

MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY, November 2, 2021 6:30 p.m.
SELECT BOARD HEARING ROOM – TOWN HALL

In attendance Karen Connolly, Chair, Karen Canfield, Vice Chair, Andrew Goodrich, Clerk

Maura Curran is participating remotely.

Mr. Vegnani was not in attendance at the start of the meeting and will be joining later.

Also in attendance Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mr. Goodrich at 6:30 p.m. to accept the agenda for November 2, 2021 second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Connolly yes

Ms. Canfield yes

Mr. Goodrich yes

Ms. Curran yes

WALK INS – Mr. Craig Dias, 168 Stockbridge Road is submitting a public records request. He said he is hoping the communication will be better and wants to work as a team with concerned citizens, the Select Board and the DEP. Mr. Dias said when you read the minutes from the Conservation Commission it mentions methane gas at the old dump on Stockbridge Road. He is not sure everyone is on the same page. Rep Kearney is involved also. Mr. Dias invited the Select Board to walk the property. He said the board was previously invited. The property has been in his family since 1927. Nobody knows where the test wells came from. He would like the public records request to be responded to in a timely manner. Ms. Connolly thanked Mr. Dias for coming in and said he can submit his records request to Lorraine Devin. Ms. Devin took the request and will give it to the Records Access Officer (RAO) Michele Seghezzi.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR -

1. Water Main construction on Brook Street continues. Brook is closed from Tilden to Front Street. Local traffic will be allowed. The water department will be repaired a critical gate valve on Front Street near lucky finn last night. Crews worked yesterday digging on Front Street late in the afternoon and were able to repair the valve without having to shot down the main.
2. Total average demand for the past week was 1.12mgpd, down slightly from last week. We seem to be in the 1.1 – 1.3 mgpd range lately. Manganese levels in the reservoir continue to drop, but are still high enough to cause discolored water. We will continue to monitor usage and, when we feel it necessary, move to the next phase of our water ban, which is a prohibition on outside water use.

The reservoir was +8' today up from -7.55" yesterday and at +9.75" at tack Factory. Rainfall over the last 5 days was at 4.13" inches (does not include last night and today).

The equipment to conduct the pilot studies for the new treatment plant to determine the most effective treatment methods for the new plant has arrived and been installed at the water treatment plant property. The pilot program will continue this week.

3. The total number of Covid cases for this past week was 17, up one from 16 of the previous week. We with a positivity rating over the last 14 days at 1.92%, up very slightly from the 1.69% of last week. Plymouth County is at 3.12%, almost identical to last week's 3.11%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 1.73% almost identical to last weeks 1.78%. Numbers seem to be holding fairly steady the last couple of weeks, with slight increases and decreases week to week.

New guidance is out from the CDC and federal government on the booster shots for Pfizer recipients. Go to Mass.gov and there is a link to determine if you are eligible for a booster shot. The CDC has also approved Moderna's and J&J booster shots. Moderna's recommendation is similar to the one for Pfizer, for people over 65 and those with other health conditions or people in professions with a high risk of coming into contact with COVID 6 months after your second dose. It is recommended that anyone who received the single dose J&J vaccine receive a booster as soon as two months after the initial dose. Guidance has also been provided that you can now "mix and match" vaccines, so you are not limited to a booster from the same source as your original shot(s). It is recommended that you get the same shot, but no longer required.

The CDC was discussing approval of the Pfizer vaccine for children 5-12 today. I have not heard of the results of that meeting.

4. Paving is scheduled to commence on First Parish Road this week, the contractor started raising castings today with final paving later in the week.
5. Renovations/expansion to the Widow's Walk clubhouse continue. The \$2.5 million project is expected to be completed in the fall. The contractor is expecting to make great strides this week on finishing the exterior of the building and starting landscaping around the club house. Interior work is continuing with painters scheduled for next week. Pouring of the walkway and stairs has taken place and landscaping should start this week. The contractor is also finishing the exterior siding of the building.
6. 300 tree calls for NGRID. Last week Scituate was slammed by a nor'easter that was significantly stronger than forecast. Instead of wind gusts to 70mph officially we hit 87 mph but unofficially we measured a gust as high as 97mph on 4th cliff. Damage was widespread throughout the town and Scituate was 100% without power at the height of the storm. Power crews, with Scituate public safety personnel, worked tirelessly to get us back up and running. The majority of the town was back up by Saturday evening, although some residents in the west end lost power again overnight Saturday with the heavy rain we experienced. I want to thank our partners at NGrid and Eversource for all their assistance, especially Peter Duggan our NGrid liaison. Pete is here and meets continuously with town officials to track outages and prioritize getting people back up and running. According to Peter, NGrid arborists reported more than 300 trees that had come down or had to be removed because of the storm. Thanks to Scituate Police and Fire who handled an incredible volume of calls during and after the storm and to the Scituate DPW who worked throughout the weekend to try and get roads and sidewalks clear and safer for Halloween and for the opening of school this morning. I also want to thank the Town of Danvers which sent us a tree crew on Thursday and Friday. They were a tremendous help in getting the roads cleared and the town back open. We were fortunate in that the storm occurred during a period of low tides, generally less than 9'. If we had astronomically high tides flooding would have been widespread and destructive. Having said that, we are monitoring a potential storm for this coming weekend which will coincide with high tides. We will keep an eye on it and provide updates as needed.

7. Related to the storm, in an effort to speed restorations, the town is waiving the requirement for electrical permits and inspections in cases where National Grid personnel are reconnecting services and/or performing other necessary work needed to energize customers who sustained damage from the storm last week. The waiver is based on the condition that any reconnection or other work must be deemed safe and performed in a proper and workmanlike manner. The waiver expires midnight on November 5. This is to speed up restoration work and not delay crews waiting for wiring inspectors to arrive and conduct inspections.
8. The Scituate Food Pantry will reschedule their "OPEN HOUSE at the former Gates School at 327 First Parish Rd. and see its transformation from Cafeteria to a "State of the Art" Food Pantry.

The move from the Masonic Temple to the former Gates School took place at the end of June. The space has been "all spruced up" thanks to the generosity of the Town and the huge group of Scituate volunteers.

The Scituate Food Pantry's Volunteers will be at the Pantry to take everyone on a tour and to serve refreshments to all who attend.

Please come by and see why the Pantry is such a valuable asset to those families in Scituate that suffer from Food Insecurity

9. After a weather-related delay, the auction of the Minot Fire Station to place last Thursday 10/28 at 11:00 am. Despite the storm, a large crowd was on hand to bid on the station. The high bid was \$585,000 which is outstanding. These funds will be used to offset the cost of the COA project, as Town Meeting voted when the building was surplus and made available for sale.
10. Town Meeting was on Tuesday, October 26 at 7:00 pm in the High School gymnasium. Although many questioned why we went forward with Town Meeting in the face of the approaching storm, it was imperative that Town Meeting take place so residents could vote on whether to support the purchase of the Border Street fields prior to the Town's right of first refusal expiring. Despite the weather, 702 residents showed up and practiced democracy at its finest. The Border Street funding passed and the Board will take it up at their meeting tomorrow night.
11. Congressional districts. Looking at information released today, it seems as if Scituate and Cohasset will be moving from Steve Lynch's 8th Congressional district to Bill Keating's 9th congressional district in the newly reconfigured districts. Congressional districts are redrawn every ten years after the census is completed. This is not a done deal yet, but it would take some moving around to put us back in the 8th district.
12. The equipment is in for Scituate Community Television (SCTV) to allow us to meet in person and ZOOM in the near future. Seth Pfeiffer, SCTV Director will be coordinating this.

The Select Board thanked all town employees for their assistance during last weeks emergency. The Board thanked Mr. Boudreau for his leadership.

Ms. Canfield asked if there will be any flushing done. Mr. Boudreau said all employees are working on clean up right now. They will look at the worst complaint areas and see if those areas can be flushed. We don't have the manpower right now. Ms. Curran extended her gratitude as well and would like to officially pass along our thanks to National Grid and Danvers, MA.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Scituate Housing Authority Joint Appointment to fill vacancy applicant David Stevens

In attendance from Scituate Housing Authority:

Jon Duane

Colleen Jill Beresford

Jill Caffrey

David Stevens, 94 Booth Hill Road would like to assist the Housing Authority Board and has worked in the real estate industry.

Tamara Durante resigned from her position on the Scituate Housing Authority Board. Mr. David Stevens has expressed an interest in being appointed to fill the unexpired seat on the Board of the Scituate Housing Authority. Ms. Durante term expires in 2025. Mr. Steven's letter of interest and resume are attached for review. Mr. Duane said Mr. Stevens will be a great addition to the Housing Authority Board. Mr. Clarence Walker was the tenant appointee and he recently passed away suddenly. He was a great addition to the SHA.

Move to approve an interim appoint of David Stevens to the vacant seat on the Scituate Housing Authority until the Annual Town Election to be held on May 21, 2022 at which time the Housing Authority position will be placed on the ballot. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (7-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Connolly yes

Ms. Canfield yes

Mr. Goodrich yes

Ms. Curran yes

Mr. Duane yes

Ms. Beresford yes

Ms. Caffrey yes

Gulf Association Donation Lions Head East 61A (0 Border Street), George McGoldrick, Deb Lenahan, Marla Minier & Conor Doherty

On behalf of the Gulf Association they are pleased to donate \$350,000 to the Town of Scituate toward the purchase. The donors were mostly from the Town of Scituate residents. Ms. Canfield thanked the group for stepping up and getting the word out. Without their work this message may not have reached people. Ms. Curran thanked the Gulf Association members for all their efforts.

Motion to accept the donation from the Gulf Association in the amount of \$350,000 toward the Town of Scituate purchase of 0 Border Street from Lions Head Trust. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Connolly yes

Ms. Canfield yes

Mr. Goodrich yes

Ms. Curran yes

Public Hearing Pole Petition Move pole #873 Country Way, Jose Vasquez, Engineer, National Grid & Kevin Cafferty, DPW Director

Public Hearing Notice mailed out to abutters on 10/13/2021 copy attached to backup.

See attached Pole Petition from National Grid. Requested additional information where pole is located.

National Grid responded the closest cross street is Whittier Drive and the closest residence is 482 Country Way.

Pole is in the way of a new development. The developer was here who has requested the move of the pole 12-18'.

Move to approve National Grid Plan #30389676 to relocate an existing Pole 873 approximately 15' +/- southeast of current location. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Connolly yes

Ms. Canfield yes

Mr. Goodrich yes

Ms. Curran yes

Mr. Vegnani joined the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

New Event Staffing Services, Superior Servers, 68 Aberdeen Road, Quincy, Michelle MacKenzie, Owner
Michelle Mackenzie owns a Staffing Service company working with clients for special events throughout the Boston area and suburbs. She is asking to add her business to our catering & bartending services list and for approval of a one-day wine & malt license for an event at the Scituate Harbor Community Building. Insurance, tips certification and references are on file in the Select Board office. Ms. Mackenzie has been in business for 20 years.

Motion to approve Michelle MacKenzie, Superior Services, 68 Aberdeen Road, North Quincy, MA to be added to the approved Town of Scituate Caterer/Bartender list. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Connolly yes

Ms. Canfield yes

Mr. Goodrich yes

Ms. Curran yes

Mr. Vegnani yes

- One Day Wine & Malt License November 20, 2021 @ Scituate Harbor Community Bldg. 6-10 p.m.

Motion to approve Superior Services for a one-day wine & malt license for an event at the Scituate Harbor Community Building on November 20, 2021 from 6-10 p.m. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Connolly yes

Ms. Canfield yes

Mr. Goodrich yes

Ms. Curran yes
Mr. Vegnani yes

Public Hearing Lions Head East 61A (0 Border Street) right to purchase

Ms. Connolly reviewed the property that was in Chapter 61A. Tonight is the public hearing to vote whether to exercise the option to purchase the property. Mr. Vegnani said he was impressed by the turnout. Clearly the town members want to purchase the property. The purchase and sale needs to be signed, file and record a notice of exercising the right of first refusal. We have 10 days to pay a deposit from the date the Purchase and Sale is signed and 90 days from the execution to pay the balance. The letter to the seller still needs to be drafted. The motion by the Board allows us to make the purchase. Ms. Canfield asked if there is any documentation on the promised easements. Ms. Curran thanked Karen Canfield for all her work and congratulated her for her hard work to move this forward. The Select Board is happy to support the town vote. William? Border Street asked if the land will be open space in perpetuity. CPC when it buys open space it will put a conservation restriction on the land. The land will be under the care and custody of the conservation commission. We are hoping the Gulf Association will support the town to build access to the land.

I move that the Select Board exercise its right pursuant to M.G.L. c. 61A to purchase the Property referenced as Lion's Head East (0 Border Street), being designated on Town of Scituate Assessors Map as Parcel 6-1-3, and authorize Town Counsel to prepare all necessary documents to effectuate said purchase. Motion by Ms. Canfield second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Connolly yes
Ms. Canfield yes
Mr. Goodrich yes
Ms. Curran yes
Mr. Vegnani yes

Ms. Canfield said a young man who owns a site company volunteered to donate time & equipment to build a parking lot. It is very much appreciated.

Ms. Curran left the meeting and will not participate remotely for the remainder of the meeting @ 7:25 p.m.

INTERVIEW Board & Committee Applicants Scituate Harbor Cultural District

○ **Deborah Ceccarini**

Ms. Ceccarini moved here one year ago and has worked 30 years in public service. Was an assessor in her previous town of Charlton. This is a lovely community. She has time to serve and the cultural council is interesting to her. The town has different gatherings and she enjoys the first Fridays in the harbor. Ms. Ceccarini is also interested in serving on the Beach Commission.

○ **Matthew Zaremba**

Mr. Zaremba grew up in Scituate, moved away and returned in January. He is a visual artist and works in fashion. He sees so much potential in the harbor district, citizen engagement with the youth. He feels his marketing and visual arts background would be great on this committee.

Mr. Goodrich feels he has a good skill set for this committee. Mr. Zaremba is no longer interested in serving on the Cultural Council.

FY23 Capital Plan Recommendation, Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator
Mr. Boudreau reviewed the FY2023-FY2027 Capital Plan
Detailed Capital Budget books were distributed to all Select Board members.

FY2023-27 Capital Plan Highlights

- \$310.3M in capital requests over the next five years
- \$127.8M in requests for FY23; \$96.7M recommended
- Reflects continued investment into water system
- Includes next major phase for inflow and infiltration mitigation for sewer system
- Continues investment in technology
- Incorporates funding for facilities improvements as recommended in town-wide facilities plan
- Addresses FEMA subsidized foreshore protection projects, harbor resiliency, beach access improvements and continued seawall replacement

Mr. Boudreau reviewed the FY 23-27 Capital Plan Components:

Sewer Infrastructure 18.30%

Water Infrastructure 24.20%

Public Works & roads 0.52%

Foreshore 18.48%

Technology 0.42%

Facilities Improvements 8.80%

New Buildings 27.39%

Equipment 1.90%

Capital Plan Funding Options were discussed for FY23 was discussed.

Ms. Connolly asked for a list of roads from DPW. Mr. Boudreau will ask DPW to provide the list.

Beach discussion will be on the December 7th Select Board meeting.

Mr. Boudreau reviewed Water Enterprise for FY23

Ms. Canfield asked if there was a reconciliation of capital improvements that have been done in the past and what the status is. Ms. Holt said it is in section 6 of their capital books. Ms. Holt said there are very few debt authorizations outstanding. Capital Planning will make recommendations to the Select Board in February. This is just an overview for the Board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. One Day Liquor Licenses

- Mullaney's Fish Market, November 6 & 13th 7 – 11 p.m. for private events

Move to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License to Joseph Norton for a private event on November 6, 2021 from 7:00 PM -11:00 PM at Mullaney's Fish Market, 8 Allen Place. Motion by Mr. Vegnani second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Move to approve a One Day Wine and Malt License to Joseph Norton for a private event on November 13, 2021 from 7:00 PM -11:00 PM at Mullaney's Fish Market, 8 Allen Place. Motion by second by Unanimous Vote (4-0)

2. Board & Committee Appointments

- Scituate Harbor Cultural District
- Coastal Advisory Commission

- Commission on Disabilities
- Traffic Rules & Regulations

1. Move to appoint Deborah Ceccarini and Matthew Zaremba to the Scituate Harbor Cultural District for a term of two years or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. **Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (4-0)**
2. Move to appoint Deborah Ceccarini to the Beach Commission for a term of three years or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. **Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (4-0)**
3. Move to appoint Jen Foley to the Coastal Advisory Commission for a term of one year or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. **Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (4-0)**
4. Move to reappoint Megan Sommer to the Commission on Disabilities for a term of three years or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. **Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (4-0)**
5. Move to reappoint Al Bangert, Dorothy Cook, Taylor Billings, Sean McCarthy & Captain William Sestito to the Traffic Rules & Regulations Committee for a term of one year or until a successor is named and completion of the conflict of interest law online training program is completed within 30 days. **Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (4-0)**

3. **Renew Drain Layers Licenses** SLT Corp., Truax & CC Construction

Move to approve renewal of Drain Layers Licenses for Truax Corporation, SLT Construction Corp. and CC Construction, Inc. Motion by Mr. Vegnani second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (4-0)

4. **2022 Proposed Select Board Meeting Dates**

Motion by Mr. Vegnani to approve the Select Board 2022 meeting dates second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (4-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Liaison Reports

Mr. Goodrich said Water Resources Commission is meeting tonight.
SHARC is meeting this Thursday.

Ms. Connolly and Mr. Boudreau will start monthly meetings with Scituate Public Schools Superintendent Burkhead and Chair of the School Committee Michael Long.

2. Correspondence

- Scituate was named one of 34 cyber aware community by the Governor's office. Congratulations to our IT team.

- Veterans Day November 11th @ flag pole at 11 a.m. there will be a ceremony outside the Senior Center there will be a rifle salute with lunch following in the senior center.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Move to accept the meeting minutes for the Select Board meetings held on October 19, 2021 and October 26, 2021. Motion by Mr. Vegnani second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (4-0)

4. Adjournment and Signing of Documents

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. motion by Mr. Vegnani second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

List of Documents for November 2, 2021 Select Board Meeting

- Agenda
- Scituate Housing Authority Joint Appointment to fill vacancy – David Stevens
- Gulf Association Donation to Town of Scituate for Lions Head East 61A (0 Border Street)
- Pole Petition Move pole #873 on Country Way
- Public Hearing to vote Lions Head East 61A (0 Border Street) right to purchase
- Interview Board & Committee applicants Deborah Ceccarini and Matthew Zaremba
- New Event Staffin Services Superior Servers, 68 Aberdeen Road, Quincy, owner Michelle MacKenzie one day wine & Malt License for 11/20 event @ SHCB
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- Meeting Minutes for Select Board Meeting held on October 19, 2021 and on October 26, 2021

Select Board Meeting Minutes for November 2, 2021

SELECT BOARD

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Andrew W. Goodrich, Clerk

Maura C. Curran

Anthony V. Vegnani