

**EMERGENCY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
TUESDAY, MARCH 17, 2020, 10:00 a.m.  
FACILITATED @ SCITUATE TOWN HALL, 600 CHIEF JUSTICE CUSHING HIGHWAY VIA  
REMOTE PARTICIPATION OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**In attendance on site: Ms. Canfield**

**In attendance via remote participation: Mr. Vegnani, Mr. Harris, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Curran**

**Also in attendance on site: Mr. Boudreau, Town Administrator**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA @ 10 a.m. by roll call vote:**

**Mr. Vegnani yes**

**Mr. Harris yes**

**Ms. Canfield yes**

**Ms. Connolly yes**

**Ms. Curran yes**

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**State of Emergency Declaration COVID 19 Pandemic**

Mr. Boudreau summarized the declaration of emergency and said it allows deficit spending in light of this emergency situation amongst other things we may need. Ms. Canfield made the following motion Declaration of Emergency

**TOWN OF SCITUATE, MASSACHUSETTS  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has issued a Declaration of Emergency on March 10, 2020, and determined that the immediate public action is needed to prevent, minimize, or mitigate damage to public health, safety, or general welfare of the people of commonwealth and/or property which may otherwise result from the above described emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has recommended that a State of Emergency be declared in local communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of the community of Scituate should be able to depend upon guidance from their Chief Municipal Officials;

**NOW THEREFORE**, We, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Scituate, Massachusetts, hereby declare that immediately, and effective as of Tuesday, **March 17, 2020**, a State of Emergency is declared to exist in Scituate. Further, the Board of Selectmen in Scituate authorizes and directs, under the direction of the Town Administrator, all Town personnel and agents to take action appropriate to respond to this situation and ratifies, confirms and adopts any related action taken prior to the formal adoption of this Declaration. This Declaration of Emergency shall remain in effect until notice is given, pursuant to our judgment, that the State of Emergency no longer exists.

Date: March 17, 2020

**Town of Scituate  
By Board of Selectmen**

**Roll Call Vote in favor of the State of Emergency Declaration:**

**Mr. Vegnani yes  
Mr. Harris yes  
Ms. Canfield yes  
Ms. Connolly yes  
Ms. Curran yes  
Unanimous Vote (5-0)**

**Mr. Harris made a motion to authorize Ms. Canfield to execute the State of Emergency Declaration by signing on behalf of the Board of Selectmen second by Ms. Connolly a roll call vote was taken to approve the motion**

**Mr. Vegnani yes  
Mr. Harris yes  
Ms. Canfield yes  
Ms. Connolly yes  
Ms. Curran yes  
Unanimous Vote (5-0)**

Mr. Vegnani thanked Jim Boudreau for doing a great job under the circumstances and asked residents and employees to bear with everyone. Ms. Curran would like to know which technology we will use for meetings. Mr. Boudreau said our IT group is working on this.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Adjournment and Signing of Documents

**The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m. by a roll call vote**

**Mr. Vegnani yes  
Mr. Harris yes  
Ms. Canfield yes  
Ms. Connolly yes  
Ms. Curran yes  
Unanimous Vote (5-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

**List of Documents for March 17, 2020 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- Agenda
- **DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY**

## Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for March 17, 2020

### BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Anthony V. Vegnani, Chairman

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Shawn Harris, Vice Chairman

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Karen B. Canfield, Clerk

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Karen E. Connolly

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Maura C. Curran