



OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Monday, September 9, 2019

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

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

4:00 pm Chairman Dowling called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPEN FORUM**

East Bridgewater Police Chief, Scott Allen and EB Hope Representative, Susan Silva were present to discuss East Bridgewater's efforts in being proactive in the opioid crisis. An initiative that began at the state level that they would like to see at the local level is getting Narcan into public locations. Chief Allen mentioned East Bridgewater has had 96 Narcan saves in the past year, he also mentioned there have been 16 fatalities in the past four years. He mentioned that EB Hope secured funding with the Department of Public Health and purchased Naloxboxes, an opioid rescue kit which are similar to AED Boxes stationed around communities.

Ms. Silva mentioned how they were able to secure the funding and how the funding benefits the Police Department, COA and Schools.

The Selectmen agreed it would be a good idea to have the Naloxboxes in Town Buildings and offered their support. Chief Allen mentioned that boxes have already have been placed in three business in Town, the Hi-Lo gas station, and two Vape shops.

M/Sheedy, s/Julius approve to install Naloxboxes in some of our town buildings, which could include Town Hall, Public Library, Community Center, Schools, Housing Authority and DPW facilities. Vote 3-0-0

**APPOINTMENTS**

Veteran Service Officer, Christopher Buckley was present to give an update. Mr. Buckley mentioned that since he's began working in East Bridgewater late July he has contacted 200 Veterans, sent out 50 letters to East Bridgewater Veterans and in return 21 veterans have reached out in response to the letter.

Mr. Buckley mentioned he has teamed up with the COA, Library and EBCTV to reach as many veterans as possible. He will be conducting monthly events with all 3 departments to assist the Veterans to understand the benefits that Veterans Services offers.

Mr. Buckley mentioned events and trainings that he has participated in over the past month.

There was a discussion in regards to a Vetra Spec, a secure, online, Veteran claims management software solution built for Veteran service officers. Mr. Buckley would like to purchase this for his department, it would save time, tracking ability, and transparency for the Veteran.

**ACTION ITEMS**

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve minutes of the August 26, 2019 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve Signage request form and policy. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve the request from Allen Hiltz, CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) for the use of the Town Common and Town Hall Parking Lot on October 5, 2019 from 10:00 am – 2:30 pm for a Training exercise, CERT would also like to request participation from East Bridgewater residents. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve the request from Robert DiFazio to install a flag pole with solar lighting installed at the Towns 911 memorial. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve the request from the Republican Town Committee to appoint David L. Walsh to fill a vacancy on the Registrars of Voters 9/9/2019 through 6/30/2021. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to appoint Joel Thomas as a Constable as effective September 9, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Vote 3-0-0

DPW Director, John Haines was present to give the Board and residents an update on a couple upcoming projects. The first project beginning 9/10/2019 led by Columbia Gas. They will be replacing the existing gas main that runs from Spring Street through East Street on Rt. 18. This is not a Town project.

Mr. Haines mentioned another Rt.18 project that should begin spring 2020, sidewalks will be installed, Spring Street to Joppa Market. This would create sidewalks on both sides of rt.18.

Mr. Haines stated he will keep residents aware through their website as best they can.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Noble Noble stated he had a very welcoming first day and is very pleased to be here. He mentioned that he met with many department heads and that will continue throughout the week.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Upcoming Town Events:

EBBA Business Expo on the Town Common Saturday, September 14 10:00 AM – 2:00 pm Rain Date Sunday, September 15

EBHope Candlelight Vigil on the Town Common Saturday, September 14 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm

EB Garden Harvest Festival at Sachem Rock Farm 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm Rain Date Sunday September 22

Historic Ghost Tours of EB Village 2.5 hour sighting tour starting at 7:00 pm

### BOARD DISCUSSIONS

### ADJOURN

Motion by Sheedy, second by Julius to adjourn. Vote 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm

 Clerk  
Board of Selectmen