



# OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

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

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
175 CENTRAL STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

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

*Members Absent:*

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

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

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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).

## APPOINTMENTS

### ACTION ITEMS

There was a discussion regarding the upcoming Town meeting warrant. Mr. Noble proposed to either adopt a consent agenda which lists several articles all at once so they can be done by unanimous consent. The second is to pass over or postpone several articles that may be considered controversial or may take up a lot of time. Mr. Noble stated these articles can be addressed in a fall Town Meeting when restrictions from the COVID 19 pandemic have been lifted and we have a better idea of funding.

Mr. Dowling made a motion to accept the recommendations proposed. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Dowling made a motion to authorize Town Administrator, Brian Noble to request or receive funding on behalf of the Town of East Bridgewater for CARES ACT Funding. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated that we're in the process of filing for a Community Compact grant.

Mr. Noble gave an update on what we have done to get ready to reopen to the public. Plexiglass barriers have been installed at the Town Clerk, Assessor, Treasurer / Collector, and Board of Health Offices. Social distancing signage and markers have been placed on the first and second floors. Hand sanitizing stations have been ordered for all Town buildings.

Veterans Agent, Chris Buckley organized a Food for Vets Drive on Wednesday, 5/20/2020 at the East Bridgewater Jr/Sr High School from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Mr. Buckley, along with the Patriotic Activities Committee organized a 15-20-minute-long alternate Memorial Day service held at the Town Common on Thursday, 5/21/2020 and can be viewed on [www.eb-cam.org](http://www.eb-cam.org). State Representatives and State Senators were in attendance for the event. Flags were also placed on all veterans' graves by members of the Patriotic Activities Committee, American Legion and by Mr. Buckley.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Veterans Service Officer, Chris Buckley would like to make the following announcement: Veteran Services would like to thank all town residents of East Bridgewater for all their support with last week's Food4VETS food Drive. I would also like to thank the School department, COA and all of the town offices for helping out with this event. We handed out or delivered over 60+ boxes of food to local veterans. We packed the COA Van full of non-perishable items for both of our local food pantries. We are currently planning a 2<sup>nd</sup> drive which is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at the COA from 10am – 12:00pm.

I want to thank everyone involved with putting together our Memorial Day Service last week to include State Senators Walter Timilty, Michael Brady and State Representative Alyson Sullivan for speaking at the event. Town Administrator Brian Noble and Selectman Dave Sheedy for attending, the Patriotic Committee and the American Legion for coming with a meaningful and impactful program despite our present state of social distancing. A special thank you to Russ Hannigan with EB Cam for his expertise and making us all look good as he always does.

An update was given on the Federal Census. The Massachusetts self-response is 62.2% the East Bridgewater self-response is 74.8%. Log onto [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov). The Council on Aging is also available 508-378-1610 to help fill out the form.

## BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Dowling stated the Town election was coming up on June 6, 2020. Please contact the Town Clerks office for absentee ballots.

Chairman Julius announced the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session under Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel (Police Chief) or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; (6) to consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property (Comcast); if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body 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