




OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

Monday, October 19, 2020

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

TOWN HALL, 2<sup>nd</sup> 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, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

6:35 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to give an update on early voting. She stated Saturday through Monday, Town had a total of 638 voters and the last day for Early voting is Friday, October 30. Ms. Gillpatrick stated voting will take place during regular town hall hours and Saturday through Sunday 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. There is a new ballot drop off box located at the front doors of Town Hall. She mentioned over 300 absentee/early voting ballots were mailed and less than half returned.

Ms. Julius wanted clarification on mailed ballot to someone wanting to vote in-person. Ms. Gillpatrick stated the voter will have to sign a roster stating if they voted today, today's cast ballot will be valid. The mailed ballot will be rejected if sent back. The Selectmen thanked the Town Clerk and her staff for all their work during the elections.

Veterans Service Officer, Christopher Buckley was present to give an update on the Veterans Day Ceremony. Mr. Buckley stated the event will take place on November 11 at 10:00 am on the Town Common. Mr. Sheedy asked if there will be a "plan b" due to inclement weather. Mr. Buckley stated possibly the High School gymnasium/auditorium.

Police Chief, Paul O'Brien and Deputy Chief Michael Jenkins were present. Chief O'Brien stated the department is hiring one full-time officer. He gave a brief background of past serviced calls. He intends to hire three more officers. Chief O'Brien stated a plan of action will be emailed to the Selectmen for review. He stated 8 permanent intermittent officers will start in the upcoming and will not affect the police department budget. He explained the process of permanent intermittent officers. The police chief reminded residents of the upcoming "Community Shredding and Prescription Drug Take Back Event" at the COA on October 24.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the September 28, 2020 6:30 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to accept and sign the Clerical Union contract July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Town Administrator, Brian Noble commended the Clerical Association for their work.

## APPOINTMENTS

Class II License

BMD LLC

612 Plymouth Street

East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Restrictions: Office space only, no retail sales of vehicles on site. Cars may be housed inside the warehouse due to the value of the vehicles. Vehicles may not have advertising information on them such as "for sale" signs, pricing info, etc. and no signage on the premises indicating auto sales. No customers on site to shop or purchase vehicles as it is an internet-based business.

Mr. Danial DeSantis was present and gave a brief background of his business. The Selectmen welcomed Mr. DeSantis and his business to East Bridgewater.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to accept Class II License BMD LLC 612 Plymouth Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333 Restrictions: Office space only, no retail sales of vehicles on site. Cars may be housed inside the warehouse due to the value of the vehicles. Vehicles may not have advertising information on them such as "for sale" signs, pricing info, etc. and no signage on the premises indicating auto sales. No customers on site to shop or purchase vehicles as it is an internet-based business for the period ending December 31, 2020 . Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. read the following notice:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chap. 138, a Public Hearing will be held 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.

A Public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Ferbert was present and requested an amendment on occupancy permit from 140 to 240. Mr. Noble stated the number of occupants is determined by Building Department and EBFD. The amendment request requires another permit. Ms. Jonelle Gleba and Mr. Joseph Gleba of 68 North Water Street were present as abutters and stated both endorse the license.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the application for amendment change for the East Bridgewater Commercial Club outdoor pavilion set at 140 people. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius closed the public hearing.

## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble was pleased to announce the Town received two additional checks for CARES ACT COVID-19 reimbursement totaling, \$192,308.98 from Plymouth County. He commended Ms. Johnson for all her work. Mr. Noble announced a public hearing will be held via Zoom on October 21, 2020 at 5pm, regarding Precise Engineering Environmental Cleanup Grant. He met with Town Assessor, Treasurer and Accountant to finish

paperwork to set the tax rate. The Board of Assessors would like to meet with the Selectmen on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Noble stated a department head meeting will be held with MIIA representatives on October 27 regarding procedures on claims, MIIA grants and rewards and programs. He presented to the Board of Selectmen a "Draft Town Meeting Warrant". Mr. Noble stated Fire Chief Tim Harhen has accepted the specifications of the ladder truck and is in the process of executing the purchase order. Mr. Spagone Jr. requested an update on the Town's Health Insurance. Mr. Noble stated the IAC wanted more time to go back to their unions to confirm the direction they want to go in. He mentioned the IAC (Insurance Advisory Committee) will be meeting Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board of Selectmen suggested residents to follow state guidelines for Halloween if they choose to participate. Ms. Johnson stated the CDC and State Guidelines is on the Town's website.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's meeting Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup>

Selectmen's meeting Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

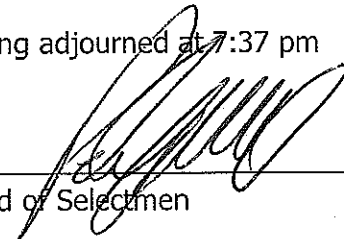
#### BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Spagone Jr. mentioned the passing of Mr. Gary Saccocia, he thanked his family for their dedication to the Town of East Bridgewater.

#### ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 pm

  
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Board of Selectmen Clerk