

**MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY, May 10, 2022 6:30 p.m.
SELECT BOARD HEARING ROOM – TOWN HALL**

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

Mr. Vegnani was not in attendance at the start of the meeting.

Also, in attendance Jim Boudreau, Town Administrator

Ms. Connolly read the following statement:

The Scituate Select Board is 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. Connolly at 6:32 p.m. to accept the agenda for May 10, 2022 second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (4-0)

Ms. Connolly extended her condolences to the Reidy family on the passing of firefighter John Reidy who passed on May 4, 2022. We extend our condolences to his wife Sandra, and kids Jack, TJ, Justin, Derek, and Sean. They were married for 31 years and he was a veteran firefighter for 28 years in Scituate. The services are Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Tony Vegnani joined the meeting at 6:34 PM

Ms. Connolly said that missing tonight is Ruth Thompson from the Scituate Mariner. This is a great loss without her as she covered so many stories for our community. She thanked her for her years of service, and her fairness. She presented both sides of many issues. On behalf of the board Ms. Connolly thanked her.

WALK INS - NONE

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

1. The total number of Covid cases for this past week according to our MAVEN data was 32, up from 24. Total number of cases reported to the BOH was 53. We had a positivity rating over the last 14 days of 5.67% a jump up from 5.15% of last week. Plymouth County is at 5.18%, up from last week's 4.43%. State wide the positivity rate yesterday for the past 7 days was 6.63% up from the previous week of 5.37%. Statewide there are 47 individuals in ICU up from 37 of last week. 22 patients are intubated, up from 15 of last week. We will continue to monitor numbers, but the hope is that even is the number of people with COVID rises, the hospitalization numbers will remain manageable do to the high vaccination in Massachusetts. Currently Suffolk, Middlesex, Norfolk, Hampshire, Worcester and Barnstable counties have high levels of COVID. In counties with high Covid numbers, the CDC recommends masks in indoor spaces and public transportation. There are no mask mandates in place at this time.

We are not done with COVID yet. At this point, being vaccinated is a much better defense than not being vaccinated, so please, if you have not yet been vaccinated and can receive the vaccine, we urge you to do so. Vaccinations and booster are widely available. Go to mass.gov for details.

2. Water update. The reservoir remained at +2.75". Tack Factory Pond was at +2.5", up .25" from last week. Average daily demand was at 1.2 mgpd, equal to last week's usage. This again was mostly delivered from our groundwater sources (wells). Manganese measured at the WTP is at .139 which is high enough to cause discolored water but should not be much of an issue as the plant is not producing large volumes of water. Rainfall over the last 7 days was .45" measured at the Plant.
3. MassDot paved the rotary on 3A last night. That job is essentially complete with the exception of striping. We do not have a striping schedule from MassDot but will post it if and when we get it.
4. The Paramount Pictures film *The Finest Kind* has finished filming in town. We still have the following filming occurring:
 - a. We will also have a series called "Houses with history" in Town starting on 4/27. They will be filming work of two historic houses, one on First Parish and one on Tilden. That filming will be in the homes and will be on and off through October. You may see crews around town shooting b-roll film.
 - b. Marriot Bonvoy will be filming a commercial at the Light House on May 18 from 6pm-Sunset.
5. Ship Shape Day was a rousing success. More than 400 volunteers were out cleaning up the town. Final count on the amount of trash that was picked up is still ongoing but the town looks great! Thanks to all who participated.
6. The DPW will begin work on the outfall on Oceanside Drive this week. The outfall is located in the vicinity of Kenneth Ave. This outfall was damaged in a storm and repairing it will help alleviate flooding somewhat in that area.
7. We are working on the paving schedule. Old Oaken Bucket and Brook St. will be paved this year and we are waiting on the contractor. A list of streets to be paved will be published once available.

Ms. Connolly stated that the rotary paving went well and thanked Kennedy's for the beautiful island clean up.

Ms. Canfield mentioned that we had internships last summer which was very helpful. With kids coming home from school, this would be a good time. Ms. Canfield would like an intern for Charter Review and Mr. Boudreau has a project as well.

Mr. Goodrich asked about the status of budget software. Nancy Holt said we signed a contract with ClearGov and hopes it will be launched June 1st. The goal is to provide open transparency and will give people the ability to review the budget in detail.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Harbor United Methodist Church for several summer fish fry events at 55 First Parish Rd June 3rd, July 1st, September 2nd, October 7th from 6-8 p.m., Robert Amweg

It's been a very successful event in year's past but we would like to add music this year. They have the Brown Brothers for the first event and the others are not scheduled as of yet. It's a family friendly, affordable dinner and is great for the community. The dates align with First Friday in the harbor.

Move to grant an outdoor entertainment permit to the Harbor United Methodist Church for musicians playing live music on June 3rd, July 1st, September 2nd & October 7th from 6-8 p.m.
Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Special Event Applications

South Shore Irish Heritage Trail Launch, Cole Parkway Bandstand, May 22nd 12-3 p.m., Brenda O'Connor, South Shore Irish Heritage Trail Committee

Ms. O'Connor said they are on schedule to launch the Irish Heritage Trail. There are 9 towns involved in this endeavor and at exactly nine minutes before 1:00 PM, 9 bells will ring throughout the nine towns and then the ceremony begins at 1:00. We have reps from all nine towns, state representatives, bag pipes, and ribbon cutting. The whole ceremony should be about an hour. After that we have a ticketed event at The Barker Tavern from 3:00 – 7:00 PM with dinner and music. There are 33 stops throughout nine towns. In Scituate we have Lawson Tower, Easter Rising Memorial, Irish Mossing Museum, and Dreamwold. There will be a printed map available to show all the stops along the trail and the website is ssirishtrail.org. There could be up to 200 attending at the Bandstand.

Ms. Canfield said Brenda's leadership has been amazing and will have lasting benefits for our community. A big thank you to Brenda for her hard work. Ms. O'Connor said everyone on the committee has helped and it was a great team effort.

Mr. Vegnani thanked her for her passion and said that we are very proud of this. Brenda said advertising will go out to the northeastern United States, Eastern Canada and Ireland. She identified 3,500 businesses within the nine towns that will benefit from this.

Ms. Curran thanked her and congratulated her for a job well done. Mr. Goodrich agreed that her tenacity is to be commended and also extended his thank you for her work that will last for generations.

The Board wants to make sure that Scituate Police is aware of the event if the crowd is large. Michele Seghezzi noted that we are still awaiting police comments for this event and will work with Officer Billings.

Move to approve a Special Event Permit for the South Shore Irish Heritage Trail Ceremonial Launch to be held at the Cole Parkway Bandstand on Sunday, May 22nd from 12 PM – 3 PM.

Motion by Ms. Curran Second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Women's March: Bans Off our Bodies, Town Hall, May 14th, 3:00 – 4:00, Stephanie Burke, Freya Schlegal

Ms. Schlegal said she came in for her daughter because she felt powerless after watching the news. She would like to hold this event to encourage people to stand up their rights. She said they have 150 people signed up already. They will be attending special trainings online and she's been in touch with Officer Billings for traffic flow as well as reached out to St. Luke's for overflow parking.

In 2020 there was a similar event and there were no issues although at that time we were in the height of Covid and we had 6 ft. restrictions, mask requirements, and limits on attendance.

Ms. Burke said they are following the same guidelines as the nationwide organization. Members of the Board thanked them for stepping up to organize. Mr. Vegnani wanted to make sure it was on the lawn and requests they stay away from Rt. 3A. Ms. Canfield also thanked them for organizing so quickly.

Move to approve a Special Event Permit for a Women's March, Bans Off Our Bodies, to be held on the front lawn of Town Hall on May 14th from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Ms. Curran Second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (5-0)

New Cape Verdean Sister City Charge, Tom Secaur and Angela Dray

Tom Secaur, Chair of the Scituate Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and Angela Dray Co-chair of the DEI Committee. Today they are here to seek approval to create a Cape Verde Sister City.

Angela Dray is a citizen of Cape Verdean heritage and they go back to early 1900's. Unfortunately, there's not a lot of information on the history. The majority come from 2 islands – Fogo and Brava.

Most Cape Verdeans came to Scituate in groups, as families. Her grandfather came in 1918. One family that has great history recorded is the Mendes family. Henrique Mendes owned seventeen sailing vessels over this lifetime and his ships brought thousands of Portuguese islands to the United States including over half of the Cape Verdean Scituate Families. Ms. Dray credited the Scituate Visitors Center for providing this research. Thomas Lawson hired and helped support several Cape Verde families as well as Allen Wheeler who was supportive in hiring Cape Verdeans. Early settlers worked in farming, fishing. Past and present work for the town as teachers, police, firefighters, doctors, lawyers, mail carriers, and all professionals. She said they are active members of the community and served in world wars. She said they love this community and the response has been wonderful to the prospect of a new Sister City. They are here to recommend the creation of the committee and approve the committee charge.

They are recommending a sister city with Santa Catarina do Fogo as there are similarities to Scituate. Mr. Goodrich is in full support of this. The timing is perfect to coincide with annual Board and Committee appointments.

They used the charges from the French and Irish Sister City Committees. Ms. Curran thinks it will be exciting to learn more and thanked Ms. Dray. One thing that they wanted was to open up the membership to other communities. Mr. Vegnani offered them the best of luck. Ms. Canfield said this is a great opportunity for attracting people to our community.

Ms. Connolly said that she was lucky to meet Mrs. Monteiro a few years ago when she presented the Boston Post Cane for turning 100 years old. It's amazing that she was born in Scituate in 100 years ago.

Ms. Canfield noted maybe an intern could help.

The charge will have a minimum of 10 members.

Move to establish a new Cape Verdean Sister City and approve the charge as presented.

Motion by Ms. Curran Second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

PUBLIC HEARING Pole Petition Hollycrest Rd., Jose Vasquez, National Grid

Mr. Vasquez dialed in remote participation via telephone.

Jose Vasquez, National Grid, is petitioning to install new poles to provide service to a new house at 42 Hollycrest Rd. The Water Department would like to be notified prior to installation to make sure the watermain has been extended, pressure tested, and chlorinated for use. Mr. Vasquez said he will coordinate with DPW them prior to installation. He has pre-marked the poles in red/white. Mr. Vegnani asked if the pole will be in front of anyone's house. He responded no. Mr. Vegnani asked if the pole could be put underground but it's quite costly for the homeowner.

Public Hearing Notice mailed out to abutters on April 29, 2022. No abutters attended the meeting.

Move to approve National Grid Plan #30528662 to install (2) JO poles P7 and P8 approximately 290' +/- from existing P6, contingent upon approval from the Water Department prior to installation.

Motion by Ms. Curran Second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Waterways Commission Regulation Changes and Changes to Waterways Enterprise Fund Fee Schedule, Mike Gibbons, Chair and Stephen Mone, Harbormaster

Mr. Gibbons said they are there to make some clarifications to the rules and regulations. There are three changes to the regulations and one to the fee schedule.

1. Cap max size of moored vessels at 60'

Today it says up to 60' but it needed clarification. They are recommending that you can't have over 60' on a mooring. Ms. Connolly asked about tall ships if we ever were to host again. Mr. Gibbons said that when we last had them in 2016, we made special arrangements at the town pier. This is a different scenario.

2. Regulate commercial marine equipment in Scituate waters

If you owned a tug or barge, then they would have to go out to a clear area to hold their vessel while work is being done. In some cases, they found people are coming into areas without any consent. They would like to protect their waterways and have some type of process to protect our waterways so the Harbormaster can make sure they have an adequate spot. They will need to check in at least two weeks prior to coming to Scituate so we can find an adequate place. They must have liability insurance naming the Town as additional insured. They want to make sure people don't leave equipment for extended periods of time.

Mr. Vegnani asked if this affects state work or is it just private contractors. Mr. Mone said they are private contractors and the homeowners would have gone through DEP and Conservation to get the work done. Mr. Vegnani would like the definition of "idle" better defined. Mr. Gibbons will work on that to clarify the definition.

Mr. Goodrich asked about the two-week notice – is it ever emergency work? Mr. Gibbons said that typically the process is very long to permit the installation of a dock (6 months to a year).

3. Regulate house boats/10a float structures

A 10a float is a mooring and the float part is on the mooring – it's a holding spot for lobsters, or swim platforms, or a dock (these are down the river). Mr. Mone said they could break free. By Roht Marine, you'll

see there's a red house on a float – that's a 10a float for lobstering. He wants to make sure people don't start living on these structures. They want to put more regulations around these including having sewer connections, electricity, connection to public water supply, and compliance with town by laws.

Ms. Canfield noted that this is public waterways so permission is needed for any use. They had fishermen and lobstermen at the meetings and there hasn't been any resistance. Ms. Connolly asked if they can make sure to put the Waterways minutes out for people to see. Ms. Curran feels "houseboat" needs to be better defined. The intent was to prohibit building on top of a 10a float. Mr. Gibbons thinks this will protect people's views. They want to make sure there aren't structured huts on a 10a float

Mr. Gibbons said they will work on clarifying verbiage and better defining terms for "houseboat" and "idle".

The fee schedule is to change fee for idle vessel of \$250/day as well as adding in the insurance requirements. They need to better define this to incorporate a long period of time.

The Board did not vote and requested additional clarification at a future meeting.

North Scituate Train Canopy Contract, Kyle Boyd

Ms. Connolly said this is behind the area where the shops are in North Scituate. This project is underneath the roof and has been a long time coming.

Kyle Boyd said this has been put out to bid several times without interest. He thanked Susy Hoffmeister for putting together the RFP. He also thanked Nancy Holt for her work on the RFP. We received 3 bids and the lowest bidder was disqualified for missing information. Ms. Connolly asked if this will finish the canopy structure? Could we follow up with CPC funding to add a seating area?

Move that the Select Board award a contract in the amount of \$56,100.00 to Kneeland Construction Corp for the installation of cedar ceiling at the North Scituate Train Canopy.

Motion by Ms. Curran Second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Ms. Connolly opened up a North Scituate discussion and how to improve this area. The fence has been repaired at the old Jamie's. Ms. Connolly hopes that Planning can look at this area to see how we improve this area. When sewer comes, there will be years of construction. Can planning work with No. Scituate groups to help in the meantime? The Train canopy could be a good opportunity to bring people in if we add a bench area.

Ann Burbine, 10 Pennycress Rd. It is her understanding that the No. Scituate Village group discussed bringing in picnic tables. There are issues with parking but there's no enforcement (i.e. 2 hours). She also feels plowing is an issue with the sidewalks not being done well during the winter. Beautification has given merchants vouchers to get plantings. Could a list be put together for Kyle so that he can coordinate with Planning and DPW? Ms. Curran asked how can we help maintain the area and make it look nicer while we wait for sewer.

Mr. Boudreau said Cohasset has voted in favor of regional sewer but he doesn't have it in hand. Once we know it's coming, people will be coming into Planning.

Ms. Burbine said Susan Phippen's goal was for a visitor center in this area.

PRESENTATION Viewpoint Video Demo and Scituate Visitor Center Update, Sue DiPesa, EDC
Chair with Michele Seghezzi, Asst. to the Town Administrator

Sue DiPesa dialed in via remote telephoned participation and provided an update from EDC. She noted there are very exciting things happening to promote economic development. She said they are working with Kyle Boyd and Karen Canfield to identify the areas we can help the most. They hosted a business roundtable recently and have established great business connections with all the various groups. We've updated the Sea Scituate page and the EDC page on the town website. They are working to make sure all businesses are engaged. The Scituate Visitor Center was a major project which launched in 2021 and was supported by town through EDC, private advertising and sponsored. It is an established 501(3c)non- profit which will allow us to private fundraise and take advantage of grant opportunities. The mission is to promote Scituate as a travel destination and promote economic growth. The SVC should be the tourism arm of the town, working closely with the town and local government.

This year she worked with Town Administrator's Office to host a production film last September. WE are now ready to launch the video which will air as a commercial in the next few weeks. This video will ensure that the Visitor Center flourishes into a model for economic development. We think of Susan Phippen who wanted to see this come to light.

Ms. DiPesa said they would like to resurrect the billboard at 3A/Henry Turner Bailey. Ms. Connolly also would like to see Scituate on a sign on Rt. 3.

Michele Seghezzi provided additional specifics of the Viewpoint video "Discovering America, Great Places to Live, Work, and Visit". The production will provide us with the following:

- A 3-4-minute educational segment that will be distributed to Public Television affiliates nationwide;
- A demo piece that we can use to promote tourism on our website and drive traffic to the Scituate Visitor Center;
- A 60 second National commercial that is scheduled to air on Fox Business Network in late May;
- Regional commercial airings in the top 100 markets (typically 6:00 PM - 11:45 PM) in networks such as CNN, MSNBC, CNBC, Discovery Life, and CNN Headline News during the month of May, and finally;
- A targeted Email Campaign

For local promotion, we will have banners and window clings that will have a QR code that will go to the Scituate Visitor Center website. We will also craft a press release to announce the video.

Ms. Connolly noted that the State has a film bureau and we should reach out to them.

Mr. Boudreau mentioned that we also have all the raw footage from the day that we can use for future use.

The video was screened. The Board thanked all involved. Ms. Curran would like to make sure the business owners are notified. Ms. Curran thinks we should also bring in trails and other aspects of the town. Ms. Connolly agrees and we could have incorporated more historical.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. DISCUSS/VOTE One Day Wine & Malt Licenses

- a. Lavishly Dunn @ Scituate Maritime Center on June 4th 11-3 p.m. for graduation party.
- b. Simply Good Catering @ Scituate Maritime Center on June 11th 6 - 10 p.m. for birthday party.

Move that the Select Board approve/not approve One-Day Wine & Malt licenses to:

- **Lavishly Dunn for an event at the Scituate Maritime Center on June 4, 2022 from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM**
Motion by Mr. Vegnani Second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)
- **Simply Good Catering for an event at the Scituate Maritime Center on June 11, 2022 from 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM**

Motion by Mr. Vegnani Second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

2. DISCUSS/VOTE Renewal of Hawker Peddler License, Nona's Ice Cream

Move that the Select Board approve to renew the Hawker Peddler License to Nona's Homemade, Inc. for the 2022 season

Motion by Ms. Canfield Second by Mr. Vegnani Unanimous Vote (5-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Liaison Reports

Ms. Canfield commended the Chamber for the Candidates forum. It was well run and well attended. Charter Review has been resurrected and there will be one more meeting to discuss Town Counsel comments on June 15th. There will be a public forum to present the final document to the public. The Beach Commission will be coming in soon to organize monthly community clean ups throughout the summer.

Mr. Vegnani thanked Pat Jacquart for organizing the Sucy-en brie event.

Ms. Connolly noted there is no early voting for the election, just absentee ballots for those who are unavailable to come in on May 21st.

Ms. Connolly and Mr. Goodrich will be meeting with the chair of the Pier 44 committee to discuss plans going forward.

Mr. Goodrich said Commission on Disabilities has made great progress on the Peggotty beach parking lot to maintain full state compliance.

2. Correspondence

- a. Coast Guard Invitation, National Safe Boating Week
- b. Scituate Fire Department, John Reidy Arrangements
- c. National Grid Vegetation Treatment Periods & Companies
- d. South Shore Irish Heritage Trail Reception

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Move to accept the minutes for the Select Board meetings held April 26th, 2022

Motion by Mr. Vegnani Second by Ms. Canfield Unanimous Vote (5-0)

4. Adjournment and Signing of Documents

Move to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 PM

Motion by Mr. Vegnani, Second by Ms. Curran Unanimous Vote (5-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Seghezzi, Recorder

List of Documents for the May 10, 2022 Select Board Meeting

- Agenda
- Upcoming Meetings and Events
- Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Harbor United Methodist Church
- Special Event Applications
 - South Shore Irish Heritage Trail Launch
 - Women's March: Bans Off our Bodies
- Pole Petition Hollycrest Rd
- Cape Verde Sister City Charge
- Waterways Commission Regulation Changes and Changes to Waterways Enterprise Fund Fee Schedule
- North Scituate Train Canopy Contract
- Viewpoint Video Demo Background
- One Day Wine & Malt Licenses
 - Lavishly Dunn @ Scituate Maritime Center on June 4th 11-3 p.m. for graduation party.
 - Simply Good Catering @ Scituate Maritime Center on June 11th 6 - 10 p.m. for birthday party
- Renewal of Hawker Peddler License, Nona's Ice Cream
- Meeting Minutes April 26, 2022
- Correspondence
 - Coast Guard Invitation, National Safe Boating Week
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 - National Grid Vegetation Treatment Periods & Companies
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Select Board Meeting Minutes for May 10, 2022

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