



**TOWN OF SCITUATE  
2023 ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES**

**APRIL 10, 2023**

**The Annual & Special Town Meeting was convened at the Scituate High School Gym, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Way, on Monday, April 10, 2023 with Moderator James Toomey presiding.**

**A quorum of "0" registered voters was declared present and the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.**

**Attendance was 184.**

**Moderator, James Toomey began the Annual Town Meeting and led with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

**Motion made, seconded and voted in favor to dispense with the formal reading of the warrant. The Return of Service having been examined by the Moderator and found to be in order.**

**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.***

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

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

Ann Breen  
Richard Harding  
Ellen Kelly  
Irene Murray  
Carolyn Sones

Cathie McGowan  
Chris Mirarchi  
Kieli Storm Dooley  
Penny Scott-Pipes  
Alison Short

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

Jennifer Adams  
Brian Dempsey  
Richard Harding  
Kristin Ross  
Ann White

Ellen Kelly  
Cathie McGowan  
Joann Grew  
Kieli Storm Dooley  
Carolyn Sones

**Introductions;**

Jamie Gilmore, Chair of the Advisory Committee introduced its members, Elise Russo, Vice Chair, Conor Doherty, Lynda Ferguson, Jerry Kelly, Elizabeth "Missy" Seidel Leggat, Daniel McGuiggin, Patrice Metro, and Marc Dicosimo.

Tony Vegnani, Chair of the Select Board introduced Town Council, Kevin Freytag, Select Board members, Karen Canfield, Maura Curran, Karen Connolly, Vice Chair Andrew Goodrich, the Town Administrator, James Boudreau, and the Town Accountant, Nancy Holt.

Chris Carchia, Chair of Capital Planning Committee introduced members, Michael Gibson, Curt Guenther, Richard Taft. Former member, Jack Whittaker was recognized for his many years of service to the Capital Planning Committee.

Nicole Brandolini, Chair of the School Committee introduced Superintendent of Schools, William Burkhead, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Heidi Driscoll, Director of Business & Finance, Bob Dutch, and School Committee members, Vice Chair, Janice Lindblom, Dr. Carey Borkowski, and Peter Gates.

Pat Lambert, Chair of Planning Board introduced members Ben Bornstein (absent), Ann Burbine (absent), Stephen Pritchard (absent), Rebecca Lewis and Alternate member Bob Maclean.

Dan Fennelly, Chair of Community Preservation Committee introduced members Vice Chair, Skyler Chick, Suzanne Brennan, Penny Scott Pipes, Michael Connor, Karen Connolly, and Margaret Stillman.

**IN MEMORIAM**

George H. Sullivan  
October 3, 2022  
Scituate Schools-Custodian

Harold E. Blanchard, Jr  
January 3, 2023  
DPW-Water

Conley W. Ford  
January 22, 2023

Republican Town Committee, Board of Registrars,  
Election Warden

Richard H. Eckhouse  
January 27, 2023  
Sea Wall Committee, Waterways Commission

Joseph Noble  
January 28, 2023  
Asst. Harbormaster, Shellfish Constable

Montelle G. Newman  
January 28, 2023  
Cable TV Advisory Committee, Economic Development Committee,  
Widow's Walk Golf Committee

Geraldine A. Lind  
February 9, 2023  
Assessor's Office

Select Board member Maura Curran on behalf of the Select Board recognized Tony Vegnani for 21 years of service to the Town of Scituate. Tony served on the Advisory Committee from 2002-2008 and was then elected in 2008 to the Select Board (formerly called the Board of Selectmen) and has served in that role since. Tony was also honored and recognized by State Representative, Patrick Kearney on behalf of himself and Senator Patrick O'Connor. Both Jim Cantwell representing Senator Markey's office and Michael Murphy representing Congressman William Keating's office presented Tony with citations honoring his 21 years of public service.

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

**The Special Town Meeting commenced at 7:27 P.M.**

**The Consent Agenda for the Special Town Meeting was presented (copies were made available to all voters at the meeting in the Advisory book).**

**The Moderator asked members of the meeting to say "hold" if they wanted to discuss an article and remove it from the Special Town Meeting Consent Agenda. There were no holds. Article 4 was removed from the consent Agenda to be discussed and voted separately.**

**A motion was made and seconded for the Special Town Meeting Consent Agenda for Articles 1, 2, and 6.  
Voted - Declared Unanimous in Favor**

Remaining Articles 3, 4, 7, and 8 of Special Town Meeting were presented, discussed, all motions made, all seconded and voted.

\*See certified copies of the Special and Annual Town Meeting warrant articles, motions and votes.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 7:43 P.M.

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
SHIP SHAPE DAY-MAY 6, 2023**

The Annual Town Meeting reconvened at 7:44 P.M.

The Consent Agenda for the Annual Town Meeting was presented (copies were in the Advisory Book and made available to all voters at the meeting). The Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda included Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 15.

The Moderator asked members of the meeting to say "hold" if they wanted to discuss an article and remove it from the Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda.  
There were no holds.

Motion made and seconded on Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda for Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 15.


**Voted - Declared Unanimous in Favor**

Remaining Articles 3, 4, 12, 14, 16 and 17 for the Annual Town Meeting were presented, discussed, all motions made, all seconded and voted.

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The Annual Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kathleen A. Gardner  
Town Clerk

