



**TOWN OF SCITUATE
2024 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES**

APRIL 29, 2024

The Special Town Meeting was convened at the Scituate High School Gym, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Way, on Monday, April 29, 2024 with Moderator James Toomey presiding.

A quorum of “0” registered voters was declared present and the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:22 P.M.

Attendance was 809.

Moderator, James Toomey began the Annual Town Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Motion made, seconded and voted in favor to dispense with the formal reading of the warrant. The Return of Service having been examined by the Moderator and found to be in order. Warrant posted on March 28, 2024.

UNANIMOUS VOTE

VOTED pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, 59 (Town of Scituate By-law 20150) that the Moderator be authorized for the duration of this Annual and Special Town Meeting to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner in which he conducts the taking of a vote when a majority vote is required.

Peter Toppan was appointed Deputy Moderator by the Moderator.

Kathleen A. Gardner, Town Clerk, swore in the Deputy Moderator and prior to the meeting swore in the following tellers:

Ann Breen
Richard Harding
Ellen Kelly
Irene Murray
Carolyn Sones

Cathie McGowan
Chris Mirarchi
Janice Dipesa
Penny Scott-Pipes
Alison Short

The Town Clerk swore in the following checkers:

Jennifer Adams
Brian Dempsey
Richard Harding
Kristin Ross
Ann White

Ellen Kelly
Cathie McGowan
Joann Grew
Janice Dipesa
Carolyn Sones

The Special Town Meeting commenced at 7:22 P.M.

Opening comments by:

Jim Cantwell recognizing Select Board Chair, Maura Curran for 20 years of service to the Town of Scituate by presenting her with a citation of recognition from the U.S. Senate.

Karen Connolly spoke about the vote for the school.

Elise Russo, Chair of the Advisory Committee introduced its members, Jamie Gilmore, Conor Doherty, Lynda Ferguson, Jerry Kelly, Elizabeth “Missy” Seidel Leggat, Daniel McGuiggin, Patrice Metro, and Marc Dicosimo.

Nicole Brandolini, Chair of the School Committee introduced School Committee members Maria Fenwick, Carey Borkoski, Peter Gates and Janice Lindblom.

Chris Carchia, Chair of Capital Planning Committee introduced members, Paul Forrer, Michael Gibson, Thomas O’Grady, & Richard Taft.

Maura Curran, Chair of the Select Board introduced Town Accountant, Nancy Holt, the Town Administrator, James Boudreau, Select Board members, Karen Canfield, Karen Connolly, Andrew Goodrich, Susan Harrison and Town Counsel, Brian Bertram.

IN MEMORIAM

Maura Glancy
Scituate Recreation
April 20, 2024

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting.

Article 1 of the Special Town Meeting presented by Select Board Chair, Maura Curran.

Discussion and presentation by Superintendent, Bill Burkhead who introduces the School Building Committee members. Mr. Burkhead also introduced the school project manager and architect.

Scott Williams, Principal of Cushing School and Kristine Sheehan, Principal of Hatherly School spoke in support of the new school.

Dr. Thomas Raab, Director of School Business & Finance spoke about the design and funding of the school project.

Discussion by Nicole Brandolini, Chair of the School Committee shared her thoughts on the project and the need for a new school.

Jerry Kelly from the Advisory Committee reported that the committee voted unanimously in support of this article.

Chris Carchia, Chair of Capital Planning Committee reported that the committee voted unanimously in support of this article.

Maura Curran, Chair of the Select Board reported that the Select Board unanimously in support of this article.

There were several voters who spoke at the microphones on Town Meeting floor in support of this article.

After discussion at the microphones, Madison Klein of 30 Indian Trail made a motion to move the question. The motion was seconded and voted by a declared 2/3s vote in favor to move the question.

Article 1 was voted and declared unanimous in favor.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 8:22 P.M.

***See certified copy of the Special Town Meeting warrant article, motion and vote.**

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Gardner
Town Clerk

