



**Advisory Committee**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 29, 2016  
Board of Selectman Hearing Room  
7:00 pm**

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Jamie Gilmore, Anthony Antonello, Lincoln Heineman, Mark Sandham, Geoff Burns, Jerry Kelly, David Capelle

**Committee Members Absent:** Sean DeLacy, Mike Westort

**Also in Attendance:** Nancy Holt (Finance Director), John McCarthy (Superintendent), Kevin Cafferty (Dept of Public Works), Stephen Mone (Harbormaster), Andrea Hunt, Patricia Lambert, Phyllis Karlberg

The Meeting was called to order at by 7:02pm by Jamie Gilmore second motion by Anthony Antonello Unanimous Vote (7-0)

Welcome David Capelle as new Committee member

**Discuss draft articles for STM**

**ARTICLE 1. Fiscal Year 2017 Budget Reconciliations \$1,033,600**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$1,033,600.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of balancing the Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget pursuant to Articles 5,8 and 10 of the April 14, 2016 Annual Town Meeting warrant, or take any other action relative thereto:

*Nancy Holt presented information- breakdown of the budget reconciliations. Kevin Cafferty from Public Works spoke about collapsed well off Old Forge Rd. They were able to make emergency repairs. Only getting 180,000 gallons per minute, should be 350,000. They could do a satellite well. If you do one near another well, you can maintain the well capacity of 350,000 gallons per minute. Our current drought status is 20% capacity. We are only running on wells right now. The reservoir has been shut off for emergency purposes. Kevin said that they purchased materials in case we needed to get water from Cohasset. They spent money analyzing the water from Cohasset, redeveloping a well from Tack Factory. Geoff Burns asked if we have bought water yet from Cohasset. Kevin said no, we haven't yet. The well from Tack Factory was very productive. Jerry Kelly asked about the satellite well. Daily town usage as of right now is just over 1 million gallons/minute. Nancy said the final piece of this article is \$39,000 to build out the reservoir to provide an additional 28 day supply. Lincoln asked what this meant, how would we make the reservoir bigger. Kevin said they would raise the level higher. A formal design plan would need to be made. Our reservoir capacity is 183,000,000 gallons. Mark Sandham asked what each well was putting out per minute. Kevin said each well varies. A new well could take 2-4 years because of all of the permit requirements. Land has been purchased for a new well.*

*Mark Sandham asked about the \$487,000 why not regular stabilization verse capital stabilization.*

**Motion to accept article 1 as written by Geoff Burns second motion by Mark Sandham  
Unanimous Vote (7-0)  
Article 1 assigned to Jamie Gilmore**

**ARTICLE 2. FEMA Flood Map Adoption**

To see the Town will vote to amend the Town of Scituate Wetlands Regulations by incorporating any additional requirements of Paragraph 60.3(d) and (e) of the National Flood Insurance Protection (NFIP) regulations into the existing Wetlands Regulations and further to direct the Conservation Commission to adopt and incorporate said regulations into the Town of Scituate Wetlands Regulations, prior to November 6, 2016, after a duly notice public hearing or take any other action relative thereto.

*If the town does not accept the new maps, then FEMA will not be able to provide relief.*

*Lincoln Heineman asked if the maps are online- if it shows the changes. Nancy Holt said there are maps online. Town of Scituate website offers maps under "online services."*

*Mark Sandham asked if Marshfield has made a decision. Nancy was not sure if they voted yet. Jerry Kelly asked if we even have a choice.*

**Motion to accept article 2 as written by Geoff Burns second motion by David Capelle  
Unanimous Vote (7-0)  
Article 2 assigned to David Capelle**

**ARTICLE 3. High School Foyer Repair \$150,000**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$ 150,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of repairing the foyer at Scituate High School or take any other action relative thereto.

*John McCarthy explained that the sidewalk by the gymnasium entrance was causing water issues which created rot in and around windows. There is a request to renovate the lobby including the restrooms. It would complete that side of the building as everything else will have been renovated.*

**Motion to accept article 3 as written by Geoff Burns second motion by David Capelle  
Unanimous Vote (7-0)  
Article 3 assigned to Geoff Burns**

**ARTICLE 4. Well for Cushing and High School Fields Irrigation \$100,000**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$ 150,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of drilling an eight (8') inch well with control panel and pipes and valves to connect Scituate High School and Cushing field irrigation systems, or take any other action relative thereto.

*John McCarthy explained that the Cushing field was renovated from dirt and weeds to a beautiful playing field. Currently, they are importing water from wells from Hanson. 2014 B.O.S. meeting said we couldn't attach a new irrigation system to the town. There is an irrigation system currently for the baseball fields at the high school. However, every summer there is a water ban. A well could serve both Cushing field and high school fields. If we did not have auxiliary tanks, it would be priced around \$100,000 which includes contingency. They could attach high school irrigation up to Cushing. John doesn't think we should wait until April town meeting because the field has been done already and he doesn't want to lose growth. Mark Sandham asked that if it were passed, would it be in before winter. John said yes it would.*

*David Capelle asked about the leftover money for the roofs for Cushing and Hatherly.*

**Motion to accept article 4 as written by Geoff Burns second motion by Mark Sandham  
Unanimous Vote (7-0)  
Article 4 assigned to Jerry Kelly**

**ARTICLE 5. Grant Cash Match Repair and Replacement of Pilings Scituate Harbor \$90,500**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Waterways Enterprise Fund the sum of \$90,400.00, or a greater or less sum, as part of its cash match for funds to be received from the Seaport Economic Development Council for the repair and replacement of pilings in Scituate Harbor, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Stephen Mone said that when he first started, he looked at capital plan. There was a grant to replace granite with pilings. There is currently a chain and stone system in place which holds the entire marina in place. In strong winds, it all shifts. Stephen requests the \$90,600.*

*Mark Sandham confirms that \$90,500 out of retained earnings. Stephen said \$50,000 has already been approved and that \$560,000 is coming from the Seaport Economic Enterprise Fund. Mark Sandham confirms that this will not affect Maritime Center.*

**Motion to accept article 5 as amended (\$90,600 to \$90,500) by David Capelle second motion by Lincoln Heineman Unanimous Vote (7-0)**

**Article 5 assigned to Mark Sandham**

**ARTICLE 6. Purchase of Property – 0 Edward Foster Road \$7,500**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase the property at 0 Edward Foster Road on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town, and to execute such instruments, agreements and documents and to take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Nancy explained that this would provide access point in event of needing to get equipment out onto beach to fix things. Jamie Gilmore asked where would the money be coming from. Nancy said free cash.*

*Lincoln Heineman asked if the seawall was private property. Nancy said it's on the opposite side of the Marine Park.*

**Motion to accept article 6 as written by Anthony Antonello second motion by Geoff Burns Unanimous Vote (7-0)**

**Article 6 assigned to Anthony Antonello**

**ARTICLE 7. Sale of Land – Greenbush MBTA Parking Lot**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the property located at the New Driftway more formerly described in Map 53, Block 2, Lot 11F, BK.4091, Page at 733, on such terms and conditions, and for such consideration, as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town, and to execute such instruments, agreements and documents and to take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the purpose of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Nancy explained that the MBTA would like to buy a piece of land to make the project more attractive. Geoff Burns asked if there was a preferred bidder yet. Jerry Kelly asked who owns the Greenbush lot. MBTA owns it. It is a landlocked piece of acreage.*

**This will be voted on 10/6 after the Board of Selectman's 10/4 meeting**

**Article 7 assigned to Lincoln Heineman**

**ARTICLE 8. Transfer of Ellis Land to Conservation BY PETITION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer to the care, custody, management and control of the Scituate conservation commission from the School Committee for conservation purpose exclusively, with appropriate conservation restrictions complying with article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, in perpetuity, a parcel of land consisting of 14.2 acres more or less, being a portion of Lot 1A on Assessor's Map 19 shown on a plan entitled "Division of Ellis Property 1969" on file in the Town Hall at the Engineering Office, being a portion of the premise conveyed to the Town of Scituate by Henry W. Keyes, Trustee under the will of J. Bailey Ellis, by deed dates June 12, 1969 and recorded at the Plymouth Registry of Deeds, Book 3528, Page 768, excepting for the 16 acre parcel transferred to the Scituate conservation Commission as described in Article 124 of the March 1994 Annual Town Meeting and further excepting the

3.8 acre parcel transferred to the Scituate Arts association as described in Article 16 of the March 1994 Annual Town Meeting and further excepting the 6 acre parcel shown (a/k/a "Public Safety Center") transferred to the Board of Selectmen as described in Article 1 of the December 3, 2014 Special Town Meeting or taken any other action relative thereto.

*Andrea Hunt and Patricia Lambert presented. They want people to know that the petition does not have to do with the public safety facility. It has to do with the remaining land. It is strictly for the remaining undeveloped land which is in the hands of the school committee. They would like it to go back into the Conservation Committee's hands. In 1969 the Ellis estate deeded the land to Scituate. In 1970, 40 acres was transferred to Scituate School Committee. Dec 2013, 6 acres was voted to public safety complex. There was 14.5 acres at the start. They want the remaining to go back into conservation. It is important for the water shed (Bound Brook). There is a high water table at this location.*

*Jamie Gilmore asked that the Ellis estate was ok with the property being built for school purpose.*

*Andrea confirmed that they said they wouldn't stand in the way of education facilities being built.*

*Anthony Antonello asked what the plan was for the entire Ellis estate. Andrea said that she would email an overall map of the property.*

*Geoff Burns asked what the most recent dialogue with the School Committee was. Andrea and Patricia said that they made a presentation at School Committee meeting in August.*

*Mark Sandham asked if the School Committee has voted on this subject. Patricia said that the Attorney General was contacted. Jamie would like the Attorney General to make their opinions known for the town to understand.*

*Lincoln Heineman asked for an overall map for the 101 acres of the estate. He'd like to know more about the history of the land. Andrea and Patricia clarified that the only land on the estate is the 14 acres that is still in the hands of the School Committee. Lincoln refers back to 1994 vote and is this binding/helpful for School Committee? He would like to know prior to town meeting. The vote on this town meeting will be non-binding until the School Committee votes to transfer the land.*

*David Capelle said that years ago School Committee had interest in the parcel. Patricia has done a lot of research and strongly believes that this land needs to go back into conservation. She thinks it's important to reserve green space. She wants to protect what is left.*

*Jerry Kelly complimented the ladies on their research and would also like to see a timeline. He had asked if athletic fields would not be considered green space. Andrea and Patricia said they don't believe that the land might not be good for that purpose. Andrea says it's very wet land. Water travels from Mount Blue Street area in Norwell. There are other places in town for fields.*

*Lincoln Heineman asked if there's a future possibility for a well. Kevin Cafferty said no because it's a different water shed. Part of that area feeds Cohasset.*

*John McCarthy (Superintendent of Schools) said that School Committee has not taken action on this site. He said this site was considered for middle school. It was examined in 2013 and determined it was not the best location for a middle school. However, it could be considered for an elementary school. He said that the middle school would have required more space. He said acreage-wise, it could be used for elementary school. Population is supposed to decline. When the schools are switched around once the middle school opens, there will be empty classrooms. There will be studies in the coming years what will happen with the elementary schools. Cushing and Hatherly are the two most which will need renovation and replacement. They could be combined in the future. It would have a lower overhead cost to run one bigger school than two smaller schools. School Committee has limited space to make a new school. Cushing property is very small. Hatherly is a little bit bigger. However, the 14 acres gives a third option. School Committee as of today, has no plans for that land. He's not sure that they will take any action at town meeting.*

*Jerry Kelly is concerned with demographic studies. As the schools are improved, will it reverse? John McCarthy said there will be a three year test. John also said that they lost less children to private schools since the middle school construction began. He thinks that the schools are becoming more attractive. John McCarthy said that Scituate has an aging population because empty nesters don't leave Scituate. There's a strong connection with the community and people like to stay here. Andrea Hunt reminds everyone that if a school was considered, there would be a septic issue. She also has done research on binding and non-binding votes- for it to be considered a non-binding vote the School Committee would already have to have plans in place. Jamie Gilmore suggests that town council should be questioned. Lincoln Heineman again says that a map would be helpful for town meeting.*

**This will be voted on 10/6 after the Board of Selectman's 10/4 meeting  
Article 8 assigned to Mike Westort**

*Motion to approve articles by Geoff Burns second motion by Jerry Kelly Unanimous Vote (7-0)*

**Meeting Minutes Thursday April 14, 2016 approved as corrected, motion by Jerry Kelly second by Anthony Antonello (5 voted approval, with 2 abstentions)**

New Business

FY2018 updates

Nancy Holt reports on health insurance. Scituate is meeting with different communities to discuss options. Research is being done. Can't match Harvard plans. Rate increases likely. Every union is participating in this.

Miscellaneous

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 6, 2016 at the WPA Building at 7:00pm

**Adjournment**

There being no other business a motion was made by Geoff Burns to adjourn at 9:43pm, second by Lincoln Heineman Unanimous vote (7-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelli Rodgers  
Recording Secretary

**List of Documents for September 29, 2016 Advisory Committee's Meeting**

- Meeting Minutes from Thursday April 14, 2016
- Meeting Agenda for Thursday September 29, 2016
- Selected Background Information for October 19, 2016 Special Town Meeting
- Draft Warrant for October 19, 2016 Special Town Meeting
- Map of Edward Foster Rd.
- Available Funds for Town Meeting Appropriation (updated Sept 20, 2016)
- Well charts
- Reservoir Dam Fish Passage Project
- Quote for well to serve Cushing and SHS athletic fields
- Seaport Economic Council application