



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
Monday, March 11, 2024

CAROLE JULIUS, CHAIR
DAVID SHEEDY, VICE CHAIR
PETER SPAGONE JR., CLERK

TOWN HALL, 2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Carole Julius, David Sheedy, and Peter Spagone Jr.

Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator; Rebecca Johnson, Assist. to the Town Admin./Select Board

6:00 pm Ms. Julius called the meeting to order.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mr. David Phillips made a motion to formally open Board of Assessors meeting. Seconded by Mr. Steven Solari. 2-0

The Select Board and Board of Assessors support Sue Mulloy's appointment and looks forward to working with her again. Mr. Phillips thanked Mr. Curtis Gluck for his works and efforts on the Board of Assessors after 22 years.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to appoint Sue Mulloy as a member of the Board of Assessors for the period 3/5/2024 through the next Annual Town Election, 5/18/2024. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 5-0

Board of Assessors closed their meeting at 6:06 pm

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2024, Select Board's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the February 26, 2024, Select Board Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the request from Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen for the quarterly Ambulance Billing Abatements through February 2024 in the amount of \$27,177.52. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to accept the quitclaim deed and execute page 3 received from JSC for the road to the landlocked Town property. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that as part of the work and agreement, the town would provide an access road from North Bedford Street into landlocked parcel.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve signage request for Kiwanis to put signs on town property March 11, 2024 through April 7, 2024 to advertise the Annual Pancake Breakfast. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to appoint John Haines and Lynn Lundberg to serve on the Board of Directors for South Shore Recycling Cooperative with no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

The Board passed over land donation located on Washington Street, Map 37 Parcel 2 until next meeting, March 25th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

FY25 Budget Updates – Mr. Seelig stated that the Finance Committee have started FY25 budget reviews with various departments. He stated the school committee will be holding a public hearing on the 12th to present FY25 school budget. He stated there is a significant gap between what is available and what has been requested.

Central Elementary School – On February 28th, the MSBA approved the town to move into the feasibility study phase. He stated that the Central School Building Committee will collaborate with the MSBA to select an Owner's Project Manager and a Design Firm, to help with the most cost effective and educationally appropriate solution to the issues identified at the Central Elementary School.

Master Plan – Master Plan Survey Deadline, March 12th.

Future sale of Town Property located on Central Street – Mr. Seelig stated that the Assessor's and Treasurer / Collector's office are in the process of gathering documents, working with the Auction Firm and attorney to sell land sometime in August.

MBTA Zoning – Mr. Seelig stated that the Planning Board held discussions about various options to bring the Town into compliance with the state statutes. Municipal officials will meet with OCPD in early April to review town's progress and bring proposals to Special Town Meeting in the fall with public comment period before then.

ATM / STM Warrant – Mr. Seelig stated that Rebecca is currently working with Town Council preparing the first drafts, Town Meeting May 13th.

ADA Self Evaluation Progress – Mr. Seelig stated that the Collins Center received responses from most of the departments and continue to receive responses from the general public. Project to be completed by summer to ensure accessibility within town.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2024

Monday, January 22	Monday, February 12	Monday, February 26	Monday, March 11
Monday, March 25	Monday, April 8	Monday, April 22	Monday, May 6
Monday, May 13 Town Meeting	Monday, June 10	Monday, June 24	Monday, July 15
Monday, August 12	Monday, August 26	Monday, September 9	Monday, September 23
Monday, October 7	Monday, October 21	Monday, November 4	Monday, November 18
Monday, December 9			

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:19 pm Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to close open meeting and return to open session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Building Commissioner / Zoning Enforcement Officer, Director of Assessing, IT Director, Town Accountant, Treasurer/Collector, Town Administrator.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, Superior Officers, Patrol Officers, Library.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(9) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as the Chair has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position in a matter involving Town of East Bridgewater v. Ridder Farm.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Spagone Jr.: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0.

Returned to open meeting at 6:45 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:45 pm Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chap. 138, a Public Hearing will be held relative to Application for New License – General on Premises Annual All Alcoholic:

Mistletoe Events, LLC
Nicole Krugger, Manager
Premises: 254 Whitman Street

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater on Monday, March 11, 2024 at 6:45 p.m.

Mrs. Nicole Krugger and Mr. Matthew Krugger of Mistletoe Events, LLC were present. Mrs. Krugger is requesting a liquor license to better serve patrons and community. There was a brief discussion on hours and capacity. In the event the capacity is over, business will apply for event permit, have police detail, and bring in portable restrooms. Hours will be per state laws.

Ms. Julius closed the public hearing.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Application for New License – General on Premises Annual All Alcoholic for Mistletoe Events, LLC, Nicole Krugger, Manager, Premises, 254 Whitman Street contingent upon, if the occupancy use is changed in accordance with the current fire and building regulations in place at the time of issuance. No alcohol shall be served until such fire and building requirements are met and a final inspection is completed by the fire and building departments. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. announced school budget hearing will be on March 12th at the Gordon Mitchell Middle School. Mr. Spagone Jr. wanted an update on school payroll discrepancy and Town Administrator evaluation. Mr. Seelig stated, no update on payroll investigation, documents are being reviewed and ongoing. Mr. Seelig stated that his evaluation is currently in progress.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Clerk
Select Board

Respectfully submitted as approved on March 25, 2024 meeting by Peter Spagone Jr., Clerk

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