

# OPEN SESSION MINUTES

# **BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Monday, March 9, 2020



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 Members Absent: David Sheedy, Clerk 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

Katie Cavanagh, Town Clerk's Office and Nancy Hill, COA Director were present to speak about the upcoming Federal Census. Ms. Cavanagh stated, residents should have already received the local Town Census. The Federal Census gets distributed every ten years, she explained these are the statistics that shape our countries health, social and economic wellbeing. Responses can be made by mail, phone or online.

COA Director, Nancy Hill spoke about the impacts the census has regarding the Senior Citizen Community.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Department of Public Works Director, John Haines was present for his contract signing. Mr. Noble stated his contract reflects an increase in compensation due to his duties changing and have never addressed such as; Sewer, Facilities, MS4, Complete Streets, Green Communities, MVP. The contract also removes two weeks' vacation. The Selectmen commended his hard work and look forward to working with him for the next three years.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and Department of Public Works Director, John Haines effective July 1, 2020 through July 1, 2023 for a three-year period. Mr. Dowling seconded. All were in favor, 2-0

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Ms. Julius made a motion to application the for the transfer of Common Victualer license. Mr. Dowling seconded. All were in favor. 2-0:

From: Papa Stelios, Inc., dba Stelios Pizza House

Laziaros Vintzileos, Manager

To: 2 Chefs Kitchen LLC., dba Perfectly Flavah'D Cafe

David Casey, Manager

Premises: 224 Bedford Street

Hours: Monday - Saturday 6:00am - 11:00 pm Sunday 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

David Casey and Nicole Bartlett were present to give a brief back round on themselves as owners and about their business. Mr. Casey stated they are both graduates of Johnson and Whales and are executive chefs, he is going into his 24<sup>th</sup> year in the restaurant business. He stated the café would provide healthy, well balanced, fresh, never frozen meals. They prefer doing business with local farms and businesses. Mr. Casey requested to change the hours on his application. Open Monday - Saturday 6:00am – 11:00 pm Sunday 6:00 am – 8:00 pm.

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Kelly Milne as an Alternate member on the Conservation Commission from a permanent member effective March 9, 2020 through June 30, 2021. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Amanda Timperman-Freda as a Permanent member on the Conservation Commission from an Alternate member effective March 9, 2020 through June 30, 2021. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve request from Conservation Commission to file an Abbreviated Notice of Resource Area Delineation (ANRAD) to properly assess the extent of wetland plants and possible connectivity to bordering wetland area on town owned properties. All were in favor. 2-0

Clair Yocum, Conservation Commission Chairman was present to explain ANRAD.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the February 10, 2020 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the February 10, 2020 6:55 pm Board of Selectmen's executive session meeting. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the February 24, 2020 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. All were in favor, 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the February 24, 2020 7:45 pm Board of Selectmen's executive session meeting. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve to postpone increased trash fees from start date March 1, 2020 to start date July 1, 2020. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius stated this would give the residents more time to opt out of the program and would also keep the billing on a Fiscal Year schedule.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve for Allen Hiltz of the East Bridgewater FD & Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to utilize the Sachem Rock Farm for training CERT Volunteers as to responsibility when working with S&R Dogs. April 6, 2020 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve for Korin Zigler of the East Bridgewater Community Gardens to utilize the Sachem Rock Farm for Tomato Festival Saturday, August 15, 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm Rain Date Sunday, August 16, 2020 10:00am – 12:00pm. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to Accept articles for May 11, 2020 Town Meeting Warrant. All were in favor. 2-0

Town Administrator, Brian Noble read and reviewed all of the articles on the Special and Annual Town Warrant.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated the Town had recently responded to a complaint about Robins Street being shut down. He stated the Street has been opened and now the pond can be accessed. Mr. Noble stated that he has received cooperation from the party that was blocking the road.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS/STAFF REPORTS

Anne Kenneally Hynes Memorial Scholarship Committee requested meeting space at Town Hall for the 2020 Bench Dedication Ceremony honoring Jamil Siddiqui. The request date for the ceremony is Friday, June 12, 2020 from 2:30pm – 4:30pm.

Eversource provided notice of planned and scheduled vegetation maintenance work.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Selectmen's meeting Monday, March 23rd

Selectmen's meeting Monday, April 13th

#### **BOARD DISCUSSION**

Chairman Dowling announced the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session under MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation (Department of Public Works Teamsters Union, local 653) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body as the chair so declares and not return to open session.

Ms. Julius made a motion to move into Executive Session, Mr. Dowling seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dowling: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 2-0

#### **ADJOURN**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm

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