



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

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

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

5:00 pm David Sheedy called the meeting to order.

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 Town of East Bridgewater v. Malden Real Estate Development LLC.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session and 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

***Returned to open session at 5:35 pm*

Mr. Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

Robert Looney, Town Moderator was present for Pre Town-Meeting Forum to go over the articles on the Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants for Monday, June 14, 2021 and updated COVID-19 restrictions and guidance. He stated masks are not required at Town Meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve and post Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Southeastern Regional Service Group DPW supplies contract award sheet commencing July 1, 2021 for a twelve-month period. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve for the Police Department and DPW to construct a 10x10 kennel structure with a paver type base at the K9 handler's home. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve agreement for Engineering Services by and between the Town of East Bridgewater and Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc. subject to Special Town Meeting funding. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the May 11, 2020 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 but not release the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Board of Selectmen Executive Session meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve MOU signing with Clerical Union. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Purcell stated the terms are simple, very basic and is extended for a full fiscal year with a 2 percent cost of living allowance built in.

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 a "Ladybug Release Party". Ten kids with one parent will release beneficial live ladybugs into the Gardens. All participants will follow state and local COVID-19 guidelines. Event will be June 23, 2021 from 6pm to 7pm; Rain date June 24, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the settle agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and Malden Real Estate Development LLC. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Purcell recapped Commonwealth's plans to lift COVID-19 restrictions. He stated Governor Baker's State of Emergency will end June 15 and briefly went over how it will affect municipalities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced warrants will be available for viewing on Town's website.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

STM & ATM Monday, June 14th
Selectmen's Meeting Monday, June 15th

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

The Board of Selectmen reviewed and assigned Liaison Appointments.

OPEN FORUM

Residents of Rolling Hills Drive were present to stress their concerns regarding road acceptance. Mr. Spagone Jr. stated he briefly spoke with resident Nancy Piesco of 23 Rolling Hills Drive regarding conditions of road. He stated this is an ongoing issue in Town and anticipates the new hired engineering firm, Environmental Partners will play a major role in "Roadway Acceptance" process. Director of Public Works, John Haines was present and briefly went over "Roadway Acceptance" process as follows. He stated it begins with the Planning Board. The process usually starts at the end of construction. It will go through a legal process, a recording that the Planning Board reviews, approves, and signs off on. The recording is then submitted to the Board of Selectmen for approval to be placed on Town Meeting Warrant. The Town accepts road at Town Meeting as a "public way". Then goes into registry of Massachusetts Department of Transportation making road eligible for Chapter 90. Which allows for both state and local funding to be expended on the roadway. Mr. Haines stated the Town of East Bridgewater has 84 miles of roadway under DPW responsibility for maintenance. Approximately 64 miles are "accepted ways". He stated the Town cannot spend any municipal funds on an "unaccepted road". Mr. Haines briefly stated the Town of East Bridgewater currently receives \$389,000 a year for Chapter 90. Ms. Piesco

reiterated safety concerns and conditions of road and wanted to know how residents go about making acceptance top priority. Mr. Sheedy stated he agrees with Mr. Spagone Jr. with the new engineering firm he foresees improvement. He stated the Board of Selectmen will have to sit down with the Planning Board and DPW to see what the quickest and fastest way the engineering firm can assist in process. Mr. Haines stated the delay is really the legality of individual's deed being transferred correctly and not the physical condition of road. Mr. Spagone Jr. stated the Board of Selectmen has been very vocal regarding issues in East Bridgewater and anticipates improvement ahead. Mr. Purcell stated he has previous experience as a Town Planner with "road acceptance" backlog but not to this extent. He briefly went over prior experience and explained Chapter 90 funding. He stated this is the major Transportation Statute. One of the components parts is state gasoline taxes which is pooled by the State and is distributed annually to cities and towns on a formula basis. He stated over \$200,000,000 a year is pooled and distributed. The formula consists of Town's population, employment statistics and number of road miles. The Board of Selectmen will provide updates to Rolling Hills Drive residents once gathered.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Carol Julius

Clerk

Board of Selectmen