



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, October 7, 2019

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WILLIAM DOWLING, CHAIRMAN
CAROLE JULIUS, VICE CHAIRMAN
DAVID SHEEDY, CLERK

TOWN HALL, 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: William Dowling, Chairman; Carole Julius, Vice Chairman; and David Sheedy, Clerk

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brian Noble, Town Administrator; and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

3:45 pm Chairman Dowling called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Chuck Horan, Kiwanis Club was present to speak about the Field of Flags that will be placed on the Town Common November 2nd through November 16th to honor veterans. Mr. Horan mentioned the Field of Flags is one of the Kiwanis Clubs fundraising events, a joint fundraiser with the Fisher House. He stated there are more than 80 Fisher Houses around the country, they house families of Veterans receiving care at VA Hospitals.

Mr. Horan mentioned a ceremony will be taking place following the placement of the flags at 10:00 am on November 2nd honoring 1955 – 1975 active duty veteran. They will receive a combative pin. Fliers for the Field of Flags are located around Town and on the Kiwanis website.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dowling announced the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session under G.L. 30A, § 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiation with respect to collective bargaining negotiations and Comcast negotiations; if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body as the chair so declares and will return to open session.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session, Ms. Julius seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dowling: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, All were in favor, 3-0

Brief Recess 3:52 pm

The Board returned to Open Session 4:30 pm. Mr. Dowling, absent.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 4:00 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor, 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Fraud Risk Assessment Policy. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor, 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Taxi Operators License Application and Policy. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor, 2-0

Town Administrator, Brian Noble mentioned he had given the Selectmen a proposed Severe Weather Closing Policy, Complete Street Policy, and Financial Policy and Procedures for first reading.

PUBLIC HEARING

TAX HEARING - The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors held a public hearing on property tax classifications on Monday, October 7, 2019 at 4:40 p.m. in the first floor conference room at the Town Hall.

This hearing, which is required by law, determines whether the Town will have one classification or will differentiate among several classes when setting the tax rate.

The Director of Assessor, Paula Wolfe, together with members of the Board of Assessors, Steve Solari, and John Cullinan reviewed the presentation. Ms. Wolfe stated the recommendation of the Board of Assessors is to not split the tax rate and keep it at a single rate.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve not split the tax rate, and to keep it at a single rate for the fiscal year 2020. Ms. Julius seconded Vote 2-0

Ms. Wolfe stated that the excess levy capacity is \$6,448.23. Last years was \$5,961.85. Ms. Wolfe proposes that the tax rate will be \$17.29 this year from \$17.56 last year due to the values going up.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Noble mentioned he met with Tracey Costa, Ransom Consulting regarding work that needs to be done on the Brownsfield; Eastern States Steel & Precise Engineering sites to bring it to a reusable state.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Chief Scott Allen is pleased to share that the East Bridgewater Police Department is participating in the Pink Patch Project this month. The Pink Patch Project is a collaborative effort among public safety agencies nationwide to bring attention to the fight against breast cancer and to support cancer research organizations. October is Breast Cancer Awareness month, the East Bridgewater Police Department is selling a limited number of pink patches. Patches will cost \$10 each, with all proceeds benefiting the Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center – Breast Cancer Research. Last year the department raised approximately \$700 for breast cancer research. Additionally, many officers will be wearing the pink patch throughout October. The pink patches can be purchased anytime at the East Bridgewater Police Station located at 153 Central Street. The department will accept checks or money orders payable to Mass General Cancer Center – Breast Cancer Research. The patches can also be purchased online. Those who donate \$10 or more online will be mailed a patch by the East Bridgewater Police Department.

The Fire Department will be holding their Open House on Monday October 14, 2019, in recognition of Fire Prevention week.

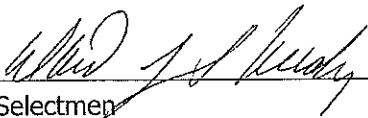
Town Hall will be closed Monday, October 14, 2019 due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

ADJOURN

Motion by Sheedy, second by Julius to adjourn. All were in favor, 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen