



## OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

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

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
175 CENTRAL STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

REC'D EB TOWN CLERK  
21 MAY 26 AM 8:42

Members Present: David Sheedy, Peter Spagone Jr., and Carole Julius

Members Absent:

Others Present: James Purcell, Interim Town Administrator, Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

5:40 pm David Sheedy called the meeting to order.

Mr. Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### OPEN FORUM

### INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Purcell stated the Town's trash contract is up for renewal. Director of Public Works, John Haines was present to discuss Republic Services contract. He stated the Town has the option to extend existing contract. He briefly went over costs, increases and impact due to COVID-19. Mr. Haines is requesting the Board of Selectmen to endorse negotiations. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Haines for his works and efforts and looks forward for contractual information at next meeting.

There was a brief discussion on the Church Street basketball courts. Mr. Haines stated there were several concerns from residents, departments, boards, and commissions. He stated he looked into alternatives for preservations and brought in a company that specializes in athletic surfaces. The company confirmed the courts conditions are unsafe for play. Given that information Mr. Haines seeks advice from Town's insurance provider for their input and recommendations as to how the Town can move forward. Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen was present to address his concerns. He stated there were some electrical and wiring that need to be repaired and believes its short money. The Selectmen briefly went over their concerns and funding.

Mr. Purcell stated the health department services are ongoing and functioning very smoothly. The Town has entered into a services contract with Buker & Sons of Middleborough, MA to address Title V issues.

### APPOINTMENTS

Friends of East Bridgewater Trails was present to give an update. Diane Phillips introduced current, past and new members. She briefly went over committee's mission. There was a discussion on trails and MBTA and economic benefits. The Selectmen supports the committee to start process with MBTA and Appalachian Trail Association.

Veterans Agent, Christopher Buckley was present to give an update. He stated there will be an in-person "Memorial Day" Ceremony at the Town Common on May 31 at 10 am. There will be another food drive at the COA on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 12 pm. He stated there is a new state system that encompasses the Chapter 115 program. He stated there will be no delay in benefits. The Selectmen commended Mr. Buckley for his works and efforts with Town Veterans.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:45 pm

The Selectmen were entering into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel IT Director.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session and return to open session. Mr. Spagone Jr. seconded. Roll Call Vote: Aye, Mr. Spagone Jr: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

*\*\*Returned to open session at 6:50 pm*

#### ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve contract signing with IT Director, Ryan McGonigle. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

IT Director, Ryan McGonigle was present for his contract signing. Mr. McGonigle explained that he has been working with the Town of East Bridgewater and the Town of Hanson and is pleased to give one Town his full focus. The Selectmen commended Mr. McGonigle for doing a great job and is an asset to the Town of East Bridgewater.

Ms. Julius made a motion to award Engineering services contract to Environmental Partners. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated this firm encompasses all the engineering work here in Town such as septic reviews, titling, review subdivision plans, etc. He thanked the Assessors Department, Board of Health, Conservation, Planning, DPW and the Zoning Board for their works and efforts. DPW Director, John Haines briefly went over what the engineering firm undertakes, provide to individual town departments and costs.

Mr. Spagone Jr. announced he received a "Letter of Intent" from the City of Brockton providing the Town of East Bridgewater 100,000 gallons per day of average flow to start the Sewer Project on Route 18. The Selectmen thanked all involved for their works and efforts on project.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the April 26, 2021 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Event Permit application. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

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

Mr. Spagone Jr. briefly went over the Building Department issues and applicant.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Korin Zigler of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of the Sachem Rock Farm for "Pizza Picnic." Event rescheduled from Monday, June 21 to Tuesday, June 22, 2021 from 6 pm – 8 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the requests from Dee Dee Rogers of Patriotic Activities Committee for the use of the Town Common on May 31, 2021 for "Observation of Memorial Day" in honor of our men and woman who have died in service to the country from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm and for a "Flag Day Ceremony" to burn old and no longer usable flags from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve pending receipt and event permit approval the request from Kathleen Wood of Community Coalition For Change for the use of the Town Common for "Celebration of Progress, Unity and Growth" in social justice in our communities. A Multi-Cultural event with food vendors, music, speakers, booth merchants and stand out. Highlighting local cultural businesses and making East Bridgewater more inclusive and welcoming. Event will be on June 13, 2021 from 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm; Rain date June 27, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy indicated there were some outstanding information regarding insurance and feedback from Board of Health.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the following applications for One-Day Liquor Licenses from the Villa at Ridder Country Club for events on the following dates. All events shall follow COVID-19 safety standards. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

May 23, 2021      June 3, 2021

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the resignation of Kelly Milne from the Conservation Commission effective May 11, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy thanked Ms. Milne for her works and efforts on commission.

Ms. Julius made a motion to establish a gift account for Police Department K9 program start up. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Purcell stated the K9 will be donated to the Town and is tangible property. Police Chief, Paul O'Brien confirmed the account is set up.

Ms. Julius made a motion to establish a gift account for receipt and expenditure of cash donations for K9 program purposes. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from the Southeastern Regional Service Group to award a contract to W.B. Mason for paper items for a twelve-month period commencing on July 1, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from the Southeastern Regional Service Group to award a contract to W.B. Mason for Office Supplies for a two-year period for fiscal year 2022 and 2023. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>  
STM & ATM Monday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

### BOARD DISCUSSIONS

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Selectmen were entering into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Director of Assessing, Building Commissioner).

To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining (Clerical Union, Firefighters Local 2768) or litigation if

an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; will not return to open session.

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

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm

Carole Julius Clerk  
Board of Selectmen