

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, June 29, 2020

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CAROLE JULIUS, CHAIRMAN
DAVID SHEEDY, VICE CHAIRMAN
PETER SPAGONE JR. CLERK

TOWN HALL, 2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Carole Julius, David Sheedy, and Peter Spagone Jr.

Members Absent:

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

6:30 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

JOINT APPOINTMENT

Board of Water Commissioners, discussion regarding abatement on water bill for 327 NO. Central Street.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve to continue the hiring and spending freeze until further notice.
Seconded by Mr. Sheedy.

Mr. Noble stated when the COVID-19 pandemic started the Town pulled back on spending and replacing retirees and those employees that had resigned and also requiring a signature for any spending over \$5,000. Mr. Noble stated he would draft a letter to department heads explaining what the Board of Selectmen would like to recommend. When the letter is ready a full department head meeting will take place to fully explain to make sure everyone understands. Mr. Noble stated he would contact the Boards and get on to their agendas. The Board of Selectmen would like to have more time to look at department needs before implementing a freeze and to review again in September. No action was made.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve and sign Comcast contract for the period July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2030. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Noble stated some key areas of license are 5% Franchise fee for PEG access services, additional \$ for PEG capital purposes of \$180k spread out over 10 years and upgrades of SD channels to SDI as well as an HD channel within 36 months with estimated cost of \$30k and then I-Net buyout agreement Comcast will pay one time \$10,640.00 to Town within 90 days.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the authorization for Carole Julius, Chairman of the East Bridgewater Board of Selectmen, to execute and deliver the Project Funding Agreement and any amendments thereto for the Central Elementary School Project as well as make final, binding decisions with respect to such Project Funding Agreement, on behalf of the Town and to bind the Town to its terms and conditions.
Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve Flashback Franks, a mobile food unit to occasionally use the Town Hall parking lot during special events occurring on the Town Common, typically a Saturday or Sunday for a 5-hour period. Flashback Franks would obtain approval from the Selectmen's Office 48hrs before each event.
Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Fire Chief, Tim Harhen requested notice for inspection due to cooking onboard.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve to turn delinquent accounts of unpaid Ambulance debt over to a collection agency, for collection as a matter of procedure and adopt a hardship procedure or policy as a safety valve for our most vulnerable. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy.

Fire Chief Harhen requested to table the collection portion and adopt the hardship application. He briefly explained collections and write-offs.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to adopt a hardship procedure or policy as a safety valve for our most vulnerable. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the request from Fire Chief, Tim Harhen to increase Ambulance Billing Fees, as well as Ambulance Mileage and a request to increase Permit/Inspection Fees for the Fire Department. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Fire Chief Harhen stated it was the usual 1% Medicare yearly increase.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the following Board/Committee member reappointments:

Kathleen Cavanagh to the Agricultural Commission effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 and as an Associate Member to the Historical Commission effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Susan Muir to the Council on Aging effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Crystal Hudson to the Finance Committee effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Laura Sebastyn to the Finance Committee effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

David Walsh to the Finance Committee effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Thomas Williams to the Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

David Cronin to the East Bridgewater Arts Council effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023.

Brian Noble as Municipal Hearings Officer July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Gerald Leavitt to the Zoning Board of Appeals effective July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2023.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the resignation of Amy Simon from the East Bridgewater Arts Council effective June 30, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated Home Rule Petition Request to exempt the Town from MGL Chapter 44 Section 54 passed at Town meeting.

He presented the board an agreement for the date of the Hanson Land auction to occur on or before September 4, 2020.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve agreement to hold the Hanson Land auction to occur on or before September 4, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

He stated another submission in the amount of \$29,178.00, for CARES ACT has been placed by Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Johnson. Mr. Noble mentioned only two towns, Scituate and Marshfield have received a check from Plymouth County.

Mr. Noble stated at town meeting the Town adopted the ability to change speed limits. He explained the law will allow the Board of Selectmen to change speed limit to 20 MPH for a safety zone such as a school 25 MPH in any other area. To change the speed limit other than those two, a traffic study will be conducted by the Old Colony Planning Council averaging around \$10,000 - \$18,000. He stated there was a request from a resident on Spear Avenue. Mr. Noble suggested that he and the Police Chief develop a policy for the implementation of new law.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson stated the most recent federal census numbers, federal 63.8% and Town of East Bridgewater 76.2% same as last time. She reminded residents to go onto 2020census.gov and fill out the simple and quick form. Mr. Sheedy stated if any residents had any questions or problems to call the COA they can help with the process.

July 13, 2020 next Board of Selectmen's meeting

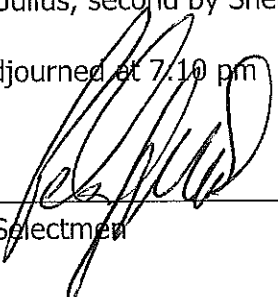
BOARD DISCUSSION

Liaison appointments.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm



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