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W. MICHAEL STEWART CHIEF OF POLICE

November 5, 2019

## TO: The Community Preservation Committee

FROM: Chief W. Michael Stewart

RE: P.J. Steverman Rink

I am glad to hear that the CPC is reviewing the P.J. Steverman Rink for rehab funding. The circumstances surrounding P.J Steverman's disappearance and death shook the Town of Scituate and the students at Scituate High School. The work the Steverman Family has given back to the town and students of Scituate High School, has been invaluable in ensuring no other Scituate students or their families suffer a similar fate.

The Steverman Family presentation to Scituate High School Senior classes is a heartbreaking but valuable lesson to students going off to college. I have instructed my children in the valuable lessons learned from the Steverman family tragedy, as my children have left the relative safety of Scituate to begin their studies and careers.

I have used this rink many times with my children as they grew up in Scituate. This project will be great for the Scituate community and provide a great recreational opportunity for families in the future. I support this project and hope you will too.

Sincerely,

W. Michael Stewart

Chief of Police

October 29, 2019 Scituate Community Preservation Committee 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066

RE: PJ Steverman Inline Rink

Dear Scituate Community Preservation Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter in support of the Friends of Scituate Recreation proposal for funds necessary to make improvements to the PJ Steverman Inline Rink. As a member of this community, who was born and raised here, I realize the importance of having recreational locations in town for our children to utilize. While the Town of Scituate has made great strides to improve its field and recreation locations throughout Scituate, improvements to the PJ Steverman Rink Inline Rink are not only necessary, but overdue.

As you may be aware, the Steverman family is a well-known family through town. They have donated countless hours and fundraising money to Scituate throughout the years. The rink was originally donated to the town some 20 years ago, by the Steverman family as well as the Friends of Scituate Recreation. I had the please of being at the opening at that time, as well as the opportunity to use the rink as a child on countless occasions. Now as a father of 3, one of which plays hockey, I hope my children will have that same opportunity.

The funding necessary to repair the rink, is right in line with the Community Preservation Act. The funds are sought to preserve and support a recreational opportunity for our children as well as adults. To deny the proposal, would cause a great recreational property to fall into a state, which would inhibit the use of the property for its recreational purpose. In addition, such a measure would fail to adequately support all the hard work of the Steverman family as well as the Friends of Scituate Recreation to raise funds for the construction of the rink.

Thank you for your time and attention in this matter and I hope you find the same need to fund this project.

Thomas J. Cavanagh 10 Windward Lane Scituate, MA



October 28th, 2019

Scituate Community Preservation Committee 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066

To the Members of the Scituate Community Preservation Committee,

Hockey has a long and storied tradition in the Town of Scituate. Boys and girls start playing this great game around the age of 6 in their driveways, basements and if they are lucky enough as they grow older, on an outdoor rink that is free to the public.

The PJ Steverman Inline Rink has been a staple in Scituate since it was donated by the Steverman family 20 years ago. The rink is in desperate need of repair and the Scituate Hockey Boosters are in full support of the proposal being submitted by the FRIENDS of SCITUATE RECREATION.

This rink is a vital part of the hockey tradition this towns holds dearly. Our high school hockey team regularly practices off ice training on this rink and holds tryouts every year the week after Thanksgiving on the rink.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Jason Swan Scituate Hockey Boosters President November 1, 2019

Scituate Community Preservation Committee 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Scituate Community Preservation Committee:

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal being submitted by the Friends of Scituate Recreation for improvements to the PJ Steverman Inline Rink located on the Gates Middle School and Scituate High School Campus.

The Steverman Family have been long time supporters of the town of Scituate by donating their time, money and unending generosity to the Scituate Recreation Department.

The inline rink over the last 20 years has given kids and adults hours of recreational activity and we would like to see this continue. As parents of 3 young children in town there have been countless times over the past 10 years that we have used the inline rink for a variety of activities. There is no other recreational spot in Scituate for kids and adults to enjoy inline skating/hockey. Our children also love being able to participate in the Donato Brothers inline hockey program that the Scituate Recreation Department offers every summer.

As citizens of Scituate with (3) children who use the PJ Steverman Inline Rink on a weekly basis we 100% support the request by the friends of Scituate Recreation to improve and maintain the PJ Steverman Inline Rink.

Thank you

Kevin & Marianne Wilson

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October 25, 2019

Scituate Community Preservation Committee 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Scituate Community Preservation Committee:

It is our pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal being submitted by the FRIENDS of SCITUATE RECREATION for improvements to the PJ Steverman Inline Rink located on the Gates Middle School and Scituate High School Campus.

Originally donated to the Town of Scituate by the Steverman Family and the Friends of Scituate Recreation it is in need of repair. The Steverman Family have been long time supporters of the town of Scituate by giving their time, money and general good will to assuring recreational programs/activities are maintained. The inline rink over the last 20 plus years has given the community countless hours of recreational activity and we would like to see this continue.

In conclusion, we the Scituate Recreation Committee through unanimous vote support the funding request by the Friends of Scituate Recreation to improve and maintain the PJ Steverman inline rink. Thank you for your time and service to the Scituate Community.

Sincerely,

Michael Connor Scituate Recreation Commission



## Scituate High School

October 30th, 2019

Scituate Community Preservation Committee 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Scituate Community Preservation Committee members,

I am writing to express my sincere belief that the PJ Steverman Inline Hockey Rink is an important piece of the overall experience that young hockey players in Scituate are gifted with. I drive by the rink everyday and regularly witness young people playing roller hockey and street hockey. Young players shoot pucks and practice year round here. The Scituate high school boys and girls teams get together on their own here in the off season. Coaches hold practices at the Steverman rink during tryouts and when no ice is available. Fundraiser roller hockey tournaments are held annually at this rink. High school and Middle school physical education classes are held for multiple sports at the rink during the school year and our Recreation Department uses the rink for youth clinics in the summertime. This rink positively impacts hundreds of local students and is in need of repair to remain safe and useable for all. We hope that you recognize how important this rink is to our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Brian Hurcombe Physical Education and Health Teacher Scituate High School Bhurcombe@scit.org Ryan Barry 45 Amy's Way Scituate, MA 02066

October 29, 2019

Scituate Community Preservation Committee 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066

Dear Scituate Community Preservation Committee:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of the proposal being submitted by the FRIENDS of SCITUATE RECREATION for improvements to the PJ Steverman Inline Rink located on the Gates Middle School and Scituate High School Campus.

As a Scituate resident, parents of two hockey players, and a hockey player myself I find this project to be a great use of funds. My boys and their friends often play street hockey at the PJ Steverman Inline Rink and it is in definite need of repairs. Furthermore, I recently drove past Marshfield High and they have a similar rink that appears to be in pristine condition.

In conclusion, my family supports the funding request by the Friends of Scituate Recreation to improve and maintain the PJ Steverman inline rink. Thank you for your time and service to the Scituate Community.

Sincerely,

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**Ryan Barry** 



November 3, 2019

Scituate Community Preservation Committee 600 Chief Justice Cushing Highway Scituate, MA 02066

To the Members of the Scituate Community Preservation Committee,

The South Shore Seahawks is the youth hockey organization for the towns of Scituate, Norwell, and Hull. We currently have over 500 kids in our program.

The PJ Steverman Inline Rink has been an integral part of Scituate since it was donated by the Steverman family 20 years ago. The rink is in desperate need of repair and the South Shore Seahawks are in full support of the proposal being submitted by the FRIENDS of SCITUATE RECREATION.

This rink is a vital part of the hockey tradition in Scituate and is used regularly by kids in our program.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Christopher Olivieri South Shore Seahawks Vice President