



**TOWN OF SCITUATE
2020 FALL SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MINUTES**

November 16, 2020

The Special Town Meeting was convened at the Scituate High School Gymnasium, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Way, on Monday November 16, 2020 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 90.

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

Peter Toppan was appointed Assistant Moderator by the Moderator.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

Richard Harding
Ellen Kelly
Christopher Mirarchi

Lynda Plowman
Irene Murray

The Town Clerk swore in the following checkers:

Susan Galvin
Lynda Plowman

Ellen Kelly
Ann White

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

Michael Westort, Chair of the Advisory Committee introduced members who were present at this meeting. Missy Leggat, Dan McGuiggan, Lynda Ferguson, James Gilmore, and himself.

Board of Selectmen Chair, Karen Canfield introduced Finance Director, Nancy Holt, Town Administrator, James Boudreau, the members of the Board of Selectmen Karen Connolly, Maura Curran, Anthony Vegnani, Andrew Goodrich, and Town Counsel, Cindy Amara.

Ms. Canfield thanked town employees for their hard work this year and recognized the Town Clerk and staff for their work with the November 3rd State Election.

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

**Virginia Heffernan
June 16, 2020
Town Librarian
Director of Libraries
Council on Aging**

**Marsha Foley
8-10-2020
Scituate School Bus Driver**

**Alice Beal
September 19, 2020
Scituate Library Assistant**

**John L. Murphy
10-6-2020
Scituate Schools-Coach
Scituate Recreation Founding Member**

**Ethel Wheatley
10-9-2020
CPC, Housing Authority, Election**

Guest speaker, Congressman, Stephen Lynch addressed the Town Meeting with updates on the MBTA potential shutdown and the vaccine for COVID19.

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting.

The Consent Agenda was made available to all voters at the meeting.

THE CONSENT AGENDA WILL BE TAKEN UP AS THE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020.

CONSENT AGENDA MOTION

A motion was made, seconded and voted to remove Article 15 from the Consent Agenda.

BOS – Karen Canfield

MOTION: I move that the Town vote to take Articles #1 – Unpaid Bills, #2 – FY21 Budget Reconciliations, #4 – Transfers to Reserves, #5 – Retirement of Debt, #6 - Rescission of Borrowing Authorizations, #9 – Local Option Acceptance SPED Reserve Fund, #10 – Local Option Acceptance No Cost Dog Licenses to Persons Age 70 or Older, #12 – Cell Tower Leases, and #14 – Acceptance of Public Way – Studley Farm Road out of order and that they be “Passed by Consent” in accordance with the Motions shown on the Consent Agenda distributed this evening.

Advisory Committee-Mike Westort

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED; SINGLE EXCEPTION WILL REMOVE ARTICLE FROM CONSENT AGENDA

VOTE-Unanimously in Favor

The remaining articles (#s 3, 7, 8, 11, 13, 15 and 16) were presented, seconded, discussed and voted. Please see the certified Special Town Meeting on the Town Clerk’s webpage on the Town website.

The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Gardner
Town Clerk