

MINUTES OF MEETING

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JULY 17, 2012

Present: Joseph P. Norton, Chairman; John F. Danehey, Shawn Harris,
Richard W. Murray, Anthony V. Vegnani

Patricia A. Vinchesi, Town Administrator

Press: Globe South, Scituate Mariner, Patriot Ledger

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Harris made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ACCEPT the Agenda for July 17, 2012. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

WALK-INS - Jen Geoghan, 65 Common Street, spoke about drinking water discoloration that occurs in her neighborhood each summer. She and other residents asked the Board to find a "permanent solution" to this ongoing problem. Mr. Norton and Mr. Murray thanked Ms. Geoghan for coming forward and explained the process the Department of Public Works has undertaken to correct this problem. A meeting will be set up between the Department of Public Works, the neighborhood and the Selectmen to discuss this issue further.

3. MEET APPLICANTS/ Conservation Commission, Public Building Commission, Renewable Energy Committee

Richard Harding, 84 Central Avenue, Conservation Commission applicant who is self employed and has the time to give to the Commission. He is a long-time Humarock resident interested in working with residents on coastal and other issues. He has reviewed the Wetlands Act and is enthusiastic about making site visits.

Jacqueline Carr, 147 Tilden Road, Public Buildings Committee or Conservation Commission applicant and a new Scituate resident. Ms. Carr is interested in the Master Plan and believes both of these groups will be impacted by the Plan.

Justin Moran, 35 Village Lane, Renewable Energy Committee applicant and moved to Scituate recently. Mr. Moran owns a business that focuses on wood pellets and other "biomass products". He would like to volunteer and expertise to the Committee.

4. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ GATRA Shuttle Bus Route/ Frank Gay

Frank Gay, Director, Greater Attleboro Taunton Regional Transit Authority (GATRA) and Pam Davis, Chairman/ Council on Aging, were present. Mr. Gay explained parameters of the GATRA shuttle bus service, which would work closely with the Town's Planning Department and the Council on Aging. He further explained the assessment which would come off the Cherry Sheet. Ms. Vinchesi and Ms. Harbottle are working on a shuttle bus route. Two(2) public hearings will be held for input and the route will then be finalized. Days of the week and hours of service also will need to be determined before a private transportation company bids on this service. (GATRA contracts out these transportation services.) Mr. Vegnani noted that is a "pilot program", which appears to primarily service the southern portion of Scituate. Discussion continued on how the project will be financed and potential routes.

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT the GATRA shuttle as proposed this evening. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. Discussion - Mr. Vegnani suggests acquiring more funding to include North Scituate in the routing. Resident Ruth Kelly is in favor of the shuttle running on Saturdays. No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

5. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ SEAPORT ADVISORY GRANT/ Harbormaster Patterson

Harbormaster Patterson explained that the grant (\$325,000) along with \$81,400 from the Waterways Enterprise Fund retained earnings will be used to rehabilitate the Town Pier. Mr. Murray stated that the grant announcement was recently made at the Scituate Maritime Center and was due in large part to the hard work of the Harbormaster and John Murphy of the Waterways Commission.

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to SUPPORT the Harbormaster's recommendation to fund the Town's "match" of \$81,400 for the Seaport Advisory Grant and further that this item be added to the next Town Meeting warrant. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

6. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ Special Events Permit/ Mass. Race for the Fallen/ Military Friends

Sergeant Major Kelly, Meghan Slack and Sarah Keller-Likins of the Military Friends Foundation were present to speak about their application for a Special Event Permit. The Board of Selectmen requested that they use the Peggotty Beach Parking lot as their "end point" rather than the Scituate Marine Park, which will be congested with boatyard activities in early September.

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to GRANT a Special Event Permit to the Massachusetts Run for the Fallen for Saturday, September 8, 2012 from 11 AM to 2 PM with the Peggotty Beach Parking lot as the "end point" of the race

and per the conditions set by the Departments and the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. Discussion - race registration and further information for families is available on the Military Friends Foundation website. **No further discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)**

7. UPDATE/ Community Rating System/ National Flood Plain Insurance Program/ J. O'Connell

Jim O'Connell, Conservation Agent, spoke about the efforts of volunteers and Town departments to "increase the safety of our shores and reduce our insurance rates". The program started in 1991 thanks to the efforts of former Conservation Agent, Elinor Foley, and runs on a "merit system". Residents homes are protected as well Town resources such as groundwater. In Scituate, every participant receives a 10% reduction on their insurance.

8. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ One Day Wine & Malt Beverages Licenses/ Maritime Center/ July, August and September 2012

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to GRANT One Day Wine & Malt Beverages Licenses to pre-approved catering companies for events, as listed, at the Scituate Maritime Center, 119 Edward Foster Road, Scituate to include one additional event on July 22, 2012 and events from August 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 contingent upon receipt of Certificates of Insurance for each event. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to GRANT ten(10) additional licenses from August 1, 2012 to September 30, 2012 to pre-approved catering companies contingent upon the Selectmen being notified of these additional events and receipt of a Certificate of Insurance for each event. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

9. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT/ HERITAGE DAYS/ 8/3, 4 & 5/ 2012

Mr. Danehey and Mr. Norton left the Selectmen's Chambers at 8:22 PM. Mr. Vegnani resumed the meeting as Vice Chairman. Dan Taylor and Adam Conrad, Chamber of Commerce, were present. Mr. Taylor stated that the event would be run similarly to last year with the music ending by 8 PM and Front Street and Cole Parkway open by 9 PM. Large electronic sign boards will be posted for offsite parking and will give shuttle bus information.

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to GRANT a Special Permit Event to the Chamber of Commerce for Heritage Days to be held on August 3rd, 4th and 5th, 2012 from 6 AM to 8 PM. Music must end by 8 PM and the streets and music areas cleared by 9 PM and per the conditions set by Town Departments and the Town Administrator. SECONDED by Mr. Harris. No discussion. Murray, Harris and Vegnani all voting "yes". Mr. Norton and Mr. Danehey did not vote. (3-0)

10. PRESENTATION/ Scituate Harbor Community Building/ E. Bernardi

Ellen Bernardi, 616 Hatherly Road, gave a presentation containing the following points: (1) Proposal for the Scituate Harbor Community Building, (2) Use by the Scituate Council on Aging, (3) Feasibility Study Data and (4) Additional Suggestions for Community Benefit. At the conclusion of her presentation Ms. Bernardi asked that the Selectmen “move that the Harbor Community Building be the new home of the Council on Aging”. Mr. Norton stated that it would be a violation of the Open Meeting Law to take any kind of vote on this matter this evening because a “vote” was not listed on the agenda. Discussion continued on the need of space for Scituate seniors as well as space needed for all groups in the community. The need for a public facilities plan, which would include a senior center, was also discussed.

11. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ Revenue Allocation from Solar & Wind Turbine - postponed

12. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ Issue Charges - Scituate Housing Authority Member

Mr. Norton announced that the Selectmen had received a letter from the Scituate Housing Authority regarding the possible removal of a member, Maryann Lewis. Ms. Lewis must receive a letter notifying her of a hearing date fourteen (14) days prior to said hearing.

Mr. Vegnani made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen SET a date per the Scituate Housing Authority’s request for a hearing and to issue charges for Tuesday, August 7, 2012 at 5:30 PM. SECONDED by Mr. Murray. (5-0)

13. DISCUSSION/ VOTE/ Sewer Betterment Deferral #12-2

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to GRANT Sewer Betterment Deferral #12-2. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

14. APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen APPOINT Richard Harding to the Conservation Commission. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen APPOINT Jacqueline Carr to the Public Building Commission. SECONDED by Mr. Harris. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen APPOINT Justin Moran to the Renewable Energy Committee. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen APPOINT John Murphy and William Schmid as Associate Members of the Waterways Commission. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen APPOINT Republican, Democratic, Un-enrolled and Supplemental Town Election Workers per the lists provided by their respective committees and the Town Clerk. SECONDED by Mr. Danehey. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

15. OTHER BUSINESS - Correspondence, Minutes and Documents for Signature

Mr. Norton referenced a letter received from a Veteran's family thanking Agent Don Knapp and Christine Chessia for all they did on the family's behalf. Mr. Vegnani read a letter from Dave Ball thanking Glancy Crane for moving the historic boat house. Mr. Vegnani thanked the Recreation Department and "The Gathering" band for a recent family event at Cole Parkway.

Mr. Harris made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ACCEPT the Regular Session Minutes of June 18, 2012. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Harris, Norton, Vegnani and Danehey voting "yes". Mr. Murray did not vote. (4-0)

Mr. Harris made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen VOTE to ACCEPT the Executive Session Minutes of June 18, 2012. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Harris, Vegnani, Norton and Danehey voting "yes". Mr. Murray did not vote. (4-0)

16. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murray made a MOTION that the Board of Selectmen ADJOURN the meeting and SIGN documents at 9:17 PM. SECONDED by Mr. Vegnani. No discussion. Unanimous vote. (5-0)

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Respectfully submitted,

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