

# Annual Town Meeting Minutes


## May 3, 2021 – 1<sup>st</sup> Session

Call to Order: at 7:30pm pm VIA ZOOM Meeting ID 845 3349 2141, Password 652971

NO Tellers

Pledge of Alliance at 7:32pm

Roll Call at 7:35pm



Town Meeting Member name	Pct	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Pct	Present /Absent	Town Meeting Member name	Pct	Present /Absent
Arone, A.	1	P	Fowler, J.	8	P	Paolini, M.	7	P
Bartolo, J.	6	P	Goodwin, P.	5	P	Riley, C.	2	P
Berube, K.	9	P	Jones, C.	1	P	Ring, D.	10	P
Brown, W.	6	P	Kelly, D.	9	P	Rodenhiser, J.	1	P
Camuso Sr, R.	2	P	Lavoie, R.	7	P	Rossetti Jr, P.	2	P
Chipouras, J.	7	P	Leuci, W.	4	P	Scrivano, M.	6	P
Cicolini, J.	8	P	Long, R.	9	P	Smith, R.	3	A
Connors Jr, A.	3	A	Lopresti, A.	8	P	Spencer, B.	5	P
Costello, M.	10	A	Manoogian Sr, P.	10	P	Stewart, W.	3	A
Cottam, J.	9	A	McCarthy, S.	7	A	Thompson, R.	3	P
Cross III, W.	8	P	Migliore, M.	5	P	Traverse, T.	8	A
Currie, K.	6	A	Mitchell, J.	5	A	Vecchione IV, J.	2	P
Davis, G.	4	P	Moore, W.	2	A	Wallace, R.	5	P
Delios, P.	10	A	Nickolas, G.	3	P	Whitcomb, A.	4	P
Divrigilio, S.	10	A	Palleschi, R.	7	P	Whitcomb, M.	4	A
Doherty, S.	4	P	Paloma, A.	1	P	Worthley, J.	9	P
Dunn, S.	1	P	Panico, A.	6	A			
						Total Present=	36	
Town Meeting:			5/3/2021 ATM			Absent count=	14	
			Date: May 3, 2021 Annual Town Meeting					

Attendance Count at 7:37pm: 35 + Moderator are Present (14 Absent)

Acceptance of Minutes for February 16, 2021: Accepted at 7:37pm

Vote to continue the Town Meeting via ZOOM at 7:38pm.

1 oppose...all other in favor at 7:38pm

Reports of Committees or Commissions:

Kenneth DePatto, Chairman of the Finance Committee speaks at 7:39pm how the Finance Committee has been working on all articles and budgets. They are hoping to be voting on 7 financial articles this coming Wednesday.

Bill Cross, Precinct 8 speaks about the Fire Station Committee at 7:41pm about a visibility study on the fire stations.

Peter Manoogian, Precinct 10 speaks at 7:44pm about wanting to see a copy of the visibility study report. Ask the Town Moderator to get a copy of the report.

Town Moderator responds he will do that.

Town Moderator asks to take Article 20 out of order.

Anthony Arone makes motion out of order at 7:45pm

Seconded at 7:45pm

Unanimous vote Yes to take Article out of order.

As a courtesy to the Matt Serino, Mr. Bob Palleschi, Precinct 7, submits Article 20 to the floor for consideration as recommended:

Seconded at 7:46pm

**Article 20 as Written:** To see of the Town will vote to name the outdoor athletic sports complex located adjacent to the new Saugus Middle/High School on Pearce Memorial Drive:

**CHRISTIE SERINO JR.  
ATHLETIC SPORTS COMPLEX**

There will be no cost to the Town for a sign and plaque. (Matthew Serino)

John Hatch, School Committee member speaks at 7:47pm in favor of this Article. He talks about how Christie Serino was a Saugus Athlete and Coach. What he has done for the Youth and Recreation Program in Saugus. Naming the Sports Complex after him is an honor.

Anthony Cogliano, Chairman Board of Selectmen speaks at 7:49pm in favor of naming the Sports Complex after Christie Serino.

Joe Vecchione, Precinct 2 speaks at 7:50pm in favor of the article.

Matt Serino, 26 Hilltop Avenue, Saugus; son of Christie Serino speaks at 7:51pm: Good evening Town Meeting Members, for those of you who do not know me, my name is Matt Serino resident of 26 Hilltop Ave and I am one of Christie Serino's sons.

I wanted to start by thanking you all for having me here tonight and also, I wanted to thank you for your service and commitment to our town. Being an elected official is no easy task, but as a community member we are all grateful for the time and effort you put into making our town a better place.

I won't take up too much of your time but wanted to speak in front of you with the hopes of earning your vote to name the new Athletic Complex at the HS/MS after my father Christie Serino.

I have sent you all his resume which will show all of his athletic accomplishments but as many of you know my father was a heralded 3 sport athlete at Saugus High School, excelling in Football-Baseball-Hockey. This alone in my opinion could be reason enough to name the complex after him, but even more so, he was an educator (teaching English at the Belmonte and PE at High School) as well as a coach (coaching baseball-football-hockey) in the Saugus School System for 15+ years, which I think are his 2 greatest accomplishments and the biggest reason for naming this complex after him.

As an educator, as a coach, and as a person who loved Saugus, my father gave back everything he could to the town that gave him everything.

For over 40+ years he mentored many athletes and coaches, but he also helped numerous amounts of kids/families get into college, join the workforce or even our armed services. Whatever it was he was there to help no questions asked. He cared deeply for the town of Saugus and its residents as if they were his own blood.

Even after leaving Saugus for the Collegiate ranks, he was still a part of the fabric of our town. It did not matter if you were an athlete or in the performing arts, he was willing to lend a helping hand to anyone and everyone who needed it. **"Never forget where you came from"**

This is a saying he instilled in all of his players and students and one that still runs rich through our town today.

This complex is more than just a track, field hockey, football, soccer, and lacrosse field. It is a representation of the pride we have in our town, a symbol of our rich athletic tradition. It is only fitting to have this new beautiful complex be named after someone who represents just that, My Father.

Thank you again, I appreciate your time and consideration.

**Article 20 as Voted:** To see of the Town will vote to name the outdoor athletic sports complex located adjacent to the new Saugus Middle/High School on Pearce Memorial Drive:

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**Unanimous voice vote; Yes at 7:54pm**

Mike Serino, Board of Selectmen speaks 7:54pm; thanks everyone

As a courtesy to the Peter Rossetti, Jr., Mr. Bob Palleschi, Precinct 7, submits Article 23 to the floor for consideration as recommended:

Seconded at 7:56pm

**Article 23 as Written:** To have Town Meeting direct Town Counsel to investigate the creation of a fund that would allow developers to voluntarily contribute towards town projects. This would be like “linkage” in Boston. This is a off shoot of the YMCA project from a few years ago. It was suggested that the Y extend the sidewalk in front of their property to the Lynnfells Parkway along the south side of Main St. There was a tremendous amount of ledge that would have to be removed to complete the project. It was not realistic to think the Y could afford to do the project; however, they could contribute to the project. Other projects in the area could also make voluntary donations, until an amount was accumulated to complete this or other projects in the town. I believe this will require Town Meeting Action and possibly State Legislative Action. (Peter Rossetti Jr., Town Meeting Member Precinct 2)

Peter Rossetti, Jr , Precinct 2, speaks at 7:56pm about other areas in town that has been done already and the monetary contributions have been made for those projects. This could benefit the town but will require something from Town Counsel and maybe Legislative action.

Pam Goodwin, Precinct 5 asks at 7:58pm are the developers the only ones able to contribute to this fund? She has concerns if regular businesses can contribute with quid pro quo.

Peter Rossetti, Jr., Precinct 2 speaks at 7:58pm that he thinks that it could be up to Town Counsel’s decision and maybe put language in there for protection. Specific wording he doesn’t know.

Pam Goodwin, Precinct 5 asks if Town Counsel comes up with language would this be coming up to Town Meeting again?

Peter Rossetti, Jr., Precinct 2 says YES.

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**Unanimous voice vote; Yes at 8:00pm.**

Motion to adjourn to the call of the Town Moderator. Hoping to meet next Monday, May 10, 2021. If Finance Committee cannot meet to vote on those articles, he will let everyone know.

Motion to adjourn at 8:01pm

Seconded at 8:01pm

Unanimous voice vote to adjourn to the next meeting date

Respectfully Submitted,

Ellen Joyce Schena  
Saugus Town Clerk

