



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, September 28, 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

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

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Bernard Doucette of 101 Sherwood Circle was present to discuss concerns regarding Spagone Playground. Mr. Doucette thanked everyone involved for the quick response and cleanup, DPW and Peter Spagone Jr. He pointed out concerns in other areas, Strong Fields, and the Street Hockey Field. Ms. Julius read an email from John Haines, Director of Public Works. Trash barrels will be put out until a permanent plan is put in place. Mr. Spagone Jr. briefly addressed concerns regarding fields.

Ms. Julius stated there have been concerns from the residents regarding Halloween. Mr. Noble stated the Department of Public Health guidance has been put on the town's website and that it is an individual's choice to participate.

Ms. Paula Wolfe, Town Assessor was present and stated the town has gone through a certification period after 5 years. The town received a preliminary certification from the state. Ms. Wolfe stated, the next step is a public disclosure which will begin on Thursday, October 1st. The assessed values will be posted on town website.

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Rob Lynch of Lynch Marini & Associates was present to give an update on FY19 audit. He went over objectives of audit process.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to authorize Town Administrator to sign engagement letter for the FY 2020 audit. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve for Allen Hiltz, CERT to use the outside of Sachem Rock Farm for the Community Emergency Response Team Annual Exercise Search and Rescue. Time of the event October 31 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to authorize to designate the Treasurer, Melissa Morrissey as the Tax Title Custodian. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve Virginia O'Kelly's request for Anne Kenneally Hynes Memorial Scholarship Committee to hold a 2020 bench dedication ceremony on Town Hall Property, Friday, October 2,

2020 at 2:30 pm. COVID -19 related restrictions will be expected to be followed. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated the ceremony will be limited to 50 people.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve to extend the expansion of temporary outdoor table service or extensions of earlier granted approvals issued pursuant to Section 4 of COVID-19 Order No. 351, from November 1, 2020, for any period up to and until sixty (60) days after the end of the State of emergency. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the request from Library Director, Christopher McGee to close the Library Saturday, December 26, 2020 and Saturday, January 2, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to authorize Animal Control Officer, Alexizz Xavier to issue non-criminal violations to dog owners who have not licensed their dogs as of Thursday, October 1, 2020. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to review and sign agreement for engineering services between East Bridgewater and Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to appoint Assistant Treasurer, Megan Crosby. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to appoint Assistant Collector, Kerry Twohig. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of September 14, 2020 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to adopt the Town Administrator review process. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius stated the first step is to adopt the process recommended by Town Council then meet with Mr. Noble individually by the end of October.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Johnson read an email regarding Annual Pumpkin Walk.

"We are not holding the typical Annual Pumpkin Walk this year due to COVID-19. Instead, we're holding an outdoor, self-guided scavenger hunt along six town trails – Bennett Lane, Leland Farm, the trails at Sachem Rock Farm, Town Forest, the trails at the YMCA, and the trails at Poor Meadow Brook. Visit these sites and locate laminated pumpkins and see if you can find the gold pumpkin! Then, send your photos with these "pumpkins" to the Friends of East Bridgewater Trails. Runs October 18 – November 1. Free and open to all. If you visit these trails in groups, PLEASE be sure to follow proper social distancing rules and stay safe. Visit the Friends of East Bridgewater Trails Facebook page for more information or email febtrails@gmail.com. Don't forget to send your photos so we can post them on our Facebook page!"

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's meeting Monday, October 19th

Selectmen's meeting Monday, November 16th

BOARD DISCUSSION

Fall Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 7. Mr. Noble went over special town meeting schedule.

Ms. Wolfe, Town Assessor addressed some concerns possibly effecting set tax rate. Mr. Noble confirmed the schedule of Special Town meeting and should not affect nor slow her down. Mr. Noble stated the Board of Selectmen must do a tax hearing.

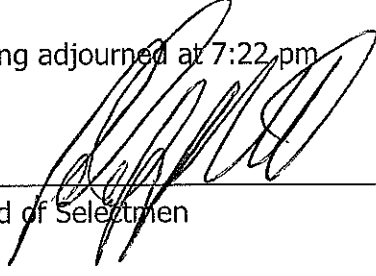
Mr. Spagone Jr. stated he has met with the Recreation Commission and the Arts Council. He stated letters have been sent to Recreation Commission, and still awaiting a response. He mentioned the Arts Council do not have enough volunteers.

Mr. Spagone Jr. wanted an update on the Town's Health Insurance. Mr. Noble stated town employees are dissatisfied with their health insurance due to deductibles and out of pocket expenses. Mr. Noble discussed the current course of action. He stated an Insurance Advisory Committee was formed which includes department heads, union, non-union and retirees. The town was using insurance advisor Cook & Company now using NFP. He predicts, "no change" in current health insurance.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk