



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, March 8, 2021

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

TOWN HALL, 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
21 MAR 24 AM 9:42

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

5:00 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Police Chief, Paul O'Brien and Deputy Chief, Michael Jenkins were present to give a department update. Chief O'Brien stated he promoted two patrolmen to sergeants. He hired seven permanent intermittent officers at no cost to the town. He stated present staffing level consists of twenty-one sworn officers and one currently in the academy. He would like to hire two new officers and indicated it would cost the department roughly \$102,211.80 for the next fiscal year. Deputy Chief Jenkins gave a brief overview on number of police officers. He stated the national average is twenty-eight for East Bridgewater population.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to support the recommendation replacement of one officer and the hire of two new officers. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Fire Chief, Tim Harhen was present to give a COVID-19 and department update. He stated the Board of Health received one hundred doses of COVID-19 vaccine for the Housing Authority. They were able to vaccinate eighty people who live on Prospect Street and Riddell Road. The twenty doses remaining were given to "homebound" residents. He stated one hundred percent of his staff received their first dose and three are still awaiting their second dose. Chief Harhen stated the Fire Department is in the process of hiring one firefighter/paramedic to replace a resignation. He briefly went over the department budget. He commended his staff for all their works and efforts during COVID-19 Pandemic. Ms. Julius wanted to know how the twenty doses were identified and selected. Chief Harhen stated there were two lists, one from Council on Aging and Old Colony Elder Services and they followed vaccination guidance from the State. Mr. Sheedy requested an update on the Central Street accident. The gentlemen in the vehicle had a cardiac arrest and did not stop at the stop sign and hit another car. He briefly went over what was done to help revive him. Chief Harhen commended all that was involved. The Selectmen commended EBFD and EBPD for their works and efforts.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 22, 2021 5:00 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve Mutual Aid Agreement between Towns of East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater. They agree that for the period of July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2023 each Town's Building

Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings, Local Inspector/Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector & Plumbing & Gas Inspector will, at no expense to the other Town, serve as the other Town's respective inspector, with such services coordinated by the inspectors. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Noble stated this was a renewal of an agreement that had been in place for many years and is just a continuation of it.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve and sign lease with Lipinski Farm. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Noble stated this was approved at Town Meeting to lease out the agricultural land known as Leland Farm. This went out to bid and the winning bidder is Lipinski Farm.

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated to pass over the Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Brockton for sewer. At this time, the Town does not have the agreement yet with Brockton. A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday to go over more details. An agreement should be ready before the next meeting.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated the Finance Committee continues to work diligently on the budget and is coming to the end of the process. He stated they are still waiting for some numbers to come in i.e., Southeastern Regional School, some non-union wages that are still outstanding and health insurance increase. Mr. Noble stated the engineering proposals are in and is in the process of evaluation. He commended Treasurer/Collector Melissa Morrissey for her works and efforts on rerating of the Town's Bond. He briefly went over the process for Town Planner interviewees. He stated there are five candidates that will be interviewed, and final selection will be presented to the Board shortly. He stated DPW Director, John Haines has taken charge of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant. He thanked him for his works and efforts. Mr. Noble stated he received a note from resident, Nancy Piesco concerning "Rolling Hills Drive" not an accepted Town road. She requested the Selectmen to approve at next Town Meeting. Mr. Noble stated unfortunately the Town is not ready as there is a procedure for adoption of Town roads. Information is posted on Town's website. There was a brief discussion to put a committee in place to help with issue and to help prioritize.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY, April 17th 8:00 am-12:00 pm at Gordon Mitchell School
List of materials accepted and not accepted on www.ebdpw.com
DPW Director, John Haines briefly gave a brief background. He stated this event is annually in the Spring, typically end of April beginning of May.

COMMUNITY SHREDDING AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT, April 24th 10:00 am-1:00 pm at the Center at Sachem Rock, 355 Plymouth Street. East Bridgewater Residents only. Full information on Town's website.

Town Meeting May 10, 2021 7pm at the Jr/Sr High School.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 22, 2021

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 5, 2021

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated the Temporary Recreation Commission Assistant position has been extended until March 18th. He stated he will be meeting with Jared Valanzola of Plymouth County Commissioner, DPW Director John Haines and a resident regarding some environmental opportunities.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Selectmen were entering into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as the Chair has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position in a matter involving Janelle Rotondi; and

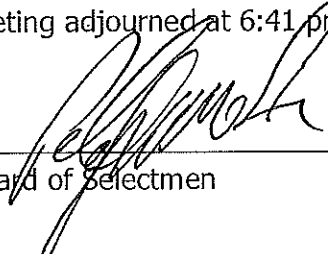
Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Town Administrator Brian Noble.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to move into Executive Session and not return to open session, Mr. Sheedy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Spagone Jr: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm



Board of Selectmen

Clerk