

Selectmen's Meeting  
Tuesday, November 5, 2019  
Scituate High School Library  
Executive Session

Members present were Anthony Vegnani, Shawn Harris, Karen Canfield, Karen Connolly, Maura Curran

Also present were Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator and Cynthia Amara, Town Counsel

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Mr. Vegnani stated that the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the governmental body to discuss strategy with respect to litigation for the new senior center. The board will reconvene in open session.

**Move that the Board of Selectmen go into executive session to discuss strategy with respect to litigation for the new senior center, and that the Chair declare that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigating position of the body, and to reconvene in open session.**

**The board will reconvene in open session.**

A roll call vote was taken to move into executive session:

Vegnani yes

Harris yes

Canfield yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

The Board convened in Executive Session to discuss the litigation filed regarding the new Senior Center.

Mr. Boudreau said we cannot stop the project and he recommends we continue with the project. The administrative site plan review said what was presented meets the requirements of the Planning Board. It was a 3-2 vote. The Planning Board will be defended by the Town of Scituate.

Their attorney asked if the Town would give them access to town property and a turnaround. The cost to do this was estimated at \$75K-\$100K and we cannot afford it. We used a traffic engineer with excellent credentials. The question to the Board is do they want to proceed with the project. We do have options to tear the old Gates building down and to add parking in the back of Old Gates if required by the court. Mr. Vegnani asked if anyone had any reason not to proceed. General Contractor bid is 11/20/19 and the Selectmen agreed to proceed with the Senior Center.

Attorney Cindy Amara joined the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Mr. Vegnani said the Selectmen agree to move forward and asked Ms. Amara if there is any reason for the board not to move forward. Ms. Amara said there is no scientific evidence challenging the Senior Center. Ms. Amara said the planning board did a good job and the Selectmen could move forward.

**The Board voted to adjourn the Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. and reconvene in open session. Motion by Mr. Harris second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)**

**A roll call vote was taken to adjourn the executive session and move into open session:**

**Vegnani yes**

**Harris yes**

**Canfield yes**

**Connolly yes**

**Curran yes**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

**List of Documents for Executive Session November 5, 2019 Board of Selectmen Meeting**

- Agenda
- Copy of Complaint Susannah Green, Emilie Green & Tyler Marino v. Town of Scituate and Town of Scituate Planning Board, et al

Executive Session Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
Special Town Meeting November 5, 2019

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