



TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT  
SELECT BOARD REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 24, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.  
SWAMPSCOTT HIGH SCHOOL, 200 ESSEX STREET, ROOM B129

**SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** NEAL DUFFY, MARY ELLEN FLETCHER, DAVID GRISHMAN, PETER SPELLIOS

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** KATIE PHELAN

**OTHER TOWN OFFICIALS PRESENT:** SEAN FITZGERALD, TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

**OTHER:** WILLIAM DiMENTO, CHRIS MANCINI, SAVE THE HARBOR SAVE THE BAY

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT:** MR. DUFFY REMINDED PARTICIPANTS OF THE GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT.

1. MR. WILLIAM DiMENTO, 1008 PARADISE ROAD, TOWN MEETING MEMBER, PRECINCT 6: 1) ASKED FOR A PUBLIC APOLOGY FOR VIOLATION OF PUBLIC TRUST REGARDING THE PAYING OUT OF ARPA FUNDS TO FORMER EMPLOYEES; 2) SUGGESTED THAT THE BOARD ALLOW PUBLIC INPUT ON IMPORTANT ISSUES SUCH AS HOW TO SPEND ARPA FUNDS.

**B. NEW & OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **CITIZEN CITATIONS:** THE SELECT BOARD PRESENTED CITATIONS TO THREE GIRL SCOUTS UPON ACHIEVING THE GIRL SCOUT BRONZE AWARD FOR THEIR OCEAN POLLUTION PROJECT CLEANING UP FISHERMAN'S BEACH AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC. RECEIVING AWARDS WERE AMELIA CREHAN, AUDREY HALE AND SARA PASKIEVICH.

THE DECORATED ALUMINUM BUCKETS, WHICH HANG BY THE ENTRANCE TO FISHERMAN'S BEACH SO PEOPLE CAN PICK UP TRASH & THROW IT AWAY. THE HOLES IN THE BOTTOM LET SAND THROUGH SO ONLY THE TRASH GETS THROWN AWAY. THEY CHOSE TO DO THIS PROJECT BECAUSE THEY NOTICED A LOT OF TRASH ON THE BEACH & WANTED TO HAVE CLEAN BEACHES. TO GET THE BRONZE AWARD GIRL SCOUTS HAVE TO WORK 20 HOURS ON A PROJECT & THE PROJECT HAS TO BE SUSTAINABLE. BOARD THANKED THE YOUNG LADIES FOR THEIR WORK CLEANING UP THE WATERFRONT.

2. **COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:**

- i. **COMMISSION ON DISABILITY:** MS. FLETCHER ASKED THAT THE APPOINTMENTS FOR THE COMMISSION ON DISABILITY BE TABLED UNTIL THE BOARD CAN DISCUSS THE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS. AT LEAST ½ OF THE MEMBERSHIP HAS TO HAVE A DISABILITY, ONE MEMBER HAS TO HAVE A RELATIVE WITH A DISABILITY AND ONE MEMBER HAS TO BE A TOWN OFFICIAL. CURRENTLY THERE ARE ONLY TWO ACTIVE MEMBERS SO THE COMMISSION HASN'T MET.

- ii. **CONSERVATION COMMISSION:** CHAIR TONIA BANDROWICZ ASKED THAT MOLLY O'CONNELL BE APPOINTED AS AN ASSOCIATE NON-VOTING MEMBER. THIS DOES NOT ADD TO THE MEMBERSHIP.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DAVID GRISHMAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT MOLLY O'CONNELL FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM AS AN ASSOCIATE NON-VOTING MEMBER ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025, AND TO APPOINT SCOTT SAUNDERS AS A FULL MEMBER FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

- iii. **HADLEY RE-USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE:** UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DAVID GRISHMAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT STEVE PERDUE, LAURIE LEBBON AND ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ FOR ONE-YEAR TERMS, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2023, AS MEMBERS ON THE HADLEY SCHOOL RE-USE ADVISORY COMMITTEE: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

- iv. **HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION:** THERE ARE TWO REAPPOINTMENTS AND ONE NEW APPOINTMENT. TA FITZGERALD MET WITH STACEY REILING AND STATED THAT SHE HAS SHOWN TREMENDOUS INTEREST IN SERVING ON THIS BOARD.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY DAVID GRISHMAN, SECONDED BY MARY ELLEN FLETCHER, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT RICHARD SMITH, JER JURMA AND STACEY REILING FOR THREE-YEAR TERMS, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025, AS MEMBERS ON THE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMITTEE: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

- v. OPEN SPACE AND RECREATION: NEW MEMBER STEVEN BANKS HAS LIVED HER 18 YEARS AND WANTS TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION IN HELPING THE TOWN. TA FITZGERALD MET WITH MR. BANKS AND IS IMPRESSED WITH HIS PASSION & COMMITMENT TO SERVICE. MR. SPELLIOS ADDED THAT MR. BANKS IS A “DOER”.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DAVID GRISHMAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT STEVEN BANKS FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025, AS A MEMBER ON THE OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

- vi. RECREATION COMMITTEE: TA FITZGERALD MET WITH JACOB SIMON WHO IS AN ATTORNEY. MR. SIMON HAS BEEN ACTIVE IN A NUMBER OF THE TOWN’S RECREATION PROGRAMS AND WILL ADD TALENT TO THIS COMMITTEE. MR. GRISHMAN ADDED THAT MR. SIMON HAS BEEN WORKING WITH HIM AND DIRECTOR DANIELLE STRAUSS ON TOWN EVENTS.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY DAVID GRISHMAN, SECONDED BY MARY ELLEN FLETCHER, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT JACOB SIMON FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025, AS A MEMBER ON THE RECREATION COMMITTEE: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

- vii. RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE: MR. DUFFY STATED THAT MS. SCHMITT HAS BEEN WORKING WITH THIS COMMITTEE FOR AT LEAST A YEAR, DID THE TOWN’S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY ON HER OWN TIME. SHE IS THE DRIVING FORCE IN HELPING TO PUSH CLIMATE ACTION, IS AN AMAZING LEADER IN BOTH CLIMATE & ENERGY. MS. SCHMITT STATED THAT SHE IS A “DOER” AND WANTS TO CONTRIBUTE AND HELP MOVE THE TOWN FORWARD.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY DAVID GRISHMAN, SECONDED BY MARY ELLEN FLETCHER, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT MARTHA SCHMITT FOR A THREE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2025, AS A MEMBER ON THE RENEWABLE ENERGY COMMITTEE: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

- viii. TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: TA FITZGERALD MET WITH MS. SHAH AND BELIEVES HER BACKGROUND IN DATA ANALYTICS WILL BE USEFUL IN HELPING THE TOWN ASSESS TRAFFIC NEEDS AND DEMANDS.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DAVID GRISHMAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT NIYATI THAKKAR SHAH FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2023, AS A MEMBER ON THE TRAFFIC STUDY ADVISORY COMMITTEE: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

- ix. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DAVID GRISHMAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPOINT BRADLEY L. CROFT FOR A FIVE-YEAR TERM, EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2027, AS A MEMBER ON THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.

3. **KING’S BEACH UPDATES:** TA FITZGERALD DID A PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF POSSIBLE OUTFLOW MITIGATION OPTIONS AS DETERMINED AND RANKED BY THE CONSULTANT, KLEINFELDER. THE STEERING COMMITTEE IS COMPRISED OF TOWN OFFICIALS, CITY OF LYNN OFFICIALS, LYNN WATER & SEWER, AND STATE AND FEDERAL OFFICIALS. THE TWO MOST ATTRACTIVE OPTIONS ARE: DISINFECT WATER USING UV RAYS OR EXTENDING THE OUTFLOW PIPE 4,500’ INTO THE OCEAN. STAKEHOLDERS ARE VISITING NEWPORT RI TO LOOK AT AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR UV SYSTEM. OTHER OPTIONS: SLEEVE PIPES (COSTLY AND MAY NOT WORK 100%), DRY PUMP (LESS ATTRACTIVE DUE TO REGULATIONS, MAY NOT WORK 100%), CHEMICAL DISINFECTION (DEP STOPPED THIS). MR. SPELLIOS STATED THAT HE DOESN’T WANT THE TOWN TO BE AFRAID OF BIG-TICKET ITEMS, THAT THIS IS A HEALTH & SAFETY ISSUE AS WELL AS ENVIRONMENTAL. TA FITZGERALD WILL HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM KLEINFELDER AND DPW DIRECTOR GINO CRESTA COME TO A FUTURE BOARD MEETING TO DISCUSS OPTIONS. **MR. KRISTOPHER JAMES** STARTED ESSEX COUNTY CLEANUPS AND IS HAVING A CLEANUP AT KING’S BEACH ON SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 4-6PM. HE ASKED IF RAPID IRRIGATION BEDS HAVE BEEN LOOKED AT (NO), ASKED ABOUT THE STEERING COMMITTEE AND IF HE CAN BE ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE. TA FITZGERALD ASKED HIM TO REACH OUT TO HIM PRIVATELY. **MR. CHRIS MANCINI** FROM SAVE THE HARBOR SAVE THE BAY, THANKED TA FITZGERALD FOR HIS ADVOCACY. THERE IS A LOT OF FEDERAL MONEY BUT NO SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS IN MASSACHUSETTS. IF THE UV SYSTEM PROVES EFFECTIVE AFTER THE VISIT TO NEWPORT AND KLEINFELDER’S TESTS, HE WOULDN’T WORRY ABOUT PAYING FOR IT. MR. MANCINI DISCUSSED THE

NEED FOR LYNN TO BE DOING WORK AS WELL. STORMWATER PIPE REMEDIATION IS ONGOING AND WILL HAVE TO CONTINUE.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT THE TOWN NOW FOLLOWING DCR'S WATER TESTING AND PUTTING OUT HAZARD FLAGS WHEN DCR'S TEST SHOWS HIGH BACTERIA LEVELS. MR. SPELLIOS ALSO ASKED WHY THE OUTFLOW PIPE ISN'T SCREENED. TWO PEOPLE HAD TO BE RESCUED FROM INSIDE IT RECENTLY. TA FITZGERALD WILL ADDRESS THIS ISSUE.

4. **BOARD & COMMITTEE HANDBOOKS & CODE OF CONDUCT REVISIONS:** MR. SPELLIOS DISCUSSED THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION WHICH KP LAW FLAGGED. THE RULES & REGULATIONS PROVIDED IN THE HANDBOOK ALLOWS FOR GOOD PUBLIC COMMENT. SOMEONE COMES IN AND USES PUBLIC COMMENT TIME ON THE AGENDA TO CHASTISE THE BOARD, TALK ABOUT TOWN STAFF OR MAKE A POLITICAL STATEMENT IS NOT BEING PRODUCTIVE. THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE HAS A SIGN-UP SHEET. THE BOARD NEEDS TO FIND A PRODUCTIVE PATH TO ALLOW PRODUCTIVE DIALOGUES. MR. DUFFY AGREED AND LIKES THE IDEA OF A SIGN-UP SHEET. HE WOULD LIKE TO ADD GUIDELINES FOR SPEAKING DURING PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE AGENDA AND THE SELECT BOARD WEBSITE. MR. SPELLIOS ADDED THAT WHEN PEOPLE SHOW UP TO MEETINGS TO SPEAK, THEY'RE USUALLY LESS CAUSTIC AND WOULD LIKE TO ASK KP LAW IF THE BOARD IS REQUIRED TO LET PEOPLE SPEAK VIA ZOOM. MS. FLETCHER DOES NOT WANT TO CONTROL WHAT THE PUBLIC HAS TO SAY. SHE WOULD LIKE MORE PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, EVEN CRITICISM, BUT NOT PEOPLE BEING DISRESPECTFUL.

THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER OR NOT BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO SIGN THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PAGE. MS. FLETCHER DOESN'T SEE THE POINT, STATING THAT THEY'LL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE WHETHER THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY'VE RECEIVED AND READ THE HANDBOOK AND CODE OF CONDUCT, THAT THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW THE RULES. MR. SPELLIOS DISAGREES AND WANTS TO MAKE SURE THAT BOARD & COMMITTEE MEMBERS READ BOTH AND DON'T TOSS THEM IN A DESK DRAWER. TA FITZGERALD STATED THAT THIS ENSURES THAT MEMBERS UPHOLD THE VALUES AND STANDARDS OF THE TOWN. THESE POLICIES ARE BASED ON RESEARCHING OTHER COMMUNITIES. HE ENCOURAGES THE BOARD TO THINK ABOUT A STANDARD OF FITNESS OF SOMEONE WHO DOESN'T WANT TO SIGN THEIR HANDBOOK.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY PETER SPELLIOS, SECONDED BY DAVID GRISHMAN, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: APPROVE THE SELECT BOARD AND BOARD & COMMITTEE HANDBOOKS AND THE CODE OF CONDUCT RECOMMENDED CHANGES AS PRESENTED WITH ONE BULLET CHANGE ADDED TO SECTION 6E OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT: ALL IN FAVOR – 3 (MR. SPELLIOS, MR. DUFFY, MR. GRISHMAN). ANY OPPOSED – 1 (MS. FLETCHER). **MOTION PASSES.**

C. **VOTES OF THE BOARD:**

1. **CONSENT AGENDA – NONE**

D. **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

- JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC VIRTUAL MEETING NEXT MONDAY, 8/29 AT 6:30 PM TO DISCUSS THE TOWN'S DRAFT HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN.
- KING'S BEACH – I'M HEADING TO NEWPORT RI, TO LOOK AT THEIR NEW \$10MM UV DISINFECTION SYSTEM WHICH IS WORKING OUT VERY WELL. THE TOWN IS NOW FOLLOWING THE SAME TESTING PROTOCOLS AS DCR AND WE ARE LOOKING AT INTERACTIVE SIGNAGE TO GET WATER QUALITY INFORMATION OUT FASTER.
- RICHARD SIMMONS, THE TOWN'S NEW INTERIM ASSESSOR STARTED WORK THIS WEEK. I TOOK HIM FOR A TOUR OF THE TOWN AND DISCUSSED A NUMBER OF KEY PROPERTIES. HE IS ALREADY LOOKING AT OUR VALUATIONS.
- DEMOLITION OF THE STANLEY IS MOVING ALONG. I AM WORKING ON BLANEY SCHOOL PARKING. THE ATHANASES HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE PARKING FOR TEACHERS AT NO CHARGE AT THE HAWTHORNE AND ONLY ASKED THAT WE TAKE CARE OF A COUPLE OF POTHOLES. DPW WILL TAKE CARE OF THAT THIS WEEK. NEW SIGNAGE HAS BEEN INSTALLED. A THANK-YOU TO OFFICERS WILSON & LOCKE FOR THEIR HARD WORK. THE CHIEF & POLICE DEPT. HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY. ALL HANDS WILL BE ON DECK INCLUDING ADDITIONAL STAFF FULL FORCE TO ENSURE A SAFE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT PLAN.

- YESTERDAY, I MET WITH A GROUP OF VETERANS AT VETERAN'S CROSSING. THESE INCLUDED REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DAV, AMERICAN LEGION AND VFW, TO TALK ABOUT THEIR FACILITY. MAX KASPER & STEVE CUMMINGS WALKED THROUGH THE BUILDING AND IDENTIFIED SHORTCOMINGS. WE ALSO HAD A PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION ABOUT OPERATING BUDGET NEEDS AND HAVE AGREED TO HAVE MONTHLY MEETINGS THERE AND AT OUTSIDE LOCATIONS SUCH AS THE SENIOR CENTER & LIBRARY.
- THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW COYOTE REPORTS. HOPEFULLY PEOPLE ARE NO LONGER FEEDING THEM AND HAVE LEARNED THAT THERE NEEDS TO BE A BALANCE BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS AND WILDLIFE.
- A THANK YOU TO DANIELLE STRAUSS FOR GETTING THE TOWN'S NEW SUP PROGRAM RUNNING. WINDSOR PARK IS NOW OPEN. DON'T FORGET THE ANNUAL FISHERMEN'S BEACH FAMILY DAY IS SATURDAY.
  - MS. FLETCHER ASKED IF ANY RESIDENTS HAVE USED THE PADDLEBOARDS YET. THE REC DEPT. IS HOPING TO MAKE THEM AVAILABLE NEXT YEAR.
- DPW IS WORKING ON A NUMBER OF SIDEWALK PROJECTS AROUND TOWN INCLUDING WALKER ROAD IMPROVEMENTS.
- BLACK EARTH COMPOSTING WILL HAVE TWO FREE COMPOST BINS FOR TOWN RESIDENTS. YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO GAIN ACCESS.
  - MR. GRISHMAN ASKED IF THERE ARE ANY ANALYTICS AS TO WHAT'S BEING PULLED OUT OF OUR SOLID WASTE STREAM AND IF SWAC SPEAK TO THAT. ALSO, HOW CAN WE INCREASE PARTICIPATION? TA FITZGERALD WOULD LIKE TO SUBSIDIZE THE COST AND GIVE EVERY HOME A COMPOST BIN. THE TOWN OFFERS MORE LEAF PICKUP THAN OTHER TOWNS. MAYBE WE CAN CUT DOWN AND USE SAVINGS TO SUBSIDIZE COMPOST BINS.
- MY STAFF CONTINUES TO WORK WITH BOARDS & COMMITTEES FILLING VACANCIES.
- I MET W HEIDI WHEAR & ALYCE DEVARAU AND SIGNED A MOU WITH SEA GLASS VILLAGE. SEA GLASS VILLAGE CONSISTS OF VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CONNECT RESIDENTS BEYOND WHAT THE TOWN CAN DO. SEA GLASS VOLUNTEERS CAN GO INTO HOMES, HELP COOK MEALS, PUT FOOD AWAY, SHOVEL, DO LIGHT LANDSCAPING OR HOUSEKEEPING. THIS HELPS SENIORS STAY IN THEIR HOME.
- ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO PLANT & MAINTAIN TREES. A \$350 CONTRIBUTION IS ALL THAT'S NEEDED TO PLANT A TREE IN YOUR NAME. CONTACT THE TREE COMMITTEE FOR MORE INFORMATION.
- WE CONTINUE TO GET INFORMATION REGARDING MONKEY POX AND NEED TO THINK ABOUT CLUSTERS AS WE ARE SEEING MORE CASES. THE PUBLIC HEALTH TEAM IS MONITORING & TRACKING CASES.

**E. SELECT BOARD TIME:**

1. MR. DUFFY: NOTHING TO ADD
2. MS. FLETCHER: 1) THE ASSESSORS ARE GETTING READY FOR THE 5-YEAR RECERTIFICATION PROCESS; 2) THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS DEALING WITH WATER QUALITY. SHE IS HAPPY THE TOWN IS FOLLOWING LYNN; 3) RETIREMENT IS STATUS QUO; 4) SHE WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST THAT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE ON ZOOM AND THAT MEETINGS ARE RECORDED. RESIDENTS SHOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FOLLOW WHAT IS GOING ON WITHOUT HAVING TO ATTEND MEETINGS. SHE WILL SEND A LETTER TO THE CHAIR, SUZANNE WRIGHT, SUPERINTENDENT ANGELAKIS AND MR. SPELLIOS; 5) WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION ABOUT ADDING COMMITTEES: TECHNICAL ADVISORY, HR COMMITTEE THAT MEETS 2-3 TIMES/YEAR; VETERANS SERVICES; 6) THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER AND PTO PUT TOGETHER A DRY-RUN FOR GOING BACK TO SCHOOL TO GIVE EVERYONE AN IDEA OF WHAT TO ANTICIPATE. THE SRO IS GOING TO PUT REFLECTORS ON JERSEY BARRIERS AND IS GOING TO TRY TO REROUTE TRASH TRUCKS NEAR THE BLANEY SCHOOL, ADJUST SOME SIGNS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO TRAFFIC ON REDINGTON. SHE ASKS THAT PEOPLE HAVE PATIENCE AND A GOOD ATTITUDE. THE POLICE, DPW AND MAX (KASPER) WERE OUT THERE MONITORING TRAFFIC FLOW. TA FITZGERALD MET WITH OFFICER WILSON AND APPRECIATES EVERYONE'S HARD WORK. THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE CHANGES AS THEY SEE FIT.
3. MR. GRISHMAN: THANKED SPONSORS FOR THE UPCOMING FAMILY DAY AT FISHERMAN'S BEACH AND ENCOURAGED EVERYONE TO COME OUT & ENJOY THE DAY.

4. Ms. PHELAN: ABSENT.
5. Mr. SPELLIOS: 1) THANKED TA FITZGERALD FOR HIS WORK W ANTHONY ATHANAS. HE HAS DONE WHAT GENERATIONS BEFORE COULDN'T AND IS GRATEFUL FOR YOUR SUCCESS IN GETTING PARKING FOR TEACHERS. 2) THANKED THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, SUPERINTENDENT, SCHOOL DESIGN TEAM, AND MAX KASPER IN PARTICULAR FOR GETTING THE BLANEY READY. IT LOOKS BEAUTIFUL. YOU'VE ALL DONE A GREAT JOB MAKING NECESSARY UPDATES INCLUDING AESTHETICS AND LIFE SAFETY. EXCITEMENT IS BUILDING AROUND THE BLANEY NOW. 3) THE SITE FENCING IS AROUND THE STANLEY AND THE WINDOWS HAVE BEEN REMOVED. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL ABATEMENT IS CONTINUING. DEMOLITION WILL BEGIN SOON & END QUICKLY THEN SITE WORK WILL BEGIN.

UPON **MOTION**, DULY MADE BY DAVID GRISHMAN, SECONDED BY MARY ELLEN FLETCHER, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY **VOTED** TO: ADJOURN AT 8:43 P.M.: ALL IN FAVOR YES. ANY OPPOSED NO. MOTION PASSES.



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Albert Schweitzer*



## Official Citation of Appreciation

In Recognition of your Girl Scout Bronze Award for your hard work  
and dedication working on the Ocean Pollution Project

*Presented to:*

# Amelia Crehan

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great Seal of the  
Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts, this 24th day of August 2022.

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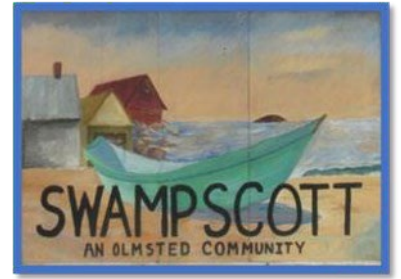






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August 24, 2022

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## **RE: AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup>'s REPORT TO THE SELECT BOARD**

Dear Select Board:

I am pleased to be able to offer the following report on programs and initiatives that are on-going in the Town of Swampscott, as well as some updates on a variety of things that have happened since my last report.

### **HOUSING PRODUCTION PLAN**

There will be a virtual meeting on Monday, 8/29, 6:30 PM to discuss the Town's draft Housing Production Plan and seek community input. The draft copy can be found on the Town's website using the Community & Economic Development link. The agenda and zoom link are posted on the Town's Meeting Calendar.

### **KING'S BEACH**

I held a Kings Beach task force meeting last week with officials from the City of Lynn and the LWSC. Sen. Crighton and representatives from the EPA, MA DEP and stakeholders from Save the Harbor/Save the Bay were in attendance.

We are zeroing in on a preferred solution to the impairment of the beach and the attached presentation was shared with the group to help discuss the pros and cons of all of the options. A presentation is attached that we shared with the stakeholder group. We are currently planning on visiting with the City of Newport RI over the next few weeks to learn about the UV disinfection facility.

Here is an article describing the technology: <https://patch.com/rhode-island/newport/uv-plant-will-end-beach-closures-by-purifying-storm-water>.

### **WATER QUALITY NOTIFICATION**

I also met with Public Health Director Jeff Vaughan last week. He confirmed that the Town is following the daily test that DCR conducts on Kings Beach water quality. We are also looking into some interactive signage like SOFA Signs

### **INTERIM TOWN ASSESSOR**

I am pleased to report that Swampscott resident Richard Simmons started work this week as the Town's Part-time Interim Assessor. I expect him to work for the Town through tax classification through December.

### **NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL UPDATES**

I am still actively discussing Blaney School parking options with the Athenas Family. I will keep the Select Board

posted with developments and am eager to get this wrapped up.

New signage has been installed by Public Services to accommodate for the new, temporary traffic pattern at Hadley/Blaney School.

DEP has approved the demolition plans and JR Vinagalo, our demo contractor, has started abatement of hazardous building materials. They will also be setting up a perimeter fence around the school property with demolition expected to begin soon and to be completed in early fall.

Initial information about trees has been submitted to the Swampscott Tree Warden and a public hearing will be held. Information will be posted on the Town's and School Building Committee's websites.

### **START OF SCHOOL**

I want to remind everyone that school starts on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. We should all be mindful of the increase in both pedestrian & vehicular traffic around the Hadley & Blaney Schools due to the closing of the Stanley. Swampscott Police will be on hand, in full force, directing traffic and pedestrians.

Public safety is our #1 concern. There will also be five crossing guards, an increase of 2 from previous years. Traffic patterns will continuously be reviewed to ensure safety for all.

### **VETERANS**

I continue to work with KP Law in creating an RFP to secure a long-term lease for the Veteran's Services organizations at Veteran's Crossing.

I will be meeting with representatives of the DAV, American Legion and VFW as well as with Mike Sweeney, Swampscott's Veteran's Agent, on August 23rd at Veteran's Crossing to continue an open dialogue with all stakeholders as to the best use of the building and to start gauging costs for upgrades and repairs. I have asked Stephen Cummings, Building Commissioner, and Max Kasper, Facilities Director, to take a good, hard look at the building and report back to me. They will also be in attendance on August 23rd. We have outlined a few ideas for the \$50,000 approved at Town Meeting and for some of the funds received from the cannabis business.

Veterans' Services hosts a drop-in café the last Monday of the month from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at Café Avellino, 242 Humphrey St. No RSVP required and coffee, tea and pastry are free.

### **WILDLIFE**

There have been no recent reports of coyotes. Signage reminding people not to feed wildlife seems to be effective.

### **RECREATION**

The summer camp programs have finished for the season, including SUP & sailing.

The Windsor Avenue Playground is complete. There was a grand opening ceremony on August 11<sup>th</sup>.

The annual Family Day at Fisherman's Beach is Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. This is a free, family friendly event, open to everyone and will feature a DJ, kid's games, family beach portraits, lots of prizes, community vendors, and food trucks. September will see Castleberry Fairs on Linscott Park on September 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> and Swamptoberfest on September 10<sup>th</sup>. Swamptoberfest will feature food, a beer garden and a concert. Proceeds benefit the many great programs the Recreation Dept. puts on.

Lastly, the Recreation Department is rounding up the last of the movie & concert nights. Tonight's concert is "The Navigators". Tomorrow night's movie night is "Ghostbusters: Afterlife".

### **DPW**

DPW continues to work hard, installing 200 feet of concrete sidewalk & four new trees on Humphrey Street and 250 feet of concrete sidewalk in front of the Blaney St. School. There were numerous signal improvements done around town. Walker Road improvements have been completed – new granite curbing, new sidewalks & a

nicely repaved street.

The Town offers monthly free metal & Styrofoam recycling on the last Saturday of the month through October. For a full schedule, please refer to the Town's website.

### **COMPOSTING**

The Town has contracted with Black Earth Compost to provide residents with two free locations to drop off food waste & organics for composting as part of the Town's Waste Reduction Program. Residents must pre-register in order to obtain the code to the locked bins to dispose of waste for composting. Black Earth also offers private curbside residential pick-ups. Please contact Black Earth Compost for additional information.

### **BOARDS & COMMISSIONS**

My office continues outreach to fill Board & Committee vacancies. This week I interviewed two prospective members of the Commission on Disability and one for Traffic Advisory and last week I interviewed a prospective member of the Recreation Commission.

### **SENIOR CENTER**

The Senior Center continues to amaze with quite an array of programming. Call them at 781-596-8866 to get their newsletter sent directly to your inbox. Our All-Ages Director, Heidi, is working with Sea Glass Village to help coordinate some additional care and services for seniors in need. Nahant's Town Administrator contacted me last week suggesting we have a joint Regional SB meeting to discuss Sea Glass Village and overall senior services in the region.

### **TREE COMMITTEE**

Did the recent heat wave help you appreciate every piece of shade you could find? Consider Swampscott's Memorial Tree Program to commemorate someone special or celebrate an important event. Tree planting beautifies our community, provides shade, and supports wildlife.

The Town will plant and maintain an ornamental or canopy tree for a \$350 contribution. Trees can be donated any time but are planted in spring and fall, with two commemorative trees planted in spring of 2022. Thank you to those who contributed. Let's continue this tradition of beautifying our town. The link to contribute is [swampscottma.gov/tree-committee](http://swampscottma.gov/tree-committee).

### **PUBLIC HEALTH**

Jeff and I also discussed the CDC's warning that monkeypox needs to be taken more seriously. The former FDA commissioner says the window to control it "probably has closed". Monkeypox is spreading in "cluster events" but vaccines can help stop it. Unfortunately, it is spreading faster than the data about it, hindering mitigation efforts.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Town Administrator

# KING'S BEACH BASIS OF DESIGN STUDY

## STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING 2



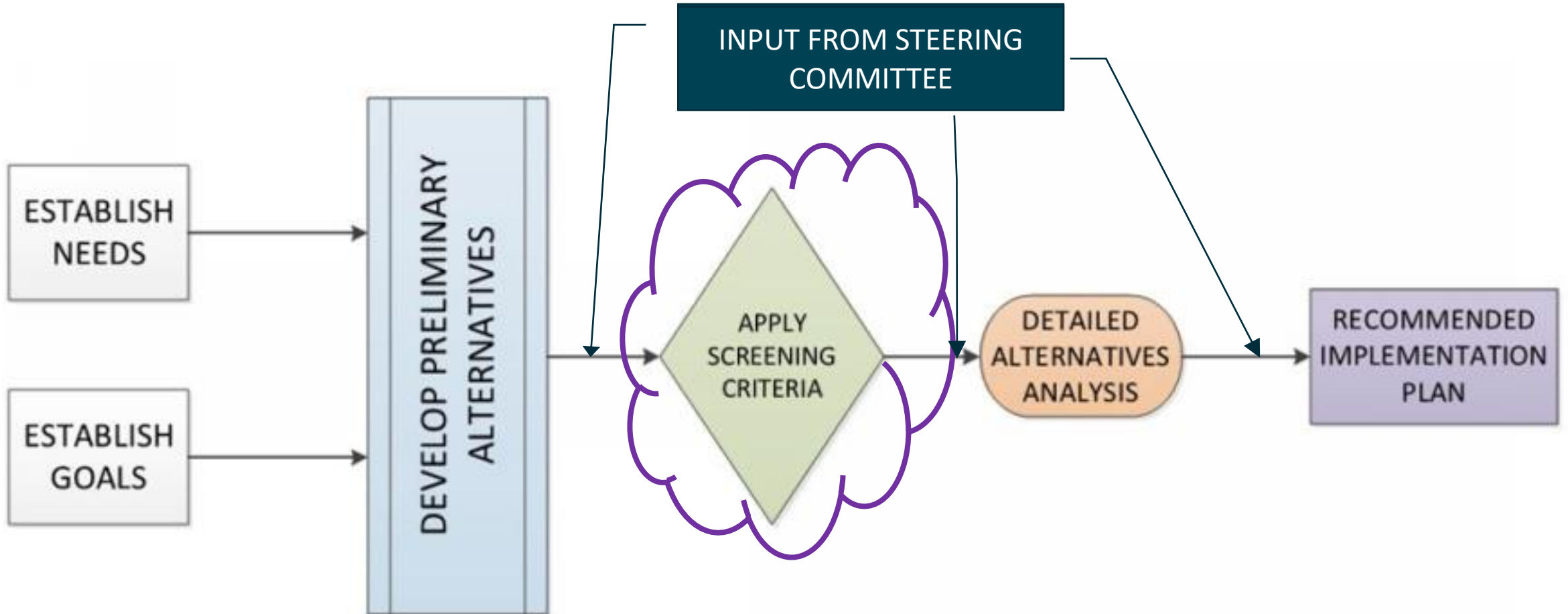
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# Engineering Update



- Alternatives Screening Status
  - Decision Criteria and Weightings
  - Results
  - Proposed Short-List Alternatives for Detailed Analysis
- Next Steps

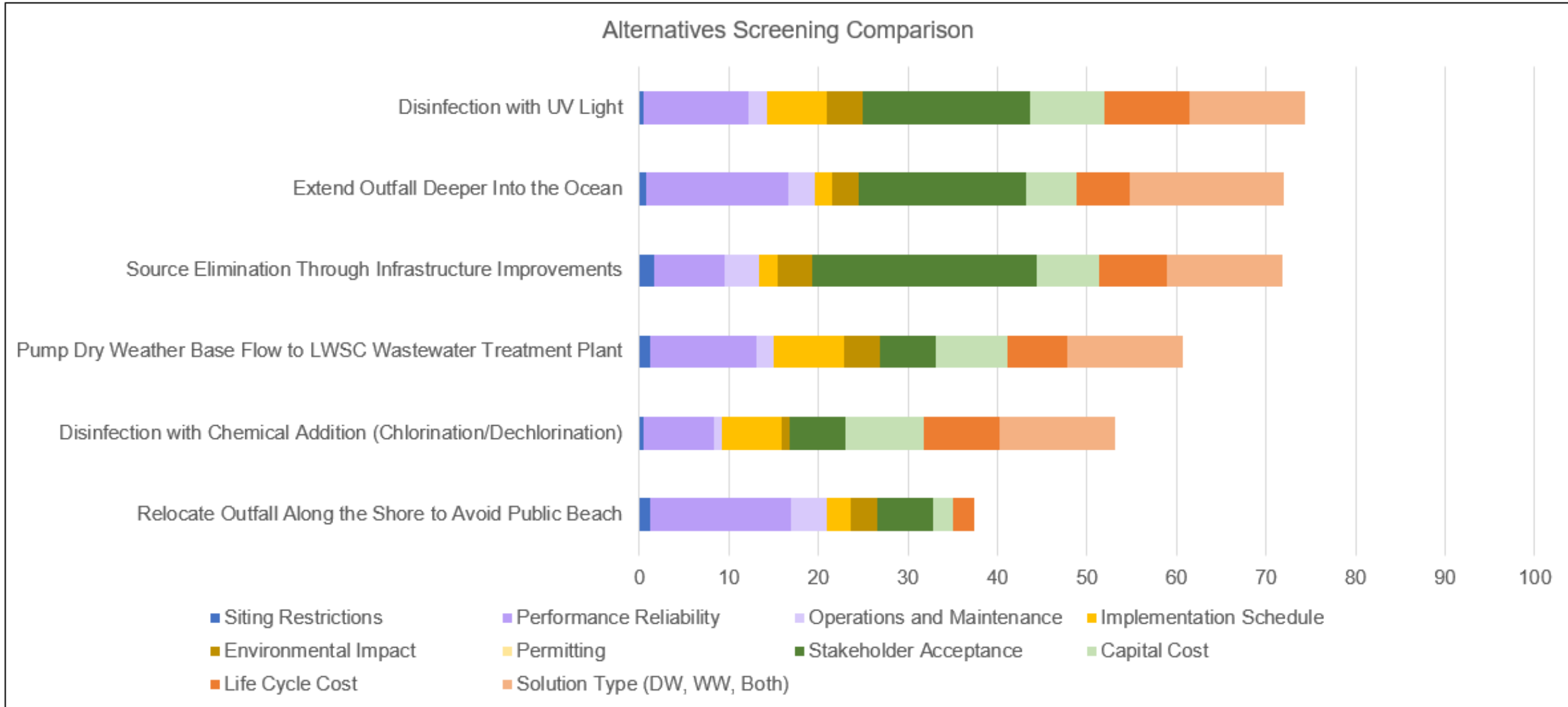
# Alternatives Analysis Process



# Decision Criteria & Weightings

Ranking Criteria	Description	Weighting
Public Acceptance	Perceived acceptance of solution (no outreach)	25.0%
Efficacy	% of days during the beach season that beach is open	23.7%
Performance Reliability	Reliability of solution to eliminate public health concern	15.8%
Life Cycle Cost	20-year net present value (capital, O&M, salvage)	9.5%
Capital Cost	Planning Estimate (Level 5)	8.7%
Implementation Schedule	Design, Permitting, Construction	7.9%
Operations and Maintenance	Summary of O&M	3.9%
Environmental Impact	Construction and operational impacts	3.9%
Siting Restrictions	Need for land/easement acquisition	1.6%
Permitting	Accounted for in 'Implementation Schedule'	0.0%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Alternatives Screening Comparison





# Alternatives Comparison of Key Metrics

Alt #	Description	Capital Cost	Net Present Value	Implementation Duration	% Beach Days Open	Peak Flow Capacity (MGD)
1 <sup>2</sup>	Source Elimination (Swampscott)	\$17,500,000	\$12,800,000	5 years	90%	n/a
	Source Elimination (Lynn)	<i>In 2022, Lynn initiated their IDDE program. The scope of rehabilitation and the associated costs are not known at this time.</i>				
<del>2<sup>3</sup></del>	<del>Pump DWF to LWSC</del>	<del>\$14,300,000</del>	<del>\$30,300,000</del>	<del>2.3 years</del>	90%	5
<del>3<sup>3</sup></del>	<del>Chemical Disinfection</del>	<del>\$7,400,000</del>	<del>\$18,800,000</del>	<del>3.3 years</del>	90%	5
4 <sup>1</sup>	UV Disinfection	\$11,400,000	\$13,000,000	3.1 years	90%	5
5 <sup>1</sup>	Extend Outfall	\$39,500,000	\$34,800,000	6.3 years	94%	10
<del>6<sup>3</sup></del>	<del>Relocate Outfall</del>	<del>\$77,000,000</del>	<del>\$56,000,000</del>	<del>5.8 years</del>	78%	<del>15</del>

<sup>1</sup>Highest Ranking Alternatives that Kleinfelder recommends evaluating further under next project task.

<sup>2</sup>The Communities are committed to this work, but it is no longer considered a standalone alternative.

<sup>3</sup>Alternatives that are struck through are not recommended for further evaluation.

# Alternative 1 – Source Elimination

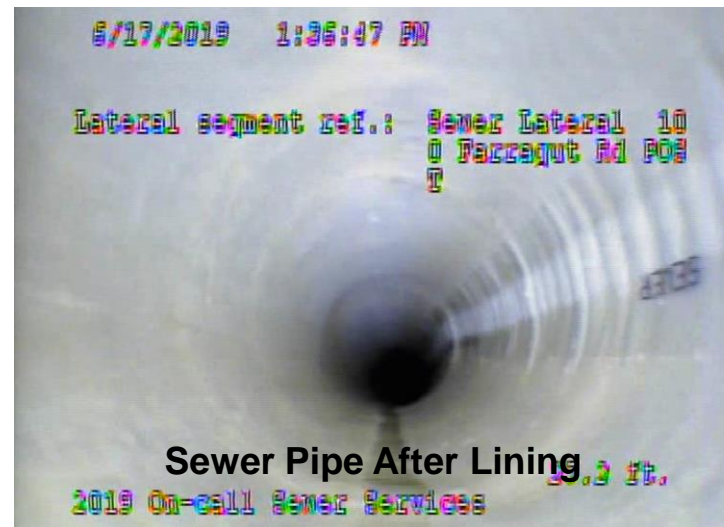
*Both communities are committed to source elimination, but do not support this as a standalone alternative.*

## Swampscott

- Ongoing sewer rehabilitation since 2017.
- 3 phases completed and none planned for immediate future.
- Approximate \$17.5M anticipated to completely rehab sewers that influence WQ at King's Beach

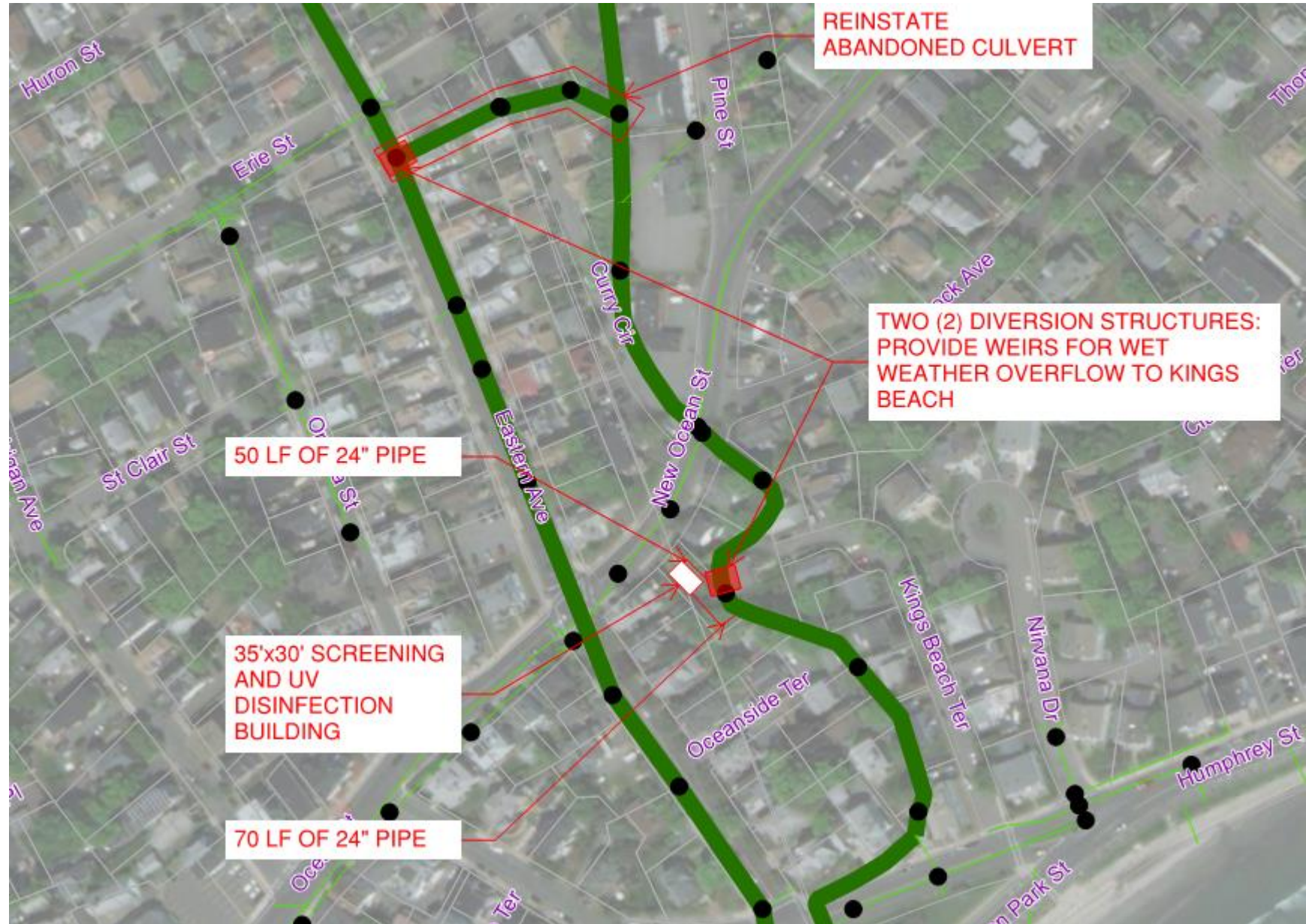
## Lynn

- Drainage investigations started in 2022 using IDDE approach to scope out extent of issue



## Alternative 4 Commentary (UV)

- Available parcels are small
- Require frequent access for screenings removal
- High Power Consumption
- Pilot program likely recommended



## Alternative 5 Commentary (Outfall Extension)

- 4,500-foot extension
- Gravity flow assumed for now, but requires careful vetting. High tide condition may necessitate pumping
- Extensive Environmental Permitting
- Article 97 Legislation required
- CZM coordination expected to be challenging





## Current Efforts and Next Steps

- Overall concurrence of short-list
- Complete detailed alternatives analysis
- Reconvene Steering Committee (Mid – September)