



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, February 10, 2020

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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

6:30 pm Chairman Dowling called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Susan Gillpatrick, Town Clerk was present to remind residents the last day to register to vote for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary is Wednesday, February 12, 2020. The Town Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 pm for in person registration and the Town's website is available for registration until midnight.

Ms. Gillpatrick stated Annual Town Election is Saturday, April 11, 2020. Town Office nominations papers are available now, last day to obtain nomination papers is February 19, 2020 and the last day to return them in is Friday, February 21, 2020.

Ms. Gillpatrick briefly announced what is on the ballot. Moderator, One / Three Year Position; Selectmen, One / Three year position; Assessor, One / Three year position; School Committee, Two / Three Year positions, East Bridgewater Housing Authority, One / Three year position; Trustees for the Public Library, Two / Three Year positions; Board of Health, One / Three year position; Planning Board, Three / Three Year positions.

She stated residents who have yet to return their census to please do so.

APPOINTMENTS

Paul O'Brien, Deputy Chief was present to give an update on Ms. Alexizz Xavier, Animal Control Officer. He reported that there were 118 ACO calls from December 15, 2019 through February 10, 2020. Mr. O'Brien briefly went over her investigations, quarantines and follow ups. He stated that she worked very closely with Joe Stevens, Whitman ACO.

The Deputy Chief reported there were approximately 250 unlicensed dogs when Ms. Xavier began working closely with the Town Clerk's office. Ms. Xavier has gotten down to 6 unlicensed dogs.

Mr. O'Brien briefly mentioned Ms. Xavier's upcoming training and education she is planning to attend. These trainings must be completed within one year of her appointment.

Mr. Sheedy asked about the number of incoming calls with prior ACO. Mr. O'Brien confirmed and advised most calls went directly to the ACO and has no backup on how many calls she was taking. Mrs. Julius commended EBPD for tracking the ACO calls now. He noted that Ms. Xavier works as ACO on Monday and Tuesday and Day Dispatcher on Wednesday through Friday. Mr. Dowling stated the ACO reporting to the police department instead of the Town Hall works well.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the January 27, 2020 4:00 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Julius seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve and not release minutes of the January 27, 2020 5:15 pm Executive Session Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mrs. Julius seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept changes to the solid waste program, including increase in fees effective March 1, 2020 from \$300 to \$400 a year. Mrs. Julius seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Julius commended Mr. Haines presentation on the solid waste program presented at the last Selectmen's meeting.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Lenore Christensen of EB Garden Club for the use of the Town Hall parking lot and Green for the purpose of EB Garden Clubs major fundraiser. Funds support a High School scholarship and Town beautification projects. Set up: Friday, May 22, 2020. Day of Event: Saturday, May 23, 2020 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. Rain Date if needed: Sunday, May 24, 2020. Mrs. Julius seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to appoint Jessica Packer to the Recreation Commission effective February 10, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Mrs. Julius seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Packer was present and gave a brief background and previous job experiences.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept 268a disclosure submitted by Deputy Chief Paul O'Brien, acknowledge receipt of proposal of mitigation. Mrs. Julius seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Noble stated a 268a is a Conflict of Interest notification to the Board. Mr. O'Brien filed the necessary paperwork to indicate that his son is an applicant for a vacant position of a permanent intermittent police officer. This will preclude Mr. O'Brien from participating in background check and interview process.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated he received notification from Governor's office on approved MVP Grant some \$15,000 effective immediately. Announced kickoff Complete Streets meeting coming Friday and he applied for a DLTA grant prepping for Green Communities. He briefly discussed the MVP Grant, (Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness) which allows the Town to study areas where the Town might be affected by climate change.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STAFF REPORTS

Senator Timilty is holding office hours at Town Hall in the Conservation Commission Conference Room 2/25/2020 10:00am – 11:00 am

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Dowling announced he was in contact with Senator Timilty getting updates from National Grid, Fire Chief, and Town Administrator on February 7, 2020 windstorm. He thanked the Police, Fire and DPW departments. Mr. Dowling reported that a push was made on recall provision for a second time and Senator Timilty confirmed the provision is in the second reading of the committee. Noted he completed his training in the Police Academy and will be working in another Town as an auxiliary cop. Mr. Dowling thanked everyone for their cooperation on changing meeting times to accommodate his schedule.

Chairman Dowling entertained the motion by Mr. Sheedy to enter into Executive Session under G.L. 30A, § 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel (DPW Director) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body as the chair so declared and to not return to open session.

The motion passed on a roll call vote: Mr. Sheedy: Yes, Mr. Dowling: Yes, Mrs. Julius: Yes, All were in favor, 3-0

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Sheedy, second by Mrs. Julius to adjourn town public session. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk