

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, September 14, 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.

2020 SEP 25 PM 01:09
TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER
CLERK'S OFFICE

Members Present: Carole Julius and David Sheedy

Members Absent: Peter Spagone Jr.

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.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENT

The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto, or amendments thereof, the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on September 14, 2020 at 6:30 pm on the petition of MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, INC. Belmont Street. Ngrid to replace pole 2 and pole 3 on Belmont Street. Ngrid to replace tree guy with anchor and anchor guy, anchor to be installed 15' west of pole 2.

Abutters were not present for the hearing. Ms. Julius closed the hearing.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request to install replacement pole 2 and pole 3 on Belmont Street. Ngrid to replace tree guy with anchor and anchor guy, anchor to be installed 15' west of pole 2. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

The Board of Selectmen held a Public Hearing given that pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chap. 138, a Public Hearing on September 14, 2020 at 6:40 pm relative to the Application for AMENDMENT- Change or Alteration of Premises of a Common Victualer – All-Alcoholic License, as follows:

From: Commercial Club of East Bridgewater
Donald Ferbert, Manager

Premises: 1 Nielson Avenue

Adding an outdoor pavilion to existing license.

Mr. Donald Ferbert was present, he stated the pavilion has been on site for many years. The application for amendment was submitted for legal purposes. There was a discussion regarding capacity. Mr. Sheedy requested clarification on the number of people for pavilion as the letter stated 240 vs. license 140. Mr. Noble confirmed the capacity for outdoor seating in the pavilion is 140, he stated, patrons cannot leave the pavilion with any drink. Exceeding 140 patrons would require a one-day license. Mr. Sheedy pointed out due to Governor's order, outdoor gatherings remain at 50 temporarily. Mr. Ferbert agreed and stated he is currently operating under state guidelines.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the application for amendment change for the East Bridgewater Commercial Club outdoor pavilion set at 140 people. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius closed the public hearing.

Veterans Agent, Christopher Buckley was present to give an update on the POW Chair. He stated there will be a dedication ceremony at Town Hall on Saturday, September 19, 2020 at 1 pm. He stated the chair will be dedicated to an East Bridgewater Veteran, Edward J. Sexton.

Mr. Buckley stated, Bridgewater will not be holding the Tri-Town Parade this year. East Bridgewater will however be hosting a virtual prerecorded Veterans Day Ceremony to honor Veterans.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the minutes of August 31, 2020 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Korin Zigler of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of the Sachem Rock Farm for an Annual Workday. To spread compost, install raised beds and weed paths. Event will be October 17, 2020 from 1 pm – 3 pm; Rain date October 18, 2020 and is for plot holders and friends only. Will not be open to the public this year. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy commended the East Bridgewater Community Gardens for all their work. Mentioned donations given to food pantries.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve job description for Administrative Assistant to Building Department and posting of position. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve job description for Non-Union, Assistant Treasurer to Treasurer / Collector Department and posting of position, subject to Personnel Board approval. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve job description for Non-Union, Assistant Collector to Treasurer / Collector Department and posting of position, subject to Personnel Board approval. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a pass over to authorize Town Administrator to sign engagement letter for the FY 2020 audit until meeting with Mr. Lynch on September 28, 2020.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Leslie Reilly of Self-Help Inc. for the use of Sachem Rock Farm for a guided nature walk with families. This program will run for 30 minutes and includes story time, a hike, and a craft. Maximum of ten people and all participants will follow COVID-19 social distancing and state guidelines. Events will be Thursday mornings October through December weather permitting from 10:30 am – 11:00 am and 11:30 am – 12:00 pm. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated a representative from the Collins Center met with a few departments to discuss the HR review and will continue to do so throughout the week. Mr. Noble stated, IT Director, Ryan McGonigle started the desktop replacement program across all departments. He mentioned the IAC (Insurance Advisory Committee) will be meeting Tuesday, September 15 at 3pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Shredding and Prescription Drug Take Back Event, Saturday, October 24 from 10am-1pm at the Center at Sachem Rock, 355 Plymouth Street.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's meeting Monday, October 19th

Selectmen's meeting Monday, November 16th

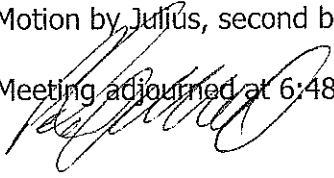
Selectmen's meeting Monday, November 30th

BOARD DISCUSSION

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 pm



Clerk

Board of Selectmen