

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Board Discussions

Mr. Margie mentioned the email that was received in regards to the South Coast Rail Project Changes asking for any comments. Mr. Margie sent an email with his recommendation to what comments should be made in a letter to Secretary Beaton from EOEEA.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to send a letter with the comments recommended by John Margie.

Open Forum

Police Chief, Scott Allen announced that the Police and Fire Departments will be having a joint open house on Saturday from 11:00 am-2:00 pm.

Contract Signing

Town Counsel, Attorney Jaime Kenny explained the process of the two contract negotiations with the Superior Officers and Patrolmen Association. The contract is effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019. Attorney Kenny mentioned the few changes from the old contracts which will include a 2% increase each year. Officer Tony Ferreira was present for the signing.

Fire Chief, Tim Harhen mentioned the effort of the first responders and the DPW and how they all worked together for the major fire that recently happened in East Bridgewater.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Patriotic Activities Committee for the use of the Town Common on May 29, 2017 from 9:00 am-12:00 pm for the Memorial Day Activities.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Patriotic Activities Committee for the use of the Town Common on June 11, 2017 from 6:00 pm-10:00 pm for the Retiring of American Flag.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Professional Bar Services for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock for a baby shower on May 28, 2017 from 2:00 pm-5:00 pm.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Professional Bar Services for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock for a birthday party on May 21, 2017 from 2:00 pm-6:00 pm.

Contract Signing

Sergeants Mike McLaughlin, Mike Jenkins and Steve Brown were present from the Superior Officers Association for the contract signing. Attorney Kenny explained the differences between the Superior Officers Association Contract and the Patrolmen Association Contract. Attorney Kenny thanked the negotiating team and especially recognized Sergeant Steven Brown for being on the team even though he is close to retirement and has served for 52 years. The Selectmen thanked all involved for their cooperation during both negotiations. Chief Allen thanked Attorney Kenny and all the staff for helping with the negotiation.

Pre Town Meeting Forum

Robert Looney, Town Moderator and Dina Livingston, Town Clerk were present to go over the Articles on the Special and Annual Town Meeting warrants, explaining the votes needed for each article. The Capital Planning Committee will be making the Motions for all Capital Projects. Mr. Looney encouraged residents to attend the meeting, there has to be at least 150 residents in attendance for the Special Town Meeting.

The Selectmen thanked the Finance Committee and the Capital Planning Committee for attending the meeting and all their work preparing for Town Meeting.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm


Clerk
Board of Selectmen