

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
March 1, 2018**

Present: Anthony V. Vegnani, Vice Chairman, John Danehey, Shawn Harris

Also present: James Boudreau, Town Administrator

Maura Curran, Chairman and Karen Canfield were not in attendance

The Meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m.

Acceptance of Agenda

**Mr. Vegnani made a motion to accept the agenda for March 1, 2018
Second by Harris, all in favor. Unanimous vote (3-0)**

Declaration of Emergency

Mr. Boudreau stated the purpose of this meeting is to discuss the upcoming storm and for the Selectmen to discuss a declaration of an emergency. The board discussed the severity of the upcoming storm. Everyone was in agreement that declaration of emergency was necessary. The storm is predicted to have severe weather compounded by multiple high tides during high winds. A town wide 911 call will be going out. We will have 60-70 mph wind gusts and heavy wet snow. The residents of Cedar Point will need to leave. The Town does not want to shut off power but may need to if necessary. National Grid attended the meeting emergency planning meeting today. Two reverse 911 calls will be going out to flood prone areas to urge residents to leave. The shelter will be set up at Scituate High School. The time for the emergency declaration will be 10 p.m. on March 1, 2018 through 10 a.m. Sunday March 4, 2018. If the time has to be extended the Selectmen will do that. There was sand for the businesses and residents in town at St. Mary's parking lot and it started out with 500 and had to be expanded to 1500. The town will remove the sand in time for a funeral at St. Mary's scheduled for Saturday morning.

The Declaration for a State of Emergency was read by John Danehey as follows and seconded by Mr. Harris unanimous vote (3-0) The Selectmen signed the State of Emergency Declaration.

WHEREAS, the Town of Scituate will suffer the effects of a strong/long duration coastal storm starting Thursday night and continuing through Sunday, which will bring moderate to major - and potentially life-threatening coastal flooding to ocean-exposed shorelines, severe to extreme beach erosion, heavy rain and/or wet snow, strong to damaging winds, power outages, and evacuation of our coastal residents.

WHEREAS, extensive damage will be caused to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and the endangerment of health and safety to the residents of Scituate, MA.

WHEREAS, all locally available public and private resources available to mitigate and alleviate the effects of this disaster will be sought out to deal with the costs of this severe storm.

Therefore, the Scituate Board of Selectmen have declared a state of emergency on behalf of the Town of Scituate beginning at 10 p.m. Thursday, March 1, 2018 through 10 a.m. Sunday, March 4, 2018, and will execute for and on behalf of the Town, the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and requesting assistance from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Selectmen also reviewed and signed a letter addressed to Mary Jane Handy, Director of Accounts, Massachusetts Department of Revenue to inform them of the State of Emergency.

Adjournment of meeting

**Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. by Mr. Danehey second by Mr. Harris
Unanimous Vote (5-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

List of Documents for March 1, 2018 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- Agenda
- Declaration of State of Emergency
- Letter to Massachusetts Department of Revenue

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 1, 2018

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

not in attendance

Maura C. Curran, Chairman

Anthony V. Vegnani, Vice Chairman

John F. Danehey, Clerk

not in attendance

Karen B. Canfield

Shawn Harris