



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, January 6, 2020

WILLIAM DOWLING, CHAIRMAN
CAROLE JULIUS, VICE CHAIRMAN
DAVID SHEEDY, CLERK

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

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Members Present: William Dowling, Chairman; Carole Julius, Vice Chairman and David Sheedy, Clerk

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brian Noble, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

4:00 pm Chairman Dowling called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to update residents on the the Annual Town Election that will take place Saturday, April 11, 2020 8:00 am – 7:00 pm. Ms. Gillpatrick stated, nomination papers are now available at the Town Clerk's office. The last day to obtain papers is Wednesday, February 19, 2020. The last day to return papers is Friday, February 21, 2020. Ms. Gillpatrick stated the positions available and that will be on the ballot are: Moderator, One / Three Year Position; Selectmen, One / Three year position; Assessor, One / Three year position; School Committee, Two / Three Year positions, East Bridgewater Housing Authority, One / Three year position; Trustees for the Public Library, Two / Three Year positions; Board of Health, One / Three year position; Planning Board, Three / Three Year positions. February 12, 2020 the Clerk's office will be open until 8:00 pm; the last day to register to vote for the March 3, 2020 Presidential Primary. Please call the Town Clerk's Office with any questions. 508-378-1606.

APPOINTMENTS

Melissa Morrissey, Treasurer / Collector was present for her contract signing. Mr. Noble stated that Melissa has done an outstanding job in her tenure as Treasurer /Collector for the Town and she is a pleasure to work with. The Selectmen agreed that she is a value to the Town and look forward to working with her another three years.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Employment Agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater, MA and Melissa Morrissey, Treasurer / Collector effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023 for a three year period. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor, 3-0

Timothy Harhen, Fire Chief was present to update the Selectmen on his plans to replace the 1997 Tower Ladder Truck at the Fire Department and to get the Selectmen's support. He stated, maintenance costs have increased over the years, and is now out of service due to mechanical breakdowns. Chief Harhen is recommending replacing the 1997 Tower Ladder Truck with a new 100 ft. Tower Ladder Truck that would cost 1.3 million dollars. Chief Harhen stated he plans to use funds from the Ambulance account to pay for the down payment on the new truck, this will be brought before the Finance Committee, Capital Committee and Town meeting in the spring 2020 before anything can be done.

The Selectmen stated they would like Chief Harhen to proceed with looking into replacing the Tower ladder Truck.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the December 16, 2019 4:00 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the December 16, 2019 4:30 pm Executive Session Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to Release minutes of the October 25, 2019 9:20 am Executive Session Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the resignation from David Walsh of the Board of Registrars effective 12/30/2019. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve to disband the Town Administrator Screening Committee effective 1/6/2020. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve changes to Taxi License Policy effective January 6, 2020. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the following Common Victualer License renewal for the period ending December 31, 2020:

LICENSE #28

Von M Inc. dba Subway

Galen Sweeney, Mgr.

203 Bedford Street

Hours: Daily 7 am – 9 pm

Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Towns Right of first refusal for lots located at Assessors map 108, block 5, Harvard Street., property owned by Jerilyn Wassmouth.

Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Southeastern Regional Services Group Contract Award for DPW Services for 2/1/20-1/31/21.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated the Town is now in Budget Season and meetings have begun between the Finance Committee and Department Heads. He stated, the MASSDOT has informed the Town will be receiving a supplemental Grant under the Chapter 90 money, another \$37,000.00 in road maintenance money.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/STAFF REPORTS

Next Selectmen's meeting Monday, January 27th

BOARD DISCUSSION

The Selectmen reviewed drafts of new policies presented for first reading which include, Non-Profit Funding Policy, Social Media Policy Statement, and Vehicle Use Policy.

Steven Belcher and Roy Gardner were present to discuss updates and changes to the Street and Roadway Acceptance Procedures.

Chairman Dowling announced the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session under G.L. 30A, § 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy session in preparation for negotiation with non-union personnel (DPW Director) or to conduct collective bargaining sessions (Administrative & Clerical Association) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining & litigating position of the public body as the chair so declares and not return to open session.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session, Ms. Julius seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dowling: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, All were in favor, 3-0

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk

