

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

None.

Appointment

Melody Cyre and Bob Packer from the Christmas Parade Committee presented the plan for the Christmas Parade that will be taking place on December 2, 2017 through the center of town. Mr. Packer explained the parking situation which included areas where parking will be restricted.

Appointment

Phil Woolf from the Fire Department to kick off the Toys for Tots program the Fire Department will be sponsoring again this year. Mr. Woolf mentioned that boxes will be placed at the Community Center, Library, Fire Department and would like to put one in the Town Hall. The toys that are collected in East Bridgewater are given to East Bridgewater residents only, last year they helped 75 families.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Fire Department to put a collection box for Toys for Tots at the Town Hall.

Public Hearing

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing will be held relative to an Application for a Junk Dealer License submitted by Matt's Auto Service, Matthew Chiaramonte, Manager, Premises: 579 West Street.

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:35 p.m.

Police Chief, Scott Allen, gave his recommendation to deny the license with explanation as to how he has come to this conclusion. Mr. Sheedy stated a letter was received from the Building Inspector stating that due to the building square footage and tables 6-1 and 6-2, they would not be able to comply with Zoning By-Laws and would need to go before the Planning Board to review the site plan. With this in mind the Selectmen cannot grant a license without a Planning Board recommendation. Town Counsel, Chris Kelly, gave a brief history of the license request and also recommended that the Selectmen deny the license request. Town Counsel, John Clifford, stated that the Selectmen has the discretion to grant or deny a license application.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to deny the Junk Dealer License request from Matthew Chiaramonte for the premises located at 579 West Street.

Appointment

Chris Kelly, John Ward and Michelle Ahern from the Finance Committee to give a presentation in regards to the FY19 Budget. Mr. Kelly reviewed the Estimate of FY19 General Fund Revenue which showed a comparison of the past 5 years to FY19. Mr. Kelly stated there is a 1.5% increase aggregate for each department, some may get more, some may get less, and this is just an estimate. Mr. Kelly reviewed the FY19 Budget Schedule for Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Sheedy mentioned that this presentation lets everyone know what is expected. Mr. Margie stated that the five major department heads have been meeting with the Town Accountant, Treasurer and Town Administrator throughout the summer and have learned a lot during those meetings.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve to the minutes of the October 23, 2017, 5:30 p.m. meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2017, 6:30 p.m. meeting.

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

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve to award a contract to Advantage Drug Testing for a three year period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2020 for the administration of a Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for Municipal Employees in accordance with the requirements set out in the SERSG Request for Proposals.

Mr. Samia explained what SERSG is and how the town came about using this testing company for the past year.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve to accept the Quitclaim Deed from Buskull Properties, LLC for the roadway known as Patriot Circle as authorized by the vote taken under Article 8 of the October 8, 2017 Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Margie explained that this is the final step to accepting a street before going to the Registry of Deeds.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Heather Craven of the Sydney Craven Memorial Fund for the use of the Town Common on June 16, 2018 from 6:00 am-1:00 pm for their 3rd Annual Tutu Run and Sparklefest fundraiser event.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, in accordance with MGL Chapter 111, Section 142H, to authorize the Fire Chief to issue not more than one permit in any one year for a ceremonial bonfire in the Town of East Bridgewater.

Mr. Margie stated that this will avoid anyone with this type of request to have to come before the Selectmen and can be approved or denied by the Fire Chief.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Melody Byre of the East Bridgewater Christmas Parade Committee to hold their Annual Christmas Parade from Spring Street through the Center of Town on to Central Street then Plymouth Street turning into the Parking Lot of the Jr/Sr High School and for the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot on December 2, 2017.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Planning Board to seize the bond for Johnson Farm Lane to perform the completion of the road and to notify the Town Treasurer/Collector and Town Accountant to make the road bond funds in Account: #D133, Road Bond Name: Johnson Farm Lane #5, Amount in Bond: \$86,875.66 available to John Haines, DPW Director, to finish the roadway completion work to be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Samia explained that the road has never been completed and by seizing the bond the town can put the money towards completion of the road which will eventually lead to the Town accepting the street.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Fire Chief to adopt MGL C. 48, S. 59A which allows the fire department to respond mutual-aid to other communities in need.

Chief Harhen explained that the Town has been providing this service and receiving it from surrounding communities, the Selectmen need to adopt the Law for the Fire Department to continue doing this.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Professional Bar Service for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock on December 9, 2017 from 7:00 pm-11:00 pm for a Family Reception.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Veteran's Agent, Robert Charles to place a bin somewhere in Town Hall for South Shore Veterans Assistance, Inc. to collect new clothing and adult activity items to benefit veterans in need.

Mr. Charles explained the program that is based out of Brockton.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia stated the town is now in Budget preparation season. Mr. Samia met with the Finance Committee and Capital Committee last week and is in agreement with the Finance Committee's information that was presented early in the evening.

Board Discussions

Mr. Margie read the letter that was received from the School Committee in regards to the FY18 Budget. Mr. Margie stated that the Board of Selectmen do not have to respond to the letter from the School Committee.

Mr. Samia gave a time line of all events that happened during last year's budget process and the format that the budget was to be given in. Mr. Samia recommends that the Selectmen vote that if a budget is not given according to the Finance Committee timeline then that department will get a 0% increase. Mr. Margie stated that each department has to present a balanced budget.

Attorney Clifford stated that Mr. Samia asked him to look at the letter and give his opinion. The School Committee does have an obligation to provide a budget and have a hearing, the School Committee only presented a PowerPoint presentation last year. Attorney Clifford mentioned that the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen did not do anything wrong.

Mr. Sheedy will bring a copy of the presentation that was given by the Finance Committee to the Superintendent and the School's Business Manager. Mr. Sheedy requested that the Selectmen respond to the letter from the School Committee.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to respond to the School Committee's letter with the information given from Town Counsel.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to send follow up letters to all legislators in regards to the three Home Rule Petitions that are outstanding asking for any update.

Mr. Dowling congratulated the Youth Football Teams that went to their respective Superbowls.

Reminders

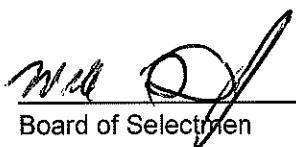
A memo was received from the Police Department wanting to inform the residents that the Winter Parking Ban is in effect as of November 15 – April 15.

1. Overnight parking is prohibited.
 2. Please make sure vehicles are off of the road and do not impede snow removal/treatment of the roads.
- Vehicles are subject to tow in emergency situations.
If you have any questions, please call 508-378-7223. Thank You.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm


Clerk
Board of Selectmen