



TOWN OF SCITUATE  
2024 ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MINUTES

APRIL 8, 2024

The Annual & Special Town Meeting was convened at the Scituate High School Gym, 606 Chief Justice Cushing Way, on Monday, April 8, 2024 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 160.

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

Kieli Storm Dooley

Penny Scott-Pipes

Carolyn Sones

Cathie McGowan

Chris Mirarchi

Irene Murray

Lynda Plowman

Alison Short

The Town Clerk swore in the following checkers:

Jennifer Adams  
Brian Dempsey  
Richard Harding  
Kristin Ross  
Ann White

Kieli Storm Dooley  
Cathie McGowan  
Joann Grew  
Lynda Plowman  
Carolyn Sones

### **IN MEMORIAM**

Brendan F. Lynch  
December 4, 2023  
Treasurer/Collector

Antonia (Toni) Snee  
January 12, 2024  
Librarian

Peter Scott  
January 26, 2024  
Scituate Police

Nicholas Waterman  
February 7, 2024  
Election Worker

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

SHIP SHAPE DAY-MAY 4, 2024

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING-APRIL 29, 2024

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION-MAY 18, 2024

#### **Introductions;**

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

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

Chris Carchia, Chair of Capital Planning Committee introduced members, Paul Forrer, Michael Gibson, Thomas O'Grady, & Richard Taft.

Pat Lambert, Chair of Planning Board introduced members Ann Burbine, Stephen Pritchard, Rebecca Lewis and Patrick Neibauer.

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

Peter Gates, Vice Chair (Nicole Brandolini, Chair absent) the School Committee introduced Superintendent of Schools, William Burkhead, and School Committee members, Carey Borkoski, Maria Fenwick (absent), and Janice Lindblom.

Closed Caption available at this meeting provided by Stefanie Farrell.

The Moderator recognized Select Board member, Maura Curran for her 20 years of service to the Town of Scituate. Maura served on the School Committee, the Advisory Committee and the Select Board.

Congressman, William Keating presented Ms. Curran with a Congressional Record for her many years of service and leadership.

State Representative, Patrick Kearney and State Senator Patrick O'Connor also recognized her for many years of public service to the Town of Scituate.

Maura responded with thanks and gratitude.

The Moderator explained the rules of the meeting.

The Special Town Meeting commenced at 7:28 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.

A motion was made and seconded for the Special Town Meeting Consent Agenda for Articles 1, 2, and 3.

Voted – Declared Unanimous in Favor

Remaining Article 4 of the Special Town Meeting was presented, discussed, motion made, seconded and voted.

Article 4 Vote- Motion Failed

\*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.

The Annual Town Meeting convened at 7:43 P.M.

Report of the Town presented by Maura Curran, Chair of the Select Board.

Report of the Scituate School Budget presented by William Burkhead, School Superintendent.

Report of the Advisory Committee presented by Elise Russo, Chair of the Advisory Committee.

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 by Select Board Chair, Maura Curran and seconded on Annual Town Meeting Consent Agenda for Articles 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 13, and 15.

Elise Russo, Advisory Committee, Chair spoke on behalf of the committee in support of the Consent Agenda.

Voted – Declared Unanimous in Favor

Remaining Articles 3, 4, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of 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 9:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kathleen A. Gardner  
Town Clerk

