



**TOWN OF SCITUATE  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES**

**October 16, 2023**

**The Special Town Meeting was convened at the Scituate High School Gym, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Way, on Monday, October 16, 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 299.**

**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  
Kristin Ross  
Penny Scott-Pipes  
Alison Short

Cathie McGowan  
Chris Mirarchi  
Brian Dempsey  
Lynda Plowman  
Peter Toppan

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

Brian Dempsey

Susan Leonard

Richard Harding

Lynda Plowman

Kieli Storm Dooley

Jo-Anne Grew

Cathie McGowan

Kristin Ross

Alison Short

Ann White

**Introductions;**

Maura Curran, Chair of the Select Board introduced Town Counsel, David Deluca and Joe Proctor, Select Board members, Karen Canfield, Karen Connolly, Susan Harrison, and Andrew Goodrich, the Town Administrator, James Boudreau, and the Town Accountant, Nancy Holt.

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

Nicole Brandolini, Chair of the School Committee introduced members that were present at the meeting, Janice Lindblom, Dr. Carey Borkowski, and Maria Fenwick, Superintendent of Schools, William Burkhead, Director of Business & Finance, Thomas Raab.

Chris Carchia, Chair of Capital Planning Committee introduced members, Tom O’Grady, Richard Taft and Michael Gibson.

Prior to the vote of Article 12, Dan Fennelly, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee introduced all members, Skyler Chick, Suzanne Brennan, Margaret Stillman, Jill Caffrey, Jack Whittaker, Karen Connelly, Penny Scott-Pipes and acknowledged Admin., Mary Sprague’s 9 years of service on the committee and introduced CPC’s new Admin., Andrea Gillis.

**IN MEMORIAM**

William R. Webber  
May 19 2023  
Scituate Schools  
English Teacher

Ann Carroll  
May 18, 2023  
Scituate Schools  
Teacher

Michael C. Hayes  
August 21, 2023  
School Committee

Streetscape Committee  
Maritime Museum Committee

Ronald B. Wheatley  
September 2, 2023  
Republican Town Committee  
Election Worker  
Veteran's Advisory Council Committee  
Cable TV Advisory Committee

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

**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.  
Item #8 was held for discussion.**


**A motion was made by Select Board Chair, Maura Curran and seconded for the Special Town Meeting Consent Agenda for Articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10 and 13.  
Voted - Declared Unanimous in Favor**

**Remaining Articles 5, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 16 of Special Town Meeting were presented, discussed, all motions made, all seconded and voted.**

**The Special Town Meeting was dissolved at 9:28 P.M.**

**\*The certified copy of the Town Meeting votes can be found in the Town Clerk's office or online at [www.scituatema.gov](http://www.scituatema.gov).**

**Respectfully submitted,**

  
**Kathleen A. Gardner**  
Town Clerk

