

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

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

## **Oath of Allegiance**

### **Open Forum**

None

### **Appointment**

Lisa Rue and Arthur Tucker were present from the Community Garden at Sachem Rock to give an update. Ms. Rue reviewed the events that they held the first season and what they will be continuing next season and new events they are considering. Mr. Tucker stated that the garden has built community and gets gratification by working in the garden. There are 16 plots total which include families, friends and students from East Bridgewater. David Sheedy mentioned that the garden was a big success.

### **Budget Presentations**

George Samia reviewed that proposed FY18 Budget for the Planning/Building Department since the Building Inspector has left and the new Inspector has only been working in the town for a week. Mr. Samia stated that there is an overall 2% increase. The Finance Committee has questions in regards to a line item in the budget and has not yet approved the budget.

Town Clerk, Dina Livingston, reviewed the proposed FY18 Budget. Ms. Livingston stated that there is a 2% increase in both the Town Clerk's and the Board of Registrars' Budget which will include an additional \$1,000.00 for Ms. Livingston to receive certification as a Certified Municipal Clerk.

M/Sheedy, s/Margie, a unanimous vote, to adjourn at 6:51 pm and to reconvene after the Special Town Meeting.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to reconvene at 7:48 pm.

Library Director, Virginia Johnson, was present to represent the proposed FY18 Budget for the Library. Ms. Johnson stated that there is a 2% increase with one exception in the salaries to move an employee up a grade which they were promoted to last year. That would increase the overall budget by 3.7%.

Director of Assessing, Paula Wolfe, reviewed the proposed FY18 Budget for the Assessors. Ms. Wolfe stated that there is a 2% increase which will include money for her to get certification as a Certified Massachusetts Assessor.

### **Action Items**

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 meeting with the Historical Commission.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2017 Board of Water Commissioners meeting.

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

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Resolution in Support of Site Assessment of former Precise Engineering Site 54 West Union Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333, as printed.

George Samia explained that the town received two grants to clean up the former Precise Engineering Site and the former Eastern States Steel Site which have been abandoned by the owners. The town already owns the Precise Engineering

and is in the process of gaining access to the Eastern States Steel Site. Mr. Samia stated that the next few votes are related to this.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Resolution in Support of Site Assessment of former Eastern States Steel Site 36 Cook Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333, as printed.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement from Mass Development for the Brownfield's Site Assessment Recoverable Grant for former Eastern States Steel Site 36 Cook Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333 and authorize the Town Administrator, George Samia to sign the Agreement.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement from Mass Development for the Brownfield's Site Assessment Recoverable Grant for former Precise Engineering Site 54 West Union Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333 and authorize the Town Administrator, George Samia to sign the Agreement.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve, as amended, the request from EB H.O.P.E for the use of the Town Common on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 4:00 pm-10:00 pm for a fundraiser with a rain date of September 17, 2017.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Rose-Marie Culp from East Bridgewater Business Association for the use of the Town Common on Saturday, September 16, 2017 from 7:00 am-3:00 pm with a rain date of September 17, 2017 for their annual Business Expo and Family Fun Day.

David Sheedy thanked EBBA for allowing EB H.O.P.E. to use their tent after the Business Expo for them to have their fundraiser.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the sale of \$520,000 General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the Town dated 3/9/2017.

Mr. Samia explained that this is for short term borrowing which is for the sewer pipe that was approved at Town Meeting.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve to award the contract for the purchase of Water Meters to Ti Sales, Inc. and give the Town Administrator, George Samia authorization to sign the Notice of Award.

Mr. Samia explained that this contract has gone out for bid and Ti Sales, Inc. was the only bidder on the project.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Agreement by and Between the Town of East Bridgewater and Ti Sales, Inc. for the purchase of Water Meters.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Agreement by and Between the Town of East Bridgewater and CVS in regards to the wastewater treatment facility located at the East Bridgewater High School.

Mr. Samia explained that the Board of Health together with Town Counsel have negotiated this contract with CVS to connect to the sewer treatment facility that is at the High School.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous, vote to approve the following Annual and Special Town Meeting Schedule for the May 8, 2017 Annual and Special Town Meeting.

#### TIME FRAMES FOR ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 7, 2017

Notification to all departments

March 27, 2017

Deadline to submit articles to Selectmen

April 10, 2017

Articles reviewed by Finance Committee, Treasurer, Town Counsel, Accountant, Town Administrator and Selectmen

Warrant closed and approved by Selectmen

April 24, 2017

Deadline to submit Warrant to Town Clerk

April 24, 2017

Last date to post warrant

April 25, 2017

Copy of articles available for distribution

May 1, 2017

Meet with Town Clerk, Moderator, etc. to go over Warrant

May 8, 2017

Annual Town Meeting

Mr. Samia stated that the schedule is for the legal date of Town Meeting which is May 8, 2017.

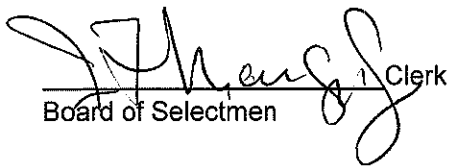
#### Reminders

Rebecca Johnson was introduced as the new Principal Clerk in the Board of Selectmen's Office.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm

 Clerk  
Board of Selectmen