

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Present: David Sheedy, Chairman; William Dowling, Vice Chairman; Carole Julius, Clerk; George Samia, Town Administrator; and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reorganization of Board

M/Dowling, s/Julius, a unanimous vote, for David Sheedy as Chairman.

Ms. Julius stated that it was good to go with this tradition, and it is a good thing to recognize.

M/Sheedy, s/Julius, a unanimous vote, for William Dowling as Vice Chairman.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, for Carole Julius as Clerk.

Open Forum

Action Items

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Interim Town Clerk Susan Gillpatrick requesting to be paid for the accumulated vacation time she earned in her position as Principal Clerk and Administrative Assistant in the Town Clerks Office for fiscal year 2018.

Mr. Samia explained that Ms. Gillpatrick had accumulated vacation time prior to becoming the Town Clerk. Ms. Gillpatrick will now be going from a contracted employee to a non-contractual employee.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a 2 yes vote, 1 abstain-Julius, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 6:30 pm meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, reappointment Nancy Hill to the Old Colony Elder Services and OCPC Area Agency on Aging effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Jennifer Pohl, EBCCYF (East Bridgewater Commercial Club Youth Football & Cheer) for permission to hang a banner in the Town Common as they did last year , to encourage residents to sign up for youth football and cheer registration. The banner will stay up from April 7, 2018 through the end of May.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Patrick Duggan, East Bridgewater Patriotic Activities Committee for permission to hold a Memorial Day Celebration to honor Veterans of all wars at the Town Common on Monday, May 28, 2018. Time of the event will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Patrick Duggan, American Legion Post 91 for permission to hold a Flag disposal, retirement of worn out American Flag event at the Town Common on Sunday, June 10, 2018. Time of the event will be from 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Patrick Duggan, East Bridgewater Patriotic Activities Committee for permission to hold a Veterans Day Parade and awards to honor Veterans at the Town Common on Sunday, November 11, 2018. Time of the event will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Board of Health for the use of the outside of Sachem Rock for a Rabies Clinic on June 11, 2018 from 4:30 pm-8:00 pm. Time of the event will be from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Public Hearing

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to accept the lay-out as town ways:

WAMPANOAG WAY as shown on a plan entitled "ROADWAY ACCEPTANCE AND AS-BUILT PLAN FOR WAMPANOAG WAY ROBBIN'S POND PARK IN EAST BRIDGEWATER, MA" prepared for E.B.R.P. LLC, prepared by P.M.P. Associates, LLC, dated September 28, 2017.

The planning board has already recommended and signed the layout and the BOS has reviewed the feedback from police/fire/dpw as well and have no issues.

Appointment

The Selectmen reviewed the Articles in the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Samia stated what he included in the packet for the Selectmen. In the packet is what was submitted, the backup and both minutes of the Capital Committee meeting as well as the Finance Committee Meeting. The minutes were submitted 4/9/2018.

Ms. Julius asked if the transfer for Article # 2 & # 3 was an unusual amount or a standard end of the year amount to be transferred. Mr. Samia stated that the amount isn't unusual. It depends upon the amount of overtime issues.

Mr. Clifford stated that Article #10 and Article #11 require a quorum.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve and close the Special Town Meeting Warrant as printed.

Mr. Sheedy welcomed Carole Julius to the Board of Selectmen. He also thanked John Margie for his service on the Board and on the Finance Committee. Mr. Sheedy congratulated John Cullinan on his election to the Board of Assessors, and thanked Dave Philips for his many years of service on the Board.

The Selectmen reviewed the Articles in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Mr. Clifford stated that Article # 3, #18 will require a 2/3 vote.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve and close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as printed.

Budget Presentations

The Town Administrator, George Samia, presented the FY19 Budget for the Selectmen's Office. Mr. Samia mentioned that the BOS Budget consists of many items ranging from the Selectmen's budget to the Towns Insurance, Computers, etc. Mr. Samia stated he submitted a 1.5 % budget, and this is what was presented to the finance committee. They have an alternative budget for the Finance Committee to consider as well.

Mr. Samia mentioned, one of the big issues that we had this year was the electricity. Even though we're getting the credits from the Solar we still have over \$800,000.00 in electric bills. When the credits come in, they can't get put back into the budget, you're required to fund the entire budget, the rest goes to the general fund. The Town currently has two solar projects and looking into another.

The Town Accountant, Phyllis Tirrell, presented the FY19 Budget for the Accountants Office. Ms. Tirrell mentioned there is a 1.5% increase, the only change is in the 2% increase personal services due to contractual obligations.

Director of Assessing, Paula Wolfe, reviewed the proposed FY19 Budget for the Assessors. Ms. Wolfe stated that there is a 1.5% increase. Ms. Julius asked what the professional service amount of \$5000.00 moved, was for. Ms. Wolfe stated that it was for data collection.

Town Treasurer/Collector, Erica Flemming, reviewed the proposed FY19 budget for the Treasurer/Collector's Office. Ms. Flemming stated that most line items would be staying the same with the exception of the departmental salaries. There was a discussion in regards to Employee Benefits; Health Insurance and the GIC and how it's only going up 1.48% due to modifications that were made by the GIC.

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick, reviewed the proposed FY19 Budget. Ms. Gillpatrick stated that there is a 1.45% increase in both the Town Clerk's and the Board of Registrars' Budget. Ms. Gillpatrick stated that there will be three elections next year. The census is now done with an outside vendor and no longer done in house.

Town Administrator Report

Board Discussion

Mr. Dowling stated that the BOS are still working on the Waste Management and have tentative forum scheduled for Tuesday April 17, 2018 at 10:00 am and Wednesday April 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm. At the JR / SR High School. The BOS along with John Haines will present the proposal to the Town.

An executive session will be set for Friday, April 13, 2018 to discuss the Waste Management.

Mr. Sheedy congratulated the Skate Park on their opening day.

Ms. Julius mentioned that the Town had a great turnout for Election Day.

Reminders

Town Hall will be closed Monday, April 16, 2018 due to the upcoming Patriots Day Holiday. The BOS wished luck to all of the local runners that will take part in the Marathon.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm



Clerk
Board of Selectmen