



## OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, April 21, 2020

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.

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RECEIVED TOWN CLERK  
MAY 5 2020

*Members Present:* Carole Julius, David Sheedy and William Dowling

*Members Absent:*

*Others Present:* Brian Noble, Town Administrator; Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant; Bob Looney Town Moderator, and Sue Gillpatrick Town Clerk

4:30 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius stated, due to the increasing concern surrounding the COVID-19, Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting will remain closed to the public. There are no scheduled Public Hearings and there will be no public comment period. Live video and audio of the meeting will be aired on Comcast local channels 6, 9 or 98. A live feed and recording of the meeting will also be posted on the EBCAM website, [www.eb-cam.org](http://www.eb-cam.org).

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### APPOINTMENTS

Brian Noble Town Administrator and Bob Looney Town Moderator were present to discuss the upcoming Annual Town meeting that is currently scheduled for Monday May 11, 2020. Mr. Noble requested for the Board of Selectmen to postpone the Annual Town Election to a date to be determined. He stated the date he is aiming for is June 15, 2020 but is waiting to find out how much longer the stay at home advisory will be in place. Mr. Noble stated the posting requirement is 14 days plus 2 days (the date of the meeting plus the date of the posting).

Mr. Looney agreed and stated that since the warrant has not been published the Board of Selectmen have the right to postpone the ATM.

Ms. Gillpatrick, Town Clerk was present and stated she was in agreement that the ATM should be postponed.

Mr. Dowling made a motion to postpone the 5/11/2020 Annual Town Meeting to a date to be determined at a later time. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Melissa Morrissey, Treasurer Collector was present to discuss setting the due date for taxes, penalty and interest. Ms. Morrissey reviewed the options, one was changing the due date for taxes; the option is to change the May 1<sup>st</sup> due date to June 1<sup>st</sup>. Ms. Morrissey stated she does not recommend this option.

The second option would be to wave interest and penalties up to 6/30/2020 as long as bills are current. Ms. Morrissey stated, to be sensitive to the residents, she recommends this option.

### ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Dowling made a motion in accordance with Section 11 of MGL Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020 to approve to waive interest and other penalties for late payment of any excise, tax, betterment assessment or apportionment thereof, water rate or annual sewer use of other charge added to a tax for any payments with a due date on or after March 10, 2020 where payment is made after its respective due date but BEFORE June 30, 2020. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Dowling made a motion to approve minutes of the April 13, 2020 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Dowling made a motion to approve the renewal of the following Junk Dealer's License (to sell gold, silver etc.):

Michael H. Jewelers  
225 Bedford Street  
Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 9 am- 6 pm, Saturday: 9 am – 4 pm

Michael Hamoui, Mgr.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BOARD DISCUSSION

Ms. Julius stated thanks to Sue Mulloy, Board of Health for the great work she's been doing during the COVID-19 crisis.


Chairman Julius announced the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session under Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(2) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Superior Officers, Fire Fighters Association) 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; and not return to open session.

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

## ADJOURN

Motion by Dowling, second by Sheedy to adjourn. All were in favor, 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:55 pm

 Clerk  
Board of Selectmen