

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, September 18, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

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

## **Oath of Allegiance**

### **Open Forum**

Veteran's Agent, Robert Charles, invited all veterans to attend the Veteran's Group that meets every month on the second Wednesday at 10:00 am at the COA and this is open to veterans of any branch of the military.

Mr. Charles also mentioned the Field of Flags which takes place on the Town Common every year. The event is sponsored by the East Bridgewater Kiwanis and Fisher House. If residents do not receive the flyer in the mail they can go to his office to pick up an application or drop off the application.

### **Appointment**

Jeff Burek from DW Clark and John Delano, Engineering Consultant for the town were present to give an update in regards to the property located at 692 North Bedford Street. Mr. Delano mentioned that it was good news that DW Clark had received the approval from the DEP for the Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) Permit. Mr. Delano reviewed his Summary and Observations of activities at this site since receiving notification of the approval. Mr. Delano stated that he gave the Summary to the Selectmen to help Mr. Burek stay in compliance with the BUD Permit.

Mr. Burek stated that he will be working with his engineer to make sure that the list of items that are required to stay in compliance will be addressed. Mr. Burek mentioned that even though they have not heard back from the landfills that they had applied to for removal of the sand, the company did contract with an out of state site and removed 290 tons of sand in August and will be removing more by the end of the week. Mr. Burek agreed to work with Mr. Delano to get a recommendation in regards to where to take the next load from. Mr. Delano state that he will work with Mr. Burek to help him comply.

### **Action Items**

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve to the minutes of the August 21, 2017 meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the July 24, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the August 4, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to schedule a Special Town Meeting for October 30, 2017 at 7:00 pm to take place at the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium.

John Margie stated that one of the main reasons for having the Special Town Meeting is to ask the town to give the funds that were raised by EB B.A.S.E. for a skate park to the non-profit group that is taking on the responsibility of the portable skate park that is being donated.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Special Town Meeting Schedule for the October 30, 2017 Special Town Meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Lorrie Parker from Mrs. Swift's & Moore Antiques to sell tee shirts in the parking lot of the Town Hall at the end of each Historic Ghost Tour.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve to request from Howard Wilbur of Friends of East Bridgewater Trails for the use of the outside of the Sachem Rock Community Center for their Annual Pumpkin Walk on October 22, 2017  
pm 12:00 pm-5:00 pm.

David Sheedy mentioned that there is also going to be an Open House for the Sachem Rock Center that day.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Dianne Kennedy-Warkel of the Kiwanis Club for the use of the Town Common on November 30, 2017 from 5:30 pm-8:30 pm for the Lighting of the Common.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Chuck Horan of the Kiwanis Club for the use of the Town Common on November 4, 2017 through November 18, 2017 for the display of a Field of American Flags.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Peter Spagone, Sr. of the Skylur J. Spagone Memorial Fund for the use of the Town Common on October 9, 2017 for a Walk to raise funds for the Skylur J. Spagone Memorial Fund.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the recommendation from the Dog Hearing Officer, George Samia in regards to the dog attack that occurred on Friday, August 18, 2017.

George Samia explained the situation that was brought before him on a hearing that was held last week. He is recommending that the Selectmen impose the restrictions that were recommended by the Dog Officer.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the revised East Bridgewater Center at Sachem Rock Usage Agreement – Policies and Procedures as printed.

David Sheedy mentioned that the Policy was originally put in place when the Center was opened and needed to be updated which also pertains to the next three Action Items.

The Function Coordinator, Dianne Kennedy-Warkel was also present and spoke on some of the changes. There was a discussion in regards to having a Police Detail present during function where alcohol is being served, at this time it is up to the Police Chief to decide if a Detail is needed. Mr. Sheedy stated that the insurance company mentioned, at a recent insurance meeting, that it doesn't matter the number of people that are at a function with alcohol, the liability on the town is still the same.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the revised East Bridgewater Center at Sachem Rock Rental Fees as printed.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the revised Policy Governing One-Day Special Licenses for the Center at Sachem Rock as printed.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to change the Fee for One-Day Liquor Licenses for the Center at Sachem Rock from \$25.00 to \$50.00.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the renewal of the following Class II License and Restrictions for the period ending January 1, 2018:

**LICENSE #21**

Wesley Damon dba Damon's Service & Repair  
374 Washington Street

Restrictions: 1. Insurance and towed vehicles to be stored behind fence  
2. Maximum of 10 vehicles for repair  
3. Maximum of 15 vehicles for sale; vehicles to be displayed at least 15'  
from roadway  
(all as shown on Plot Plan submitted 12/18/95)

Hours: Monday – Saturday 7 am – 5 pm

David Sheedy mentioned that he spoke with the new Building Inspector and the location is in compliance and is as cleaned up as it can get for the type of business it is.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to instruct the dog officer, Lisa McKay, to issue non-criminal violations to dog owners which have not licensed their dog(s) as of Monday, September 18, 2017.

All of the Selectmen were surprised with the amount of names that were on the list which is about the same each year.

### **Town Administrator Report**

George Samia stated that the Budget Task Force is moving forward and the budget process will move much faster this year. John Margie mentioned that there has been some good information and everyone is learning something. Everyone should be better prepared when the budget process begins. David Sheedy recommended inviting everyone to the next Selectmen's meeting to give an update. Mr. Margie stated that is the plan and the information will be put on the town website.

### **Board Discussions**

John Margie mentioned the "Guns & Hoses" Golf Tournament, a fundraiser sponsored by the East Bridgewater Police and Fire Department, took place today and there were 144 participants.

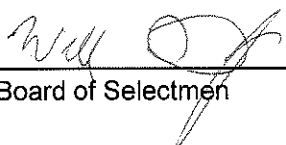
William Dowling asked if the Credit Card Policy could be changed from 2 days to turn in slips to 3-5 days. Mr. Dowling spoke with the Business Administrator at the Schools, John Shea and he mentioned it is tough for them to get the slips to the Accountant within 2 days. The Town Treasurer, Erica Flemming, stated that the credit card should only be used when there is not enough time for the payment to go through the Warrant Process. The Town Accountant, Phyllis Tirrell, stated that they never received the backup information within 2 days and have been very lenient on enforcing that since they do not look at the credit card statement every day. George Samia stated that according to Massachusetts Laws, the Town Accountant cannot pay bills without the backup. There was a discussion on the frequency of the use of the credit cards and what type of purchases should it be used for. Mr. Dowling and the other Selectmen agreed to leave the policy the way it stands.

John Margie mentioned he attended a MMA Conference last week. There was mention at that conference about the solar impact on the towns, possibility of a network being set up to pay ambulance bills to the riders rather than the town and how the income and sales tax are way down which impacts what the municipalities receive from the state for funding.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

 Clerk  
Board of Selectmen