

**MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
JOINT MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD & ADVISORY BOARD
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022 6:30 p.m.
SELECT BOARD HEARING ROOM – TOWN HALL & ADVISORY BOARD VIA ZOOM**

In attendance in person at Select Board Hearing Room: Karen Connolly, Chair, Karen Canfield, Vice Chair, Andrew Goodrich, Clerk, Maura Curran, Anthony Vegnani

Also, in attendance Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator & Nancy Holt, Town Accountant/Finance Director

In attendance via ZOOM: from the Advisory Board Lynda Ferguson, James Gilmore, Gerard Kelly, Elizabeth (Missy) Legat, Daniel McGuiggin, Patrice Metro, Elise Russo

Also, in attendance via ZOOM: from Scituate Public Schools Dr Dutch and Superintendent Burkhead

The following was read by the Advisory Board:

The Scituate Select Board and Advisory Board are committed to providing an environment of respect during meetings. We ask all members to interact in a polite manner even when there is disagreement.

We value the participation of our community and want all participants, including marginalized and minoritized communities, to feel welcomed and respected.

We ask our committee members, and all who participate, to commit to these standards to support and respect our community.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER/ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Ms. Canfield at 6:30 p.m. to accept the agenda for March 16, 2022 second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (5-0)

INTRODUCTION Advisory Board was introduced by Mr. Gilmore, members Lincoln Heineman and Mike Westort were not in attendance this evening.

PUBLIC HEARING Annual Town Meeting FY23 Proposed Budget

Mr. Boudreau prepared a presentation and provided copies to the Select Board and Advisory Board reviewing the proposed FY23 Operating and Capital Budget. The information was reviewed with the Boards. Mr. Boudreau said the Finance & Forecast committee has met several times to review the budget. 2.7% increase in local aid was announced by the Governor. Budget and Revenue is conservative. Personnel changes include a new HVAC position shared with Scituate Public Schools, an IT position, and added hours for the lunch program at the Senior Center. Scituate Police Department will be working through Police Reform to see how this impacts our community. Scituate Fire Department is working hard to maintain our staff levels and training is very important. Mr. Boudreau met with Kyle Boyd to see exactly what they need in Conservation to help with the backload and Planning. Insurance continues to increase and we are looking at alternatives to address this area. Total budget is \$87M and the schools allocation is \$65M out of the total.

REVIEW Special & Annual Town Meeting Warrant Articles

There are five articles in the Special Town Meeting and twenty-eight articles in the Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator will be holding a separate public meeting to discuss the rules of the road and process during Town Meeting. As soon as we know when the meeting will be held we will post it on the Town website calendar and

send out a news notification. The warrant will likely be posted next week on the Town website. Town Counsel has reviewed and returned the warrant to us. We are doing a final review and then we will post the warrants.

PUBLIC QUESTION & ANSWER PERIOD

Mr. McKeever, 151 Driftway, said he and his family are collectively keeping their fingers crossed for the Scituate High School boy's basketball team. Mr. McKeever said he wants to comment on an Advisory Board member that attacked Mr. McKeever's character. He took his attack personally and he expects an apology due to the misinformation relayed to the board about him personally. Mr. McKeever thanked Mr. Kelly for trying to resolve it. He did not have an opportunity to address this. Mitigation concepts that have been discussed has been a lot of talk whether discussion or hearsay. There has not been any concrete correspondence to help mitigate his concerns. There has been nothing in writing. He does appreciate the work done by both boards.

Ms. Connolly thanked the Advisory Board for all the hard work they have done. Mr. Gilmore thanked the Select Board, Town Administrator and Finance Director for all their hard work and who care about the success of the town.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. by Mr. Vegnani second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

List of Documents for the March 16, 2022 Select Board Meeting

- Agenda
- Draft Special & Annual Town Meeting Warrants
- List of Warrant Articles
- Fiscal Year 2023 Capital and Operating Budget Overview Presentation

Select Board Meeting Minutes for March 16, 2022

SELECT BOARD

Karen E. Connolly, Chair

Karen B. Canfield, Vice Chair

Andrew W. Goodrich, Clerk

Maura C. Curran

Anthony V. Vegnani