



**TOWN OF SCITUATE  
2020 ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES**

**JUNE 27, 2020**

**Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the meetings were postponed by a declaration of the Moderator from the original date of April 13, 2020 to May 11, 2020, and postponed again to June 8, 2020, and again by declaration of the Moderator to June 27, 2020. The original warrant was posted on March 17, 2020.**

**The Annual & Special Town Meeting was convened at the Scituate High School Field, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Way, on Saturday, June 27, 2020 with Moderator James Toomey presiding.**

**A quorum of “0” registered voters was declared present and the moderator called the meeting to order at 9:02 A.M.**

**Attendance was 290. The football field allowed voters space for social distancing.**

**The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag was led by the Moderator, James Toomey.**

**Reverend Pamela Barz from the First Parish Unitarian Universalist church delivered a prayer.**

**Peter Toppan was appointed Assistant Moderator by the Moderator.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Congratulations to Scituate Police Chief W. Michael Stewart on his retirement and welcome to the new Chief of Police, Mark Thompson.**

**New Superintendent of Schools, William E. Burkehead, was introduced.**

**Resolution - The Town recognizes William Limbacher, Planning Board for the Town of Scituate. Bill was elected on March 30, 1996. Sincere thanks for your many years of service to the Town of Scituate.**

**Tony Vegnani, former Chairman of the BOS offers a resolution.  
The Town recognizes Shawn Harris, Selectman for the Town of Scituate. Shawn was first elected on March 30, 1996.**

**Shawn was honored for his dedication and service to the Town of Scituate by the following dignitaries:**

**Congressman, Stephen Lynch  
Senator Patrick O'Connor  
State Representative Joan Meschino,  
Former State Representative, Jim Cantwell**

**Kathleen A. Gardner, Town Clerk, swore in the Deputy Moderator and prior to the meeting swore in the following tellers:**

**Susan Frankel  
Mary Jo McNally  
Carolyn Sones**

**Penny Scott-Pipes  
Alison Short  
Rich Harding  
Marla Minier**

**The Town Clerk swore in the following checkers:**

**Helen Butler  
Susan Galvin  
Elizabeth Watson**

**Ellen Kelly  
Irene Murray**

**VOTED to dispense with the reading of the Call of the Meeting and Return of Service having been examined by the Moderator and found to be in order and to also waive the reading of the separate warrant articles.**

**UNANIMOUS VOTE**

***VOTED pursuant to Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, 59 (Town of Scituate By-law 20150) that the Moderator be authorized for the duration of this Annual and Special Town Meeting to take all votes requiring a two-thirds majority in the same manner in which he conducts the taking of a vote when a majority vote is required.***

## **IN MEMORIUM**

**Barbara Sargent  
January 9, 2020  
Scituate Schools**

**Christine E. Johnson  
February 1, 2020**

**DPW**

**Marilyn Ojala  
February 5, 2020  
Scituate Schools  
Election Worker**

**Herbert Bearce  
February 5, 2020  
Scituate Schools**

**Joseph P. Norton  
March 17, 2020  
Selectman**

**Edward V. Duffey  
April 11, 2020  
Scituate Fire Department**

**Hipolito Andrade  
April 17, 2020  
Scituate Police Department**

**Sheila Desrosiers  
May 4, 2020  
Scituate Schools, Bus Driver**

**Walter Scott Roberts  
May 26, 2020  
Advisory Committee,  
Conservation Commission, and other committees**

**Brenda Russell  
June 5, 2020  
Scituate Schools**

**The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting.**

**Motion made to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting until after the Special Town Meeting. Motion seconded and voted in favor.**

**The Special Town Meeting was commenced at 9:35 A.M.**

**The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:47A.M.**

**The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 9:47 A.M.**

**STATE OF THE UNION-Anthony Vegnani, Former Chairman of the Board of Selectmen**

**REPORTS**

**Gerard Kelly, Chairman of the Advisory Committee**

**Motion made by Tony Vegnani, former BOS Chair, and the motion was seconded for the Consent Agenda for Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 22, 23, & 24. This motion passed by a declared unanimous vote.**

**Consent Agenda Articles were presented, seconded, and voted unanimously in favor, (Consent Agenda Arts. 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, 18, 22, 23, & 24).**

**Motion made by Tony Vegnani, former BOS Chairman for Postponement Agenda-Articles 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27 & 28) and motion was seconded for the Postponement Agenda.**

**A hold was placed on Article 28 and a motion was made and seconded to remove Article 28 from the postponement agenda to be discussed and voted individually. This motion passed by a unanimous vote.**

**Postponement Agenda Articles 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, & 27 were presented, seconded, and voted unanimously in favor.**

**Motions for Articles 3, 4, 12, and 28 were presented, seconded, and voted individually.**

**See certified copy of the warrant articles, motions and votes.**

**The Annual Town Meeting was dissolved at 11:16 A.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Kathleen A. Gardner  
Town Clerk**