

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Present: John Margie, Chairman; David Sheedy, Vice Chairman; William Dowling, Clerk; George Samia, Town Administrator; and Gloria Mitchell, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

John Margie requested a Moment of Silence for the loss in a house fire in East Bridgewater the past week.

Open Forum

Resident, Richard Moretti from 6 Riddell Road mentioned a dinner that is served at the East Bridgewater United Methodist Church every Wednesday night and all are welcome.

Budget Presentation

The Business Manager for Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical High School, Mark Morris and the Liaison for East Bridgewater, Joe Dutcher reviewed the FY18 Budget for the school. Mr. Morris explained there is an increase of 3.3% in the budget but will be paid for by the Adult Education Receipts. Mr. Morris stated that even though enrollment is up by 2.7%, East Bridgewater enrollment is down by 10 students. The East Bridgewater contribution is down by approximately \$100,000.00 and that 44% of the tuition is state aid. There was a discussion in regards to the Post-Secondary Education, the Selectmen would like some information on regards to the formula used to figure what each town pays and who is eligible.

Budget Presentation

East Bridgewater Superintendent, Liz Legault and Business Administrator, John Shea reviewed where the FY17 Budget is at this time and the Proposed FY18 Budget for the School Department. John Shea explained that \$500,000.00 of the Circuit Breaker money will be used to pay ahead for Special Education. The remainder of the Circuit Breaker funds will be used to fund free all-day Kindergarten, Circuit Breaker funds can only be held for two years. Ms. Legault stated the plan is to hire 1.5 teachers, 1 teacher's assistant, 1 SPED teacher, 1 specials teacher and 1 behavioral specialist. Ms. Legault explained the benefits to the child with full day kindergarten, there will be approximately 160 students and with approximately 17 students per class. Ms. Legault stated they would like to bring the SPED students back to East Bridgewater and have North River Collaborative rent rooms from the school department.

Mr. Margie thanked the Superintendent Legault and Mr. Shea for their work.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Community Gardens the continued use of the outside of the Sachem Rock Community Center.

Mr. Sheedy mentioned the season opening that took place last weekend.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Agreement between Empathia, Inc. and the Town of East Bridgewater for an Employee Assistance & Worklife Services Program Agreement and give the Town Administrator authorization to sign any related documents.

Mr. Samia explained that with the transition to a new insurance company, the insurance agent had to find a new insurance company to handle the Employee Assistance Program that was not available with Travelers.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the East Bridgewater Family and Medical Leave Policy as printed.

Mr. Samia explained that under the advice of Town Counsel the town needs to have a policy in place for this type of leave for town employees. Mr. Sheedy would like to have some type of training for department heads on how this policy should be handled and decide who has the authority to approve FMLA.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Freda's for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock for a wedding on August 26, 2017 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Freda's for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock for The Kiwanis' Annual Installation on September 24, 2017 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from David Jenks for a transfer of the Common Victualer License for Domino's, 225 Bedford Street, contingent on the approval of the Police Department.

Approval from the Police Department has been received since the meeting agenda has been posted.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the renewal of the Seasonal Wine & Malt License for New England Kart Raceway contingent on approval of the Police Department.

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M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the renewal of the following April Licenses:

Second-Hand Article Licenses

Lorraine Parker dba Mrs. Swift's & Moore Antiques & Collectibles Lorraine Parker, Mgr.
16 West Union Street
Hours: Daily 9 am – 9 pm

Benjamin Ellis dba Land of Electronics Benjamin Ellis, Mgr.
687 North Bedford Street
Hours: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Junk Dealer's License (to sell gold, silver, etc.)

Benjamin Ellis dba Land of Electronics Benjamin Ellis, Mgr.
687 North Bedford Street
Hours: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Michael H. Jewelers Michael Hamoui, Mgr.
225 Bedford Street
Hours: Monday – Friday: 10 am- 6 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia stated that the town has just received reimbursement of approximately \$136,000.00 for the snow storm two years ago and thanked the Fire Chief, Tim Harhen and Highway Superintendent, Rob Kenn for gathering all of the needed information and submitting it.

Mr. Samia announced that the next meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2017 and at that time there will be a Pre-Town Meeting Forum that will start at 5:30 pm rather than the normal time of 6:30 pm.

Announcements

The Special Town Meeting Warrant has been posted and copies are available. The Annual Town Meeting Warrant will be posted and copies available by the end of the week. Both Warrants will also be available on the town's website once the ATM Warrant has been posted.

Board Discussions

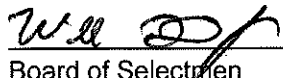
The Selectmen wanted to acknowledge the great work by all first responders for the house fire in East Bridgewater.

Chief Harhen also wanted to acknowledge how much the Police Department helped as well as the surrounding towns.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Margie, Sheedy, Dowling a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen