

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Present: John Margie, Chairman; David Sheedy, Vice Chairman; William Dowling, Clerk; and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Interim Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to remind the residents of East Bridgewater about the Annual Town election that will be held Saturday April 7, 2018 11:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Jr / Sr High School Gymnasium. Absentee ballots are available up until noontime the day before the election at the Town Clerks Office, they can also be mailed.

Appointment

Chris Kelley, from the Finance Committee was present to give a presentation in regards to the FY19 Budget. Mr. Kelley stated that he presented to the Town that the Finance Committee would like the departments to present budgets that were no more than 1.5%, and the second should be what their real needs were. Mr. Kelley stated that each department, starting in January made presentations at 1.5% increase and what their real needs were. Mr. Kelley stated the next steps will be to make and a present a balanced budget at Annual Town Meeting.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to pass over, the request from Diane Carey of EB BASE for the use of the Town Hall parking lot for the purpose of setting up Victoria Snelgrove Mobile Skate Park. Estimated overall duration of event is 4-6 hours with occasional concessions. Times and dates will vary on weekends in Spring, Summer and Fall when there are no other events planned and are no baseball games at the field that shares the same lot.

Ms. Carey stated that she submitted the same request for the use of Church Street Hockey Rink, and the School parking lots. Mr. Sheedy suggested coordinating a meeting between the departments so there can be a plan put into place. A follow-up email will be sent. Ms. Carey also mentioned that EB BASE will be holding their opening day 4/8/2018 at the Town Common from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. There will be face painting, art auction, car show and multiple local bands performing.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Molly Lowell (Parks Coordinator – Tinkergarten) for the use of Sachem Rock Farm for the purpose of A small parent-child nature play class for children aged 18 months to 5 years old designed to provide families with fun and educational activities that encourage exploration, problem solving, teamwork and creativity. Along the way, parents learn about child development and the importance of both free play and time spent outdoors. Families are also directly taught to respect nature and local green spaces, and we leave no trace.

Dates and times will be worked out and determined by communicating with the COA Director.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Professional Bar Services for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock for a wedding on May 05, 2018 from 4:00 pm-9:00 pm.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 6:00 pm Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the final draft of the special act to be submitted to the General Court regarding the sewer district as approved by Article 10 of the October 30, 2017 Special Town Meeting.

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a sewer district in the town of East Bridgewater called the East Bridgewater town center sewer district. The district shall include the land and buildings located in the town center section of the town shown on assessors map 51 as parcels 1, 13, 15, 16, 23, 25, 26, 29, 37 and 45 and on assessors map 61 as parcels 3, 4, 14, 122 and 137. The land and buildings shall be served by the East Bridgewater high school sewage treatment facility. The area contained in the district may be expanded by a vote of the board of selectmen and approval by town meeting.

(b) The board of selectmen of the town of East Bridgewater shall serve as the board of sewer commissioners. The board shall have all the powers and responsibilities of a sewer commission under section 4 of chapter 40N

for the East Bridgewater town center sewer district and may adopt rules and regulations for access and use of the sewer system. The board shall establish connection fees, use fees and other charges that shall be paid by every person who connects into the district; provided, however, that the fees shall be reasonably related to the capital and operational costs of the sewer system. The director of public works of the town of East Bridgewater, appointed pursuant to chapter 178 of the acts of 2005, shall have the powers and responsibilities of a superintendent of the sewer department pursuant to section 69 of chapter 41 of the General Laws.

(c) The board of selectmen of the town of East Bridgewater shall have sole discretion to determine which property owners may connect to the East Bridgewater town center sewer district and the amount of wastewater treatment capacity allocated to each user of the system. An application for a connection to the district shall be reviewed by a representative of the board of health, a representative of the planning board and the director of the department of public works or the director's designee, who shall make a recommendation to the board regarding the application. In making the recommendation, the representatives and director or designee shall consider the overall economic benefit afforded by approval of the application, the amount of available wastewater treatment capacity and other factors that the representatives and director or designee shall deem appropriate.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve and sign off on the Labyrinth and sign located behind the Community Center.

Eagle Scout candidate, AJ Lyons was present to seek approval and signature for the finished Labyrinth project and to give an update on the sign that just installed. The Selectmen thanked AJ for doing a great job on this project and AJ thanked the Selectmen for their support.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia stated that we're in the middle of budget season. He's been attending the Capital Planning and Finance Committee meetings.

Staff Reports

MassDOT will be holding a public hearing in the 1st floor conference room, Town Hall, Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm. A public design hearing to discuss the proposed resurfacing and sidewalk construction on Bedford Street, Rt 18, from 106 Whitman Street to Central Street East Bridgewater.

Board Discussions

Mr. Dowling stated that he received a call asking about the EB Hope cards at Town Hall regarding the upcoming vote on marijuana. He stated that because people are so passionate on the subject that they might not want to have the handouts at Town Hall or at any other Town property.

Mr. Sheedy stated that the law states, as long as both sides have equal chance to put the material out then the material can be placed at Town Hall.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen