

Select Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Meeting Conducted via ZOOM Remote Participation due to COVID- 19 Emergency

Remote Participation by: Ms. Canfield, Chair, Mr. Vegnani, Vice Chair, Ms. Connolly, Ms. Curran, Mr. Goodrich

Remote Participation by: Mr. Boudreau, Town Administrator

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Mr. Vegnani made a motion at 6:31 p.m. to accept the agenda for February 23, 2021 Second by Ms. Curran

Unanimous, vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes

Vegnani yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

Goodrich yes

Ms. Canfield reviewed the call in procedures for any resident who would like to participate in the meeting by commenting or asking questions. Participation by the public is available by the Zoom link on the agenda or telephone dial instructions.

The Scituate Harbor Community Building survey is still live for another week. The board encourages residents to take the survey on the town website. WATD David Cedrone requested to record the meeting. Ms. Canfield gave him permission to record the meeting. Mr. Pfeiffer said he would need to end the meeting if he wanted to record via ZOOM and it is on Facebook live and can be recorded that way as an option. The meeting will also be available on YouTube tomorrow.

ZOOM INS aka WALK INS-no zoom ins at this meeting.

Ellen Kasper 120 Gilson Road is concerned that the wind turbine discussions have been restricted and controlled. She said she has not been allowed to speak fully or have any experts speak on their behalf. She said they have not been able to get the town to investigate the improprieties that they have uncovered surrounding the Epsilon selection, the testing protocols, nor has the Board allowed a peer review of the questionable results. Ms. Kasper said they have continually requested and not been provided with the specific language the town claims that exempts Scituate Wind LLC from adhering to State and Local Nuisance Laws and from Scituate Board of Selectmen and Board of Health from using its power to declare the wind turbine a nuisance. She said that the press and public continue to be fed misinformation. They feel the Board minutes are incomplete and incorrect. This all has allowed the Town of Scituate to ignore their responsibility to protect its citizens over the offending company. Ms. Canfield said the Board will take this under advisement.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1. We are now in Phase 2 of the vaccine schedule. Residents 65 and over or residents with 2 or more comorbidities are now eligible to sign up for vaccinations. Interested individuals can go to www.mass.gov/covidvaccinemap where they can access an interactive map of vaccination sites. The Marshfield Fair grounds vaccination site is now up and running. It is available to residents of Plymouth County only. They will accept appointments for their available doses. Once they have filled those slots,

new appointments will not be available until they have confirmed that they are getting a new allotment of vaccine and they know when it is coming. The Town of Scituate gave out a very limited number of shots on Tuesday, 2/16 at the Harbor Community Center. About 100 residents were able to get vaccinated. Following our clinic, the state announced that they would no longer be supplying vaccine to individual cities and towns and that residents would need to make appointments at one of the mass vaccination sites. So if you are waiting for Scituate to have a subsequent clinic-don't. It does look at this point that we will be getting vaccine for subsequent clinics. If you were vaccinated by us last week, we have been assured that we will receive vaccine to administer your second dose. If you cannot find an available appointment, check back frequently as more doses of the vaccine are shipped. The mass vaccination sites at Gillette Stadium, Fenway Park and Springfield MA post new appointments every Thursday for the following week. Other sites post as vaccines become available so you need to keep checking those sites. If you are unable to access a computer or sign-up on line. The state has a new 211 hot line that can assist you, or contact the Scituate Council on Aging at 781-545-8722.

2. Since last Monday until yesterday we had 32 new cases in Scituate, up from 28 last week but still significantly lower than the numbers we were seeing in January and early February. We are back in the yellow on the state Covid map with a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 2.98 down from 3.63% the previous week. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 14 days was 2.70 down from 3.40% from last week.

Numbers are definitely moving in the right direction. We have had a precipitate drop in the last two weeks. Do not get complacent. Continue to be vigilant. Masks, social distancing and wear masks.

If you traveled last week, you will need to follow protocols upon returning to Massachusetts. You must quarantine for 10 days or produce a negative PCR test result that has been administered up to 72 hours prior to your arrival in MA. You must quarantine until you have received your test results. Children over age 10 must produce a negative PCR test. Children 10 and under must have their parent contact their school nurse for guidance. You must also fill out a Massachusetts Travel form prior to your return to MA. If you are returning from a designated "low risk state" you are not required to quarantine. Currently, Hawaii, North Dakota and Puerto Rico are low risk states.

Town Hall is currently open to the public. Residents using Town Hall will be subject to strict COVID-19 protocols, including contact tracing information. The library is also open, go to the library web site for details.

Wear a mask, social distance and avoid gatherings. The vaccine is here and better days are ahead.

BOH meeting with chamber to try and plan out possible events for the summer for summer

3. Believe or not beach stickers will for summer of 2021 are currently on sale. Residents can purchase stickers on line through the town web site. Once we process the payment, the sticker will be mailed to you. Non-resident all beach and Humarock only stickers are sold out. They sold out in less than 2 hours.
4. I want to thank the DPW employees who worked the storm last week. Although it might not have seemed like a big storm to us, the fact that it kept snowing, then started to freeze after the snow stopped kept them hoping. They came in Thursday morning at 6:30 and were here until 2:00 am Friday Night/ Saturday morning, not quite 48 hours straight. They do a great job under difficult circumstances and deserve a thank you for all their hard work.

5. The On-Line survey asking you, the residents of Scituate what you think should be done with the Harbor Community Building (Pier 44) will be posted on the town web site this afternoon. There will be a link on the banner at the top of the page that you will be able to take the survey. We are also working on a sign to be placed at the Community Center that will have a QR code for mobile phone users to access the survey while they are walking around the Harbor. That will go up tomorrow. There is also one here at the town and there will be one at the library.

The survey will be available for at least one more week. Approaching 900 responses in first two weeks.

Ms. Canfield said there is a letter from the Cedar Point Association thanking the contractor and the town for the great work on the sewer project.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Renaming of Central Field after Anne Palmer, Sheila McCourt, Recreation Commission & Maura Glancy, Director

Ms. Canfield said this application falls in the gray area for memorials and the board has decided they will postpone the vote on this until the board has their ducks in a row and there are procedures in place. Ms. Canfield explained this to the family and has nothing to do with this particular request.

Sheila McCourt said the Recreation Commission met with the family and heard all of the things Anne has done for this town. Ms. Palmer was a great person. The Recreation Commission voted unanimously to rename the field in honor of Anne Palmer. Mr. Jeff Palmer said Anne was the consummate “townie” and was proud to live in this town. She promoted years to boys and girls sports. She was an ambassador of good will and sportsmanship. If not Anne, who from this town better demonstrated sportsmanship. John Sullivan, Ms. Palmer’s brother, said Anne exemplifies the attributes of someone who gave selflessly to others and there is no one better qualified. Mr. Sullivan gave additional support to renaming Central Field after her. Sean O’Connor 132 Tilden Road, was a past president of Scituate Soccer Club and had the pleasure of knowing Anne for 30+ years and said he represents every past president of Scituate Soccer since Anne Palmer. Mr. O’Connor stated Scituate Soccer Club 100% supports this request. Ms. Curran said she wholeheartedly supports this initiative. Ms. Curran did know Anne who embodied sportsmanship and was a great mentor. She was an iconic presence in Scituate and such a great person with the biggest smile. She had a positive impact on our kids and our community. She would like to see Scituate Soccer Club write a letter in support of this. Ms. Canfield said Ms. Connolly will take the reins and head up this initiative. Peter Martin, 33 Rebecca Road said the accolades for Anne would go on and on. The things Anne did behind the scenes were tremendous and Scituate Soccer would not have survived without Anne Palmer who save it. All the kids were able to participate in Scituate Soccer who did not cut kids.

PUBLIC HEARING Alteration of Premise for Restaurant All Alcohol License, O’Callaghan’s LLC dba The Voyage, Keith O’Callaghan, Owner & Roo Graham, Manager

Roo Graham, General Manager of The Voyage are making long term plans for success. The still have guests that eat outside even during the cold weather. Keith O’Callaghan, owner, has been severely impacted by the pandemic like all restaurant owners. He would like permanent outdoor seating and it would be an asset to Humarock. The outdoor area beautified the Humarock area itself and they are requesting a permanent alteration of premise. There will be three tables out front and three-four additional on the patio. Ms. Curran asked if this was a permanent extension of how they are operating now during COVID. The applied for this initially and

retracted due to the temporary agreement during COVID for outdoor seating. They would like to make this permanent. They have put planter boxes and made it more like a patio area so it is not open to the street and parking lot. Mr. Vegnani thinks this is a great idea. Mr. Vegnani asked about the Entertainment and hours and there will be no changes. There will be no outdoor entertainment. Suggested hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. for the outdoor patio. Mr. Goodrich said please keep communication open with the Board to see if there is anything else the Board could help with.

Move that the Board of Selectmen approve the application for an alteration of licensed premise to allow for 18 seats outside the restaurant; eight on the 13 x 7 porch and ten on the 12 x 11 patio. For an annual restaurant all alcohol liquor license for O’Callaghan’s LLC dba The Voyage located at 14 Marshfield Avenue, Humarock. The premise is one floor and 2100 square feet with 3 entrances and exits and has seating capacity for 49. Outdoor liquor service hours Monday – Saturday 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Motion by Mr. Vegnani second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes

Vegnani yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

Goodrich yes

Town of Scituate Bonds, Pam Avitabile, Treasurer/Collector

- Award of Refunding of 2008 and 2011 General Obligation Bonds
- Award of General Obligation Bond \$5,815,000
- Award of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note \$4,030,000

Ms. Avitabile reviewed the Standard & Poor’s excellent rating and the bonds.

General Obligation Bond

The sale of the \$5,815,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021 Bonds of the Town dated March 4, 2021 (the “Bonds”) to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. at the price of \$6,833,004.

General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN)

The sale of \$4,030,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes of the Town dated February 17, 2021, payable March 4, 2021 (the “Notes”) to TD Securities, at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$50,616.80.

Mr. Vegnani said this is a ½% on a 10 year note and it is great.

Jack Zarkauskas, 51 Col. Mansfield Drive asked what the longest duration is of the bonds these are replacing. Ms. Avitabile said we are replacing 20 year bonds to 10 years and read all of the bonds these are replacing. \$593,708 will be saved for ten years. Ms. Connolly read the following vote aloud.

VOTE OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Scituate, Massachusetts (the “Town”), certify that at a meeting of the board held February 23, 2021, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the (i) \$710,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed June 27, 2020 (Article 3, Item S), and (ii) \$120,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed November 16, 2020 (Article 7, Item 6), is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) to be as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Borrowing Amount</u>	<u>Maximum Useful Life</u>
High school locker rooms	\$710,000	10 years
Jockey replacement	\$120,000	20 years

Further Voted: That in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to issue refunding bonds, at one time or from time to time, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 21A of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, to refund a portion of the Town's (i) \$6,753,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2008 Bonds dated June 15, 2008 maturing on June 15 in the years 2021 through 2026 (inclusive), and (ii) \$9,756,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2011 Bonds dated March 17, 2011 maturing on March 15 in the years 2022 through 2031 (inclusive) (collectively, the "Refunded Bonds") and that the proceeds of any refunding bonds issued pursuant to this vote shall be used to pay the principal, redemption premium and interest on the Refunded Bonds and costs of issuance of the refunding bonds.

Further Voted: that the sale of the \$5,815,000 General Obligation Municipal Purpose Loan of 2021 Bonds of the Town dated March 4, 2021 (the "Bonds"), to Raymond James & Associates, Inc. at the price of \$6,833,004 and accrued interest, if any, is hereby approved and confirmed. The Bonds shall be payable on March 15 of the years and in the principal amounts and bear interest at the respective rates, as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
2022	\$825,000	5.00%	2027	\$430,000	5.00%
2023	815,000	5.00	2028	425,000	4.00
2024	755,000	5.00	2029	405,000	3.00
2025	705,000	5.00	2030	405,000	4.00
2026	650,000	5.00	2031	400,000	3.00

Further Voted: to approve the sale of a \$4,030,000 1.50 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the Town dated March 4, 2021, and payable March 4, 2022 (the "Note"), to TD Securities (USA) LLC at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$50,616.80.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Bonds, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated February 11, 2021, and a final Official Statement dated February 17, 2021 (the "Official Statement"), each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated February 11, 2021 and a final Official Statement dated February 17, 2021, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Bonds shall be subject to redemption, at the option of the Town, upon such terms and conditions as are set forth in the Official Statement.

Further Voted: to authorize the execution and delivery of a Refunding Escrow Agreement to be dated March 4, 2021, between the Town and U.S. Bank National Association as Refunding Escrow Agent.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a continuing and Significant events disclosure undertakings in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such forms as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertakings shall be incorporated by reference in the Bonds and Notes, as applicable, for the benefit of the holders of the Bonds and Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Bonds and Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Bonds and the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the agenda for the meeting, a copy of which is attached hereto, was posted on the bulletin board of the Town at least 24 hours before the meeting in compliance with Section 7-11 of the Town Charter.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Bonds or Notes were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25, as amended, further suspended, supplemented or modified by the Executive Order of the Governor of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, Chapter 30A, §20 dated March 12, 2020.

Vote to approve the sale of General Obligation Bonds \$5,815,000 and the General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes \$4,030,000. Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes

Vegnani yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

Goodrich yes

Mr. Boudreau said there is a rating call and Standard & Poors said that Scituate has the fastest rating calls of any community. Ms. Canfield said we are spoiled with the great job Ms. Holt and Ms. Avitabile and their departments do.

Donation of Memorial Post Clock Egypt, Amy Barr, Resident

The Select Board office received a request from resident Amy Barr who lives in Duxbury and grew up in Scituate, 525 Temple Street, Duxbury, MA who grew up at 34 Christopher Lane. Scott Roberts was instrumental in getting the first clock in 2013 in memory of Chick Gates in North Scituate. The clock in Greenbush was donated also. Ms. Barr would like to purchase a memorial clock on behalf of her late father Scott Roberts. Sean Powell Square is the name on the plaque and he was a Special Olympics gold medalist. Ms. Barr reached out to his brother Tim and they have the family's blessing to put the clock in the park area.

Verdin quote for the clock is \$14,690 plus tax with options of \$300 for raised letters and \$1000 for memorial plaque. Costs were discussed with Ms. Barr and she would like to move forward with the project. She would like the clock installed across the street from the Egypt County Store in the pocket park that has a memorial for Sean Powell. It is next to the railroad tracks near the Highway Barn on Captain Peirce Road.

There is a maintenance fee for these clocks see quote attached from Verdin \$630-\$1000 each annually. Ms. Curran sat on the advisory board with Scott Roberts and he had such sound judgement and advice. She adored him and was so sad to hear of his passing in May. Ms. Connolly said Scott Roberts was a great guy with a great sense of humor. He is thought of by many people. The installation would be supervised by DPW. Mr. Vegnani met Scott Roberts 19 years ago and he was a mentor and sounding board for him. It is such a great person to pay tribute to and was a unique leader in our community. He was dear to many of us in the town. Ms. Barr said she is so glad he touched so many people. Mr. Boudreau said general maintenance is not a problem and the town will take responsibility going forward for the maintenance fee. Ms. Holt said we have a contract for two of the clocks we currently have. The new clock will be under a three year warranty.

Move to accept the donation of the Verdin Post Clock from Amy Barr to be installed at the pocket park on Captain Peirce Road. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes

Vegnani yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

Goodrich yes

Bylaw Change, Becky Malamut, Water Resources Commission Chair

Removed all references to recommendations regarding private wells in sections 3 and 6. Added language that town sports fields and recreation fields may be exempt. Mr. Goodrich thanked the Commission for their hard work. This will be voted at the March 9, 2021 meeting.

FY22 Budget Presentations:

- Community Planning & Development
 - Planning 175

Karen Joseph said the planning budget is salaries, technical purchase of service. They are working on development of the master plan. Ms. Canfield reviewed the budget numbers.
 - Economic Development Commission 182

Ms. DiPesa was unable to attend this evening. Ms. Canfield said the budget is from the meals tax which we expect to be low this year.
 - Conservation/Coastal Resources 171

Kyle Boyd said this past year we closed out five home elevations, 50 year coastal vision, and launched the hazard mitigation plan and he is looking at grant applications to apply for preliminary design in the harbor and North Scituate. His budget is built into grants. MAPC has a grant program we can qualify for and be highly competitive. We will apply for the conceptual design costs. Ms. Curran asked to have Kyle come before the board to see where we are going to invest our money over the next 10 years and develop a prioritization schedule and strategy. The Coastal Advisory Commission (CAC) is working on this now. They are planning a forum to present the recommendations that have been made to date. Then the prioritization can begin. High impact areas will be important to move on quickly. It will be an assessment that blends the ability to implement with how critical a specific area is in.

Amy Walkey, Conservation Agent said the budgets cover the salaries, office supplies, training and postage. Includes also the conservation land elements to keep it safe & accessible. Conservation is one of the busy offices in town. The State wetlands protection act and the storm water bylaws are managed by Conservation. This touches a lot of Scituate properties. Projects include the open space trails where there is new parking and access. Increase of use on the trails has been fabulous. Ms. Walkey reviewed some of the projects that Conservation has worked on. Ms. Curran asked if there was any technology available to help the Conservation office. Ms. Walkey said the Conservation office has come a long way but she will look into this. She would like to see a shared position between Conservation and planning to keep up on active construction sites. They do currently rely on consultants to keep on top of these projects.
 - Zoning Board of Appeals 176

Bob Vogel said there will be a couple of vacancies on the Zoning Board and he encourages anyone who is interested in applying for these positions to apply. For most of last year the position of zoning board secretary was filled in by Anne Kelly during the period it was vacant. The position is now filled with Janine Cicchese who is doing a great job. The 40B Herring Brook Meadow and Stockbridge Landing are underway. There are managerial duties the board is involved in and is busy with the usual requests for special permits. The budget is filing fees and hasn't changed.

- Inspections 241

Bob Vogel said the building department is moving forward with new software to Full Circle and has more capability for permitting. Building permits are currently done manually. The department is heading in the direction to streamline this process in digital form which will evolve over time. There is a place holder to digitize the archives and 50-60 years of building permits are in the basement in banker boxes. The building department works with conservation, planning and coastal managers and overlap in many areas. Mr. Vogel reviewed his budget. Mr. Vogel said all of the fees go into the general fund.

- School Department 300

Bill Burkhead, Superintendent of Schools and Dr. Robert Dutch, Director of Business & Finance prepared a presentation for the Board. Superintendent Burkhead said this is their first time presenting a budget in Scituate. A lot of effort went into preparing this budget and Superintendent Burkhead thanked everyone involved. Superintendent Burkhead said we have picked up a lot of good techniques during COVID. He proposed additional staff to support student social emotional learning and academic needs and increased funding of maintenance line item, corresponding comprehensive maintenance plan. The specifics of the additional staff needs were reviewed. The budget highlights include:

- Significant increase in town appropriation
- Additional staff to support social emotional learning, academic excellence, and equity
- Increased maintenance resources
- Fee-free full day kindergarten
- Enhanced literacy foundational phonics programming, K-2

The Superintendent reviewed the enrollment numbers, how the budget is built and timelines.

Dr. Dutch reviewed the details of the budget with the board.

Superintendent Burkhead reviewed the per pupil expenditure comparison with other towns, per pupil expenditure 5 year trend and district accomplishments 2020-2021.

Ms. Canfield asked about families who withdrew their children from the district due to the pandemic.

Superintendent Burkhead said we lost some students to private schools and families who withdrew and they will be tracking those numbers. Dr. Dutch said title 1 counts have increased in the recent census.

Ms. Connolly asked how many full time positions are being added in total. Superintendent Burkhead said 3.4 full time positions are being added, 5 positions are increasing from part time to full time.

Ms. Connolly asked where we come up with \$2M. Mr. Vegnani said we receive money from the cherry sheet. Ms. Connolly said on the town side we did not add people to the budget and level funded the budget. Mr. Boudreau said we added a part time position for the facilities department and the chef at the Council on Aging along with additional custodial hours. None of the positions were full time. Mr. Goodrich thanked the school for laying out the budget. Over 20 years the town has lost 9% of students. How is enrollment down so much? Do we know what the cause is? Superintendent Burkhead said private schools took a lot of students and the number is high along with out of district placements. Superintendent Burkhead thanked the board, Mr. Boudreau and Ms. Holt for all their support.

Ms. Canfield took a brief recess at 9:50 p.m.

Ms. Canfield reconvened the meeting at 9:58 p.m.

- South Shore Regional VTHS 310 and Debt Authorization Article

Thomas J. Hickey, Ed.D., Superintendent of VTHS said Jack Manning sends his regrets tonight. Jim Coughlin joined the call as well. Dr. Hickey said nearly all the students are in full time during shop

weeks and are on a split schedule with a reduced day in a hybrid model. Remote carpentry does not work well. He is pleased with their progress thus far. The budget went up 1.89% increase. The biggest drivers are in capital to replace some windows in their 1992 addition. The other increase was replacing history text books. Dr. Hickey provided a copy of his presentation to the board. He said the budget assumes we are back to normal. There is no additional funding for running a COVID style year. This is the tenth budget he has presented to Scituate and they feel very much a part of the community. Mr. Goodrich asked if there is a wait list. Dr. Hickey said historically there has been a wait list. First round admissions will be going out soon. From what he is seeing he has about 220 applicants for 160 slots.

SSVT Facilities Master Plan has a debt authorization article that will be on the warrant. For several years he has talked about infrastructure needs. Scituate's share of any debt will be 7%. SSVT will not be doing it all at once. Jim Coughlin said there is a methodology for borrowing in their regional agreements. The debt is based on three prior years of attendance FY21, 20 and 19 would be included. The high mark would be about \$111,000 year one. Their first need will be a roof replacement in FY23. They want to keep momentum going with various projects. Ventilation and not have a fire suppression system are other critical items. Dr. Hickey provided an update on their MSBA application and planned upgrades. He plans on a FY23 ask at town meeting. Ms. Connolly asked if regional school districts are in different buckets or are they competing for the same money. Mr. Vegnani asked how long the debt is for. Mr. Coughlin used 3 1/2 % for 20 years. The 7% is for the past three years and the attendance is going down. Mr. Coughlin said the regional agreement is written to go back three years. Ms. Curran asked if they were requesting this for FY22 and Dr. Hickey said no not at this time. The board thanked Dr. Hickey and Mr. Coughlin.

- Capital Plan Review

Chris Carchia said there is \$15,087,132 in capital requests this year. Michael Clark passed away February 17th of prostate cancer. His knowledge and his presence will be greatly missed. He fought hard for a long time. Ms. Curran said he was on the Conservation Commission and the Water Resources Commission. Due to COVID restrictions the Capital Planning Committee did things different this year. The committee voted unanimously to support the capital plan. There were no surprise items or last minute add ons. Mr. Vegnani asked if the street sweeper is a new one to our fleet or replacement. It is due to one failing and is a replacement. There are two vacancies on the Capital Planning Committee and please notify the Town Moderator if you are interested. Ms. Canfield asked to speak with Mr. Carchia about Charter Review Committee items. It is Mr. Carchia's ninth year on Capital Planning Committee.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Wind Turbine

The board instructed Mr. Boudreau to look at mitigation options with Scituate Wind along with Mr. Vegnani and Mr. Goodrich. Five different options were provided for the board to review. Ms. Canfield wonders if the board has the authority to make decisions without going to town meeting. Mr. Vegnani said this is contractually what we would have to pay under these scenarios. Ms. Canfield said Scituate Wind has no obligation to mitigate at all. Ms. Connolly asked if the town has the money to make up the amounts. Ms. Canfield asked if the board has the authority to make the decision. Mr. Boudreau said some of these would need to go to town meeting for a decision. Town meeting sets the amount that can be spent in a revolving fund. The board can vote to change the amount that can be spent. Ms. Holt said we pay Scituate Wind. Mr. Vegnani said he feels we need to go to town meeting for a vote since it was approved at a town meeting. Mr. Goodrich said he would like the neighbors to be able to sleep at night. Ms. Curran said it is a constant battle over the definition of the wind direction and speed. She does not want to stick with a westerly solution.

Summer is defined as May 16th-October 15th (6 months). Mr. Vegnani does not understand why we would shut it off when it is the wind is not in a westerly direction and evidence shows it. Mr. Goodrich said winds shift and it is clarity and ease of understanding. He feels it is equitable for all other businesses. Ms. Connolly agrees with Mr. Goodrich and Ms. Curran otherwise we're still going to get complaints. Ms. Canfield asked what about the summer vs year round. Mr. Boudreau said it would need to go back to town meeting to shut it off year round. Mr. Vegnani said the board could vote tonight to shut it off during the summer at night or summer westerly and then go to town meeting if the board wants to take it further. Mr. Boudreau suggests that this could go on the fall town meeting to do more than shutting it off for the summer. Ms. Connolly asked if there was a threshold number that the board can vote now. Mr. Boudreau said yes we could go to the summer 11-6 option for \$96,350. The board agreed to shut the wind turbine down in the summer at night. The discussion whether to shut it down westerly or every night was discussed. The majority of the board is in favor of a summer wide shut down all directions and they are comfortable they have the authority. Any further mitigation would require town meeting vote. Ms. Canfield is in favor of doing a flicker turnoff but the numbers do not make sense. Mr. Vegnani has reached out to clarify the numbers for the flicker. Mr. Vegnani would like to meet with the family and explore other options to mitigate the flicker. Mr. Vegnani asked Mr. McKeever if he would be willing to meet with one or two of the board members. Mr. McKeever, 151 Driftway, said it has been a long eight years with the turbine spinning. Mr. Vegnani said he would like to meet quickly on this. David Dardi, 122 Gilson Road, is hoping to put Tony's thoughts to rest. Mr. Dardi said you have people effected when the wind blows from the east as well. It is Mr. Dardi's opinion that wind direction is not the way to go. It needs to be a total shutdown. Ms. Curran wants to make it clear this is not a test.

**Motion by Ms. Curran to shut down the wind turbine for the summer season
May 16th - October 15th (6 months) from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. second by Ms. Connolly.
Canfield, Connolly, Curran and Goodrich in favor, Vegnani against Motion passes (4-1)**

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes
Vegnani no
Connolly yes
Curran yes
Goodrich yes

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Drain Layers License Renewals 2021

- Truax Corporation

Move to approve a renewal of a Drain Layers License for Truax Corporation. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes
Vegnani yes
Connolly yes
Curran yes
Goodrich yes

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Liaison Reports

Ms. Curran asked to schedule time on the April 6th agenda for the DEI committee to attend for 1st quarterly update. Ms. Devin will note.

2. Correspondence

Cedar Point Association letter regarding Sewer System Project Cedar Point

Plymouth County Cares & Expenditures to date

Supplemental Guidance for the Coronavirus Relief Fund – Municipal Program

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Move to accept the meeting minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting held on February 9, 2021. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes

Vegnani yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

Goodrich yes

Move to accept and not release the Executive Session minutes for the Board of Selectmen meeting held on February 9, 2021 since the matter discussed is still pending at this time. . Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes

Vegnani yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

Goodrich yes

4. Adjournment and Signing of Documents

Motion by Mr. Vegnani to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 p.m. by second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Canfield yes

Vegnani yes

Connolly yes

Curran yes

Goodrich yes

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

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List of Documents for February 23, 2021 Board of Selectmen Meeting

- Agenda
- Upcoming Events
- Renaming Central Field in honor of Anne Palmer
- Liquor License Alteration of Premise, O'Callaghan LLC dba The Voyage application and backup
- Town of Scituate Bonds, Pam Avitabile, Treasurer/Collector
 - Award of Refunding of 2008 and 2011 General Obligation Bonds
 - Award of General Obligation Bond \$5,815,000
 - Award of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note \$4,030,000
- Donation of Memorial Post Clock Egypt
- Bylaw change for Water Resources Commission
- FY22 Budget Presentations:
 - Community Planning & Development
 - Planning 175
 - Economic Development Commission 182
 - Conservation/Coastal Resources 171
 - Zoning Board of Appeals 176
 - Inspections 241
 - School Department 300
 - South Shore Regional VTHS 310 and Debt Authorization Article
 - Capital Plan Review
- Wind Turbine
- Drain Layers License Renewal Truax Corporation
- Correspondence
 - Cedar Point Association letter regarding Sewer System Project Cedar Point
 - Plymouth County Cares & Expenditures to date
 - Supplemental Guidance for the Coronavirus Relief Fund – Municipal Program
- Meeting minutes for February 9, 2021 and Executive Session February 9, 2021

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for February 23, 2021

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