

**MEETING OF THE SELECT BOARD
TUESDAY July 25, 2023 6:30 p.m.
SELECT BOARD HEARING ROOM – TOWN HALL**

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

Karen Canfield and Susan Harrison were not in attendance at this meeting.

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 July 25, 2023 second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (3-0)

Ms. Curran 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.

Last week two residents reported that there were hate messages directed toward jamele adams. Ms. Curran wants to publicly let jamele adams know this Board supports jamele in his role and what was written was not reflective of the majority of residents. He is not deterred. He turned it around as a positive to more lessons that need to be taught. Ms. Curran asks that we all strive for acceptance. She hopes the Police have a positive result.

WALK INS- Tom Secaur, 14 Beacon Road, Scituate and Chair of the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee said by now, most of us have been made aware of a very troubling incident that occurred on Museum Beach in Scituate on or around July 14th. The Scituate Public Schools (including the School Committee), Scituate Select Board, Scituate STRIDE, Scituate PRIDE, and South Shore Unity Council have all come together and issued statements expressing solidarity in their condemnation of the vile acts of intimidation and hate that were perpetrated upon Mr. jamele adams, Scituate Public School's Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion.

Mr. adams has lent his unwavering spirit, love, expertise, and energy to this town in the 2+ years that he has held his position. His mantra of Love, Inclusion, and Trust is infectious, and we are lucky to have him working with our kids and the wider community. The fact that he is now the unquestioned target for such a disgusting display on one of our public beaches is unacceptable and not something that we will soon forget.

This incident, and the several that have preceded it, reinforces that there is much more work to be done as it pertains to racism and bigotry on the South Shore. Scituate is not immune to this problem. We look forward to continued discussion on this hate incident with town leadership and the community at large.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR –

1. Water update. Reservoir is at +2". Tack factory Pond is at +3". This is the highest level in the reservoir at this time of year that the water department can remember. Average daily demand was at 1.425 MGD. At this time last year, the reservoir was -27.75" and tack Factory pond was at -13.5"

Rainfall over the last 7 days was 1.63" measured at the Plant.

The Town is currently under our annual water conservation measures. These started May 1. Between May 1-September 30 all outdoor watering must occur before 9 AM and after 5 PM. Automatic irrigation systems may be used one day per week based on voting precincts. This is a ban imposed by the state based on water usage in the aquifer region that Scituate belongs to. Go to the water department web page for information on when your precinct may use irrigation systems.

2. Lighthouse renovations: Demolition/Existing Conditions – The demolition/rebuild process has been delayed due to the poor condition of the masonry infill within the tower. The original design intent was to remove the existing cap structure, leave the existing brick "2 wythe" veneer installed in 2005 and rebuild the inner wall assembly down approximately 4'-6" with cast in place concrete. When the cap assembly was removed, it was obvious that the internal/core masonry conditions and the construction of the 2005 brick veneer were not suitable to support the intended re-build. Therefore, the contractor was directed to remove the top 4'-6" +/- of masonry tower in its entirety to just above the internal platform section of the lighthouse for further evaluation with the hopes that the condition of the internal/core masonry improved. This additional demolition was completed the week of June 25th and the contractor installed several helical type ties into masonry internal/core for testing purposes which were not favorable. The structural engineer and architect reviewed the results and existing conditions and recommend continuing removal down an additional 4'-0" +/- to the level of the existing window heads for future evaluation and it may be necessary to continue the removal down an additional 5'-3" +/- down to the point where the granite base transitions into the brick tower. Attached is a diagram which better illustrates the condition. The contractor is currently assembling the costs for the additional demolition aspect and the team recommends proceeding with the demolition/exploration while the architect develops the drawings for the reconstruction of the brick tower and for contractor pricing. 2.

Lantern Room – The lantern room structural frame fabrication is complete, and the contractor will be erecting the frame in his shop for test fitting and verification before the frame is deconstructed and sent out for galvanization.

Schedule – The schedule has been impacted by the discovery of the unforeseen conditions of the internal/core masonry. We are attempting to move forward as efficiently as possible with the additional demolition and investigations and as soon as the team has a better handle on the solution the overall schedule will be updated.

3. Starting July 1, Scituate residents who purchase a new, qualifying, energy efficient washing machine or dish washer or a qualifying SmartSense toilet will be eligible for a rebate from the Town of Scituate of up to \$250 for a washing machine or dish washer and \$150 for a toilet. Applications and links to eligible projects are available on the water department page of the Town web site.

4. The contractor for the Route 3A water main work has completed installing erosion control along corridor. Actual construction on the pipes has begun. This is the beginning of the project to install a new raw water line from the OOB reservoir to the site of the new treatment plant at Steans Meadows. When the plant is completed, water from the pond will be pumped to the plant for treatment before entering the distribution system. The contractor will also be replacing the service main on 3A that serves the homes and neighborhoods adjacent to that portion of 3A.
5. The Town is looking for volunteers to sit on various town boards and committees. The Select Board office is excepting applications for the following:
 - a. Board of Health
 - b. By Law Review Committee
 - c. Council on Aging
 - d. Public Building Commission
 - e. Recreation Commission
 - f. Bicycle Committee
 - g. Shellfish Advisory
 - h. Veterans Advisory
 - i. Widows Walk
 - j. Zoning Board of Appeals

Applications are due to the Select Board Office by July 31, 2023. They are available in the office or the Town web site. If you have questions contact the office at 781-545-8740 or email Lorraine Devin at ldevin@scituatema.gov

6. The Board of Health releases the weekly beach testing results every Friday. Based on last week's tests, all Scituate beaches are open.
7. We have a request from the Scituate Food Pantry for donations. The Scituate Food Pantry is deeply indebted and extremely grateful for the generosity of its donors. The Pantry's numbers have been increasing each and every week. The Pantry is asking, if you are able, to please consider picking up one or more of the following "Most Needed Items" when you do your own grocery shopping.

The following is a list of the "Pantry's Most Needed Items":

Olives	Canned Clams
Pickles	Canned Crabmeat
Relish	Salsa
Microwave Popcorn	Cold Healthy Cereal
Large bottled juice	Jell-O and Pudding Cups

Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry during Client Hours on Tuesday Mornings 10:00 -12:15 and Thursday afternoons from 3:00 - 5:15. Donations can also be left in the two white covered wooden containers outside the Pantry as well as at the Library, the Village Market and Shaw's.

8. Gates parking lots will have lines painted today and tomorrow. Areas that are being painted will be closed to traffic.

Ann Burbine, 10 Pennycress Road. Ms. Burbine said that Country Way work will begin tomorrow. Be aware of detours.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Patriot Grave Plaque @ Union Cemetery, Jack Manning, President General 2019-2021, National Society Sons of the American Revolution and Rod Sparie, Local Chapter

One of the programs is to mark cemeteries that have revolutionary patriots. Scituate has 18 patriots. There is no cost to the Town the SAR pays for the plaque. Approval is required from the Select Board and then the plaque can be ordered. It will take several months. Ms. Curran read the names of the 18 Patriots. There are 14 volumes of books available at the Scituate Historical Society that lists all the names of the patriots. There is an organization that meets at the WPA building if anyone is interested in attending. Anyone interested in more information may contact Mr. Manning at jack@manning.net.

Move to approve the placement of a Patriot Grave Plaque at Union Cemetery to honor the soldiers who fought in the American Revolution and are buried in Scituate, MA. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DISCUSS/VOTE National Grid Pole Petition #30737944 Maple Street, Arron Bourque, National Grid, Kevin Cafferty, DPW Director, and Sean McCarthy, Town Engineer

It is currently in a tree and they are moving the guy wire from the tree. DPW said the main water line is on Maple Street. DPW will need notification prior to National Grid digging for the pole. DPW will add hand digging to the request.

Move to approve National Grid Plan #30737944 to install (1) new pole on Maple Street using a hand digging method. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

~~Common Victualler License for R&C Harbor Inc., dba China Gourmet, Zhan Chen, Owner~~ Mr. Chen asked to postpone to a future meeting.

Amend Entertainment License to include Outdoor Area @ The Drift In, 250 Driftway Sunday – Saturday 12 -9 p.m., Mick Carlyle & Areline McClay, Owners

Mick Carlyle, 46 Edith Holmes Drive is here to discuss The Drift In, 250 Driftway, currently has an indoor license and would like to expand to the outside deck and the new dining/bar area behind the restaurant that is due to open soon. Current Entertainment License included in the backup along with the liquor license hours of operation. Outside entertainment is requested between the hours of 12 PM – 9 PM.

Eileen Farraher, 38 New Kent Street, President of Fairway Village, is concerned with amplified music 7 days a week starting at noon is not being a good neighbor. No other golf course in Scituate offers entertainment outside seven days a week all day. There is no objection to some music possibly limited to weekends. It is her understanding that TK's outside music has been adjusted for hours and sound. Ms. Farraher asked who would be in charge. Mr. Carlyle said there will be managers there on site all the time. Ms. Farraher does not agree that it will draw more golfers to Widows Walk. Mr. Boudreau said Ian Kelley, Golf Director, does not have a problem with the entertainment permit. Mr. Goodrich said Mr. Carlyle has been a very responsible business

owner in Scituate. There is concern it could be loud. The Board asked Mr. Carlyle if he could limit the music to Thursday to Sunday from 4-9 p.m. and Mr. Carlyle agreed.

Move to amend The Drift In's Annual Entertainment License to include Outdoor Entertainment of up to a 3 -piece group of acoustic singers/guitarists, with amplification, Thursday to Sunday between the hours of 4 PM – 9 PM. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

Outdoor Entertainment Permits

1. 43 Oceanside Drive on 8/19 6-9:30 p.m. Open House Live Band Hurricane, Fred Boyajian, Owner
Mr. Boyajian finished his home and wants to have an open house for his birthday. The abutters were notified. This is a private event.

Move to grant an outdoor entertainment permit for a live band on Saturday, August 19, 2023 from 6:00 pm-9:30 pm @ 43 Oceanside Drive. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

2. 125 Mann Lot Road on 9/23 1-6 p.m. Cornhole Tournament Fundraiser DJ, Kim Stewart, Scituate Community Christmas

Move to grant an outdoor entertainment permit for a DJ on Saturday, September 23, 2023 from 1:00 pm – 6:00pm @ 125 Mann Lot Road. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

Hatherly Country Club Sewer Tie In, Bill Ohrenberger, Attorney, Kevin Cafferty, DPW Director
Mr. Ohrenberger said there is a new desalinization building where there was an outhouse which was torn down. There is a Town Sewer connection but there are two abutting parcels and it would cost ½ a betterment fee. They are before the Board because the second parcel does not have frontage. There was a cesspool there before so this would improve the situation. This is a handicap bathroom. Ms. Connolly asked why not a septic system. Mr. Ohrenberger said it was an old cesspool next to this and it makes more sense to connect and more efficient use of the system to connect to the Town Sewer. Mr. Boudreau said there is not a lot of space to put in a septic system. Mr. Ohrenberger said it is a seasonal use as a handicap bathroom.

Move to approve the sewer tie in for Hatherly Country Club handicap restroom at the cost of ½ a betterment. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (3-0)

INTERVIEW Board & Committee Openings

- ~~Darin Floyd – Coastal Advisory Commission~~ Withdrew his application 7/25/23
- William Heggerick – Coastal Advisory Commission

Mr. Heggerick owns two properties in Town. One is on Lighthouse Road. They sold their Newburyport home and moved to Scituate. They wanted to be closer to the Grandchildren. The move was to be closer to family. He is a dentist for 50 years in Weston, MA. He taught at Tufts for 50 years. He built a lot of playgrounds in Weston and active in recreation activities. Being a resident of Cedar Point he is interested in serving on the Coastal Advisory Commission. He wants to get involved where he lives. Ms. Connolly asked how Mr. Heggerick would prioritize the coastal issues. He said he does not know that answer at this time. You can't walk on top of the seawall any longer. He would need to consult with an engineer to find answers to help the community. He has the time and the energy to look into this.

UPDATE Diversity Equity Inclusion Committee, Tom Secaur, Chair, Erica Souris, Social Worker, Robert Clark, Human Resources Director

One of their first charges was to speak with Town departments. A questionnaire was sent out and they received very thoughtful responses from the departments. Social Services rose to the top amongst all the takeaways and highlights. A brief presentation was prepared and presented to the Select Board. There was an overview of the current Social Worker position held by Erica Souris. Ms. Souris has held her position for 3+ years and is currently a one person who working 55-70 hours a week and has dozens of clients at one time. The Scituate Police Department relies heavily on her. The number of calls that come into 911 have approximately 80% of a mental health component. Serving the senior citizens is taking up a massive amount of time. We had suicide training for the elderly and it was very eye opening and well attended in the community. It sparked a conversation about the need. A lot of calls coming in show the elder population is at the most risk for suicide. The referrals the social worker is receiving are mostly the police station calls and the seniors. Ms. Souris said the senior center is amazing and she is proud to be in that building. She wishes home bound seniors had more access to activities at the senior center. Erica Souris reports to Drew Scheele. The Cohasset social work has been helping out a lot to the cases in Scituate due to a grant that was received. Mr. Clark said Scituate was ahead of the curve when we hired a social worker seven years ago. The other Towns it is relatively new over the past three years. The senior center position is currently vacant. That position is housed at the senior center. The recommendations are:

1. Upgrade the currently vacant Outreach Coordinator/Case manager to a license's clinician at the Scituate Senior Center devoted to the needs of the senior/aging population.
2. Hire a case worker/case manager reporting directly to the existing Social Worker and this position does not need to be licenses.
3. Research funding, licensing, etc. the hiring of a full time Social Worker in the Scituate Police Department focused on providing mental health and clinical services to residents in need working through public safety personnel.

Ms. Curran said she is glad they all came forward. She apologized for the work load. The Board is grateful to everyone for digging into this.

Equitable Communications

All Town departments can benefit from improved enterprise wide communications so that residents, employees and others fully understand available but underutilized resources. The committee applauds the use of funding to create a new communication position. Recommended focus areas for new Town Communications Specialist:

- Disseminate urgent alerts in multiple languages (there are 10 languages spoken in Scituate Public Schools)
- Translate critical notices/mailings, like public health mailings (e.g. English only mailed drinking water notice)
- Prioritize which statements should be released via Town email listserv versus Facebook
- Highlight translation services on the website (which now exists through Google translate but is buried at bottom of town website)
- Increase visibility for DEI initiatives on website, including:
 - DPW schedule of service, process, and prioritization criteria
 - Social Services, Board of Health, Council on Aging
 - Needs assessment form on the website that hardly anyone knows about

The Board thanked the group for all their hard work and appreciate all they have done.

Ann Burbine, Pennycress Road said these people are worth their weight in gold. People should be compensated for what they are worth.

Disclosure by Municipal Employee Douglas Aaberg, Conservation Commission

Douglas Aaberg is a current member of the Conservation Commission who used to work for Merrill Engineering. Because of his past employment he completed the §19 Disclosure form for municipal employees. Mr. Aaberg has no financial interest with Merrill Engineering.

Move that the Select Board, as required by Massachusetts G. L. c. 268 A, has reviewed the §19 Disclosure from municipal employee Douglas Aaberg, Conservation Commission. The Select Board has made a determination that the financial interest is not so substantial as to be deemed likely to affect the integrity of the services which the municipality may expect from the employee. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (3-0)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. One Day Wine & Malt License

- ~~Lavishly Dunn Catering @ Lucky Finn for a private event on August 5th from 7-10 p.m. Liquor service from Lavishly Dunn cancelled~~
- Lavishly Dunn Catering @ Scituate Maritime Center for private events on August 5th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on August 6th from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on August 13th from 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. and on August 19th from 7 – 10 p.m.

Move to approve a One-Day Wine & Malt License to Lavishly Dunn Catering for private events at the Scituate Maritime Center on August 5, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; on August 6, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; on August 13, 2023 from 11:00 AM to 2:30 PM and on August 19, 2023 from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

2. Close October 16, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant

A list of potential warrant articles was provided to the Select Board. The list has 22 potential articles. Mr. Goodrich wants to add an article to amend General Bylaws section 10620 Revolving funds.

Move that the Select Board close the Warrant for the Fall Special Town Meeting (STM) to be held on Monday, October 16, 2023. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

3. Board & Committee Appointments

a. Coastal Advisory Commission

Move to appoint the following individuals for a term of three years or until a successor is named to the Coastal Advisory Commission:

- William Heggerick
- Chief Mark Donovan

Motion by Mrs. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

Move to re-appoint the following individuals for a term of three years or until a successor is named to the Coastal Advisory Commission:

- Jill Lamoreaux
- Matthew McKinley
- Brendan Collins
- Kevin Cafferty

Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

- b. Conservation Commission

Move to re-appoint Brendan Collins to the Conservation Commission for a term of three years or until a successor is named. Motion by Mr. Goodrich second by Ms. Connolly Unanimous Vote (3-0)

OTHER BUSINESS:

1. Liaison Reports

Water Resources Commission met last week. Kevin Cafferty answered questions of the committee. Last year there were 320 Brown Water complaints and this year is approximately 60. Please call into the water department if you have brown water.

2. Correspondence

Joint School and Town letter to the community regarding hate crime.

South Shore Regional Vocational School final amended agreement.

The Residence at Driftway Place Local Initiative Program Approval – They plan to take applications in September once they receive their occupancy permits.

Cedar Point Association letter for seawalls.

West End resident sent correspondence to Ms. Curran asking to take a look at Summer Street sidewalks. Ms. Curran will refer to the internal Town group looking at sidewalks & prioritization.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Move to accept the minutes for the Select Board meetings held on July 11, 2023 and retreat meeting held July 13, 2023. Motion by Ms. Connolly second by Unanimous Vote (3-0)

4. Adjournment and Signing of Documents

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. by Ms. Connolly second by Mr. Goodrich Unanimous Vote (3-0)

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Devin, Recorder

List of Documents for the July 25, 2023 Select Board Meeting

Agenda

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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Close October 16, 2023 Special Town Meeting Warrant

Board & Committee Appointments

c. Coastal Advisory Commission

d. Conservation Commission

Correspondence

- 2023-24 Scituate Public Schools Calendar
- National Grid Natural Gas Pipeline Procedures sent to Police, Fire & DPW
- Sister City Ireland upcoming plans for visitors July, August, September

Approval of July 11, 2023 and July 13, 2023 Select Board Meeting Minutes

Select Board Meeting Minutes for July 25, 2023

SELECT BOARD

Maura C. Curran , Chair

Andrew W. Goodrich, Vice Chair

not in attendance

Susan J. Harrison, Clerk

not in attendance

Karen B. Canfield

Karen E. Connolly