second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

- **Adjournment and Signing of Documents**

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m. by Ms. Connolly and second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Vegnani - yes

Goodrich - yes

Curran - yes

Connolly - yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

List of Documents for the October 4, 2022 Select Board Meeting

- Agenda
- Upcoming Meetings & Events
- Outdoor Entertainment Permit, Fall for Scituate
- Communication Specialists/Dispatchers Memorandum of Agreement
- Contract & Surplus Harbormaster
 - Approval of Cole Parkway Marina Contract for Float Replacement \$2,066,000,
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- Correspondence
 - Grant Report Card
 - Accessibility Awareness Event Flyer
 - Scituate Beach Commission Support of Bathrooms @ Beaches Letter
- Approval of Meeting Minutes for September 20, 2022 and September 19, 2022 Special Town Meeting

Select Board Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2022

SELECT BOARD

Anthony V. Vegnani, Chair

Andrew W. Goodrich, Vice Chair

Maura C. Curran, Clerk

not in attendance

Karen B. Canfield

Karen E. Connolly