



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, November 2, 2020

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

TOWN HALL, 1st 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

5:15 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

BOARD DISCUSSION

There was a discussion on moving the town election to the second Saturday following Annual Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen agreed to add request on the December 7, 2020 town meeting warrant.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to move the annual town election from April to May and to put on the December 7, 2020 town meeting warrant. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated the Governor announced three new executive orders; early closure of businesses and activities, reinforcing the face mask ordinance, and reducing indoor and outdoor gatherings. The updated information is available on town's website.

Mr. Noble stated he was approached by the school administration regarding the collaboration with Ms. Jennifer Diaz on the development of a "Youth Committee". The committee would provide a conduit for youth to have a voice in town leadership and promote civic engagement / community service and how municipal government works. A proposal between school and town administrations is being created and will be presented to the board once completed.

Mr. Noble stated the final draft of the warrant has been completed and being proofread by Finance Committee Chairman, Ms. Laura Sebastyn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson announced the 8th Annual Food Drive event sponsored by East Bridgewater Insurance Agency and East Bridgewater Board of Health. She stated this year will be strictly drive up and drop off at the Central Elementary School on Wednesday, November 18th from 1 pm – 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm – 7 pm and Thursday, November 19th from 1 pm – 3:30 pm and 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm. Information will also be on town website listing items in need.

Ms. Julius stated the "Field of Flags" is displayed on the Town Common and thanked everyone for their time and donations. She also stated the East Bridgewater Kiwanis Club is moving forward with the "Town Common Tree Lighting" event on December 3.

PUBLIC HEARING

TAX HEARING - The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors held a public hearing on property tax classifications on Monday, November 2, 2020 at 5:30 pm in the 1st floor conference room at the Town Hall. This hearing, which is required by law, determines whether the Town will have one classification or will differentiate among several classes when setting the tax rate. The Director of Assessing, Paula Wolfe, together with members of the Board of Assessors reviewed the presentation. Ms. Wolfe stated the recommendation of the Board of Assessors is to not split the tax rate and keep it at a single rate.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve not split the tax rate, and to keep it at a single rate for the fiscal year 2021. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's meeting Monday, November 16th

Selectmen's meeting Monday, November 30th

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm



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