



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, August 9, 2021

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

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

7:00 pm David Sheedy called the meeting to order.

Mr. Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present with a reminder that Dog Licenses are due September 1, 2021. After this time late fees will be assessed. If you have any question please call the Clerk's office 508-378-1606. Ms. Gillpatrick stated she is receiving actual numbers of the "2020 Federal Census" this week. She will present more information once received. Mr. Purcell questioned Ms. Gillpatrick regarding conflict between Municipalities and the State redrawing congressional lines with the census redistricting. Ms. Gillpatrick is not aware if the Town would be affected.

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the July 19, 2021 7:00 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 July 19, 2021 7:48 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve street lighting requirements for Victory Lane and send to National Grid. Locations of two 17' Post Top Pole, Top LED luminaries are shown on the approved subdivision plan. The billing for these lights shall be established in the name of the developer until the Town of East Bridgewater accepts the street as a public way or until its accepted by the residential development association. Upon acceptance, and by request to National Grid, the company will process the billing change. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Director of Public Works, John Haines was present to discuss streetlights. He stated the newer developments with underground utilities incorporates ornamental street lighting rather than a regular utility pole in their design plans. Mr. Haines stated working with the Planning Board the Town has adopted a particular streetlight style that will be acceptable between Town and developer. He stated National Grid would rent/lease these streetlight poles to the applicant then it would be turnover to the Town once approved.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the contract signing with Town Assessor, Paula Wolfe. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Town Assessor, Paula Wolfe was present for her contract signing. The Selectmen commended her hard work and how

much Ms. Wolfe has done for the Town. Ms. Wolfe stated that she enjoys working for the Town of East Bridgewater and she has a great staff.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding, the General Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen & Helpers of Brockton and Vicinity, Local Union No. 653 (the "Union") and the Town of East Bridgewater Department of Public Works. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Director of Public Works, John Haines stated the agreement is directly related to the expansion of Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated discussions held with the Financial Team determined services should be performed in house to manage and operate Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of East Bridgewater and the Professional Firefighters Association. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Paramedic, Matthew Foster was present to represent the Professional Firefighters Association. He thanked the Board of Selectmen on behalf of all the Firefighters, EMTs and Paramedics. Mr. Purcell briefly went over negotiations and MOU.

Ms. Julius made a motion to accept the resignation of Treasurer/Collector, Melissa Morrissey. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

The Board of Selectmen wished her well in her next endeavor.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the following Board/Committee member resignation. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

- Melanie Dean to the Finance Committee
- Sheila Glidden as an Associate Member to the Planning Board

The Board of Selectmen thanked them both for their works and efforts and years of services.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application from Commercial Club of East Bridgewater located at 1 Neilson Avenue for a fundraiser, Throws 4 K-9 Thor on August 28, 2021 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Application for One-Day Liquor License from Commercial Club of East Bridgewater located at 1 Neilson Avenue for a fundraiser, Throws 4 K-9 Thor on August 28, 2021 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application from Commercial Club of East Bridgewater located at 1 Neilson Avenue for Annual Chet/Rob Motorcycle Run on September 11, 2021 from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application from East Bridgewater Recreation Commission located at the High School Baseball Fields and Town Hall Parking Lot for a family fun day summer event, "Summerfest" on August 21, 2021 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Rain date August 22, 2021.

Director of Public Works, John Haines was present to discuss the logistics and operations on how event will be staged. There was a brief discussion on event and how patrons will enter, congregate, and exit event. Ms. Johnson stated the Recreation Commission will also need to contact Deputy Fire Chief regarding tents and permitting requirements.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Application for One-Day Liquor License from Ridder Farm Inc. located at 390 Oak Street for a Golf Tournament on September 11, 2021 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Dalphina Rogers of the American Legion Post 91 for use of the

Town Common for Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 30, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Dalphina Rogers of the American Legion Post 91 for use of the Town Common for Flag Ceremony to burn old and no longer usable U.S. flags on Sunday, June 12, 2022 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Rain date June 19, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Michael Bankson of Massasoit STEM Program for use of Sachem Rock Farm for a "Native Bee Research" and picnic on August 29, 2021 from 2:00 pm to dusk. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Paul La Porte of Angels in America for the use of the Town Common to display gold ribbons. The ribbons will be placed around the Town Common the last weekend of August and will be displayed the entire month of September in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced Harvest Festival August 21, 2021 at Sachem Rock Farm from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm. This event allows the public to walk through gardens and share harvest of organic food. Summerfest August 21, 2021 at High School Baseball Field & Town Hall from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. There will be live music, food trucks, face painting, games, and local vendors. Free to the public. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Rain date August 22, 2021. Board and Committee openings. (2) Agricultural Commission – Alternate (4) Arts Council (2) Capital Planning Committee (2) Conservation Commission (1) Conservation Commission – Alternate (1) Council on Aging (1) Council on Aging – Associate (1) East Bridgewater Community Access Media (2) Finance Committee (1) Historical Commission – Associate (4) Patriotic Activities Committee (2) Recreation Commission – Alternate If interested, please submit letter of interest with Application for Appointment form to: The Board of Selectmen's Office, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333, or by email to rjohnson@eastbridgewaterma.gov

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Mr. Purcell stated due to the ongoing Town Administrator search the upcoming meetings in September are subject to change. Fall Town Meeting tentative November 22, 2021.

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, September 13th
Selectmen's Meeting Monday, September 27th

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen