

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 23, 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

Mr. Sheedy asked everyone to remain standing for a moment of silence for Sargent Sean Gannon and all of the Police, Fire and first responders for all that they do.

Open Forum

Herbert Cushman, resident, Lynn Lee Terrace, was present to inquire about article # 18 on the Annual Town Warrant. Police Chief, Scott Allen was present to explain the article in detail. Mr. Cushman was pleased with the explanation.

Ken McCloud, resident, Stone Meadow Drive, was present to express his concerns regarding the Town of East Bridgewater's Recycle Centers hours of operation. He stated that he would like to see the Recycle Center open more often. Mr. Haines, DPW Director was present to explain why the Recycle Centers schedule is only able to be open certain days and hours.

Mr. Haines stated that he will continue to work with the Board and look into other options.

Appointment

Robert Charles, Veterans Agent, was present for his contract signing. Mr. Charles congratulated Ms. Julius on her election to the Board of Selectmen. He stated that he looks forward to working with the BOS, Town Administrator, and the Finance Committee, for the needs of the Veterans of East Bridgewater. Mr. Charles stated that the Town's Passport fees have increased from \$ 25.00 to \$35.00. The Veterans group meeting that is typically held the second Wednesday of each month at the COA / Community Center for the Month of May will be held the third Wednesday due to a pre-planned vacation.

The Selectmen commended Mr. Charles on doing a great job over the years, and increasing the number of Veterans that he's provided services to here in East Bridgewater.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the Employment Agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater, MA and Robert Charles, Veterans Agent effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Paula Wolfe, Director of Assessing was present for her contract signing. The Selectmen commended her hard work on multiple projects and stated that she has a great staff.

Mr. Samia stated that Ms. Wolfe carries certifications and experience that most Assessors in the State of Massachusetts don't. She's an asset to the Town. Ms. Wolfe stated that she enjoys working for the Town of East Bridgewater.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the Employment Agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater, MA and Paula Wolfe, Director of Assessing effective July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Patrick Franey, Building Inspector was present for his contract signing. Mr. Sheedy explained that Mr. Franey has been working with the Town for 6 months. The feedback he's received from employees and residents have been positive and that he's professional in the job.

The Selectmen commended Mr. Franey for doing a great job and is an asset to the Town of East Bridgewater.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the Employment Agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater, MA and Patrick Franey, Building Inspector effective March 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

Mr. Samia stated that Mr. Franey holds a number of certificates related to being the Building Inspector.

Budget Presentations

Board of Health Clerk, Myles Heger, reviewed the proposed FY19 Budget for the Board of Health. Mr. Heger stated they're going with the proposed 1.5% increase in the Budget, some higher than the 1.5% for contractual reasons. Mr. Heger stated the Board of Health will be holding their Rabies Clinic at the Senior / Community Center Monday, June 11, 2018 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm and the Town Clerk will also be their licensing of animals.

Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen, reviewed the proposed FY19 Budget for the Fire Department. Chief Harhen mentioned in FY18 his department took a decrease to help another department. He stated they're in the process of negotiating the Fire fighters contract. Chief Harhen discussed the article he has on the Special Town Meeting requesting an Ambulance. This article requires a quorum, he's hoping enough people attend Town meeting to meet this need.

Police Chief, Scott Allen, and Deputy Chief Paul O'Brien were present. Chief Allen introduced Deputy Chief O'Brien to the Board and stated that he began this position in January and he's been doing a terrific job. Chief Allen presented a power point presentation regarding his department and the FY19 Budget for the Police Department. Chief Allen presented a 1.5% budget, in that includes salaries, personal services, general expenses and contractual. He stated that he also presented an alternate budget to the Finance Committee at a higher rate to meet the department's needs.

Conservation Commission Chairman, Claire Yocum, reviewed the proposed FY19 Budget for the Conservation Commission. Ms. Yocum stated that there is a 1.5% increase in the Budget which went right into clerical salaries. Ms. Yocum stated their professional engineer, John Delano of John Delano and Associates has remained the same. His role has increased because of the new MS4, Storm Water Management policy.

Department of Public Works Director, John Haines, reviewed the proposed FY19 Budget for all six divisions within the Department of Public Work which includes Highway & Land Management, Snow Removal, Fleet Maintenance, Facilities Management, Solid Waste and Water Division. Mr. Haines stated that he submitted a budget that is below the 1.5%. His overall budget is 1.41%. Mr. Haines stated that he's met all of his contractual obligations and will be providing a level service budget and will be capable of providing the same service in FY19 that they did in FY18.

The Selectmen commended Mr. Haines for all of his hard work and how all of the roads, Town properties and School grounds look great and are well maintained. Mr. Haines stated that this is a fantastic organization with the support of the Town and has a great team.

Action Items

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the Application for One-Day Liquor Licenses from the Villa at Ridder Country Club for weddings on the following dates:

May 25, 2018	June 22, 2018	July 21, 2018	August 26, 2018	September 29, 2018
May 26, 2018	June 23, 2018	July 22, 2018	August 30, 2018	October 6, 2018
May 27, 2018	June 24, 2018	July 28, 2018	September 1, 2018	October 12, 2018
June 1, 2018	June 29, 2018	August 4, 2018	September 2, 2018	October 13, 2018
June 2, 2018	June 30, 2018	August 11, 2018	September 8, 2018	
June 3, 2018	July 7, 2018	August 18, 2018	September 15, 2018	
June 8, 2018	July 14, 2018	August 18, 2018	September 21, 2018	
June 9, 2018	July 15, 2018	August 24, 2018	September 22, 2018	
June 16, 2018	July 20, 2018	August 25, 2018	September 23, 2018	

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the renewal of the Seasonal Wine & Malt License for New England Kart Raceway.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the renewal of the following April Licenses:

Second-Hand Article Licenses

Lorraine Parker dba Mrs. Swift's & Moore Antiques & Collectibles
16 West Union Street
Hours: Daily 9 am – 9 pm

Lorraine Parker, Mgr.

Benjamin Ellis dba Land of Electronics
687 North Bedford Street
Hours: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Benjamin Ellis, Mgr.

Susan M. Hartman dba Hartman Antiques
334 Bedford Street

Susan M. Hartman, Mgr.

Hours: Tuesday – Saturday: 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday – Monday: By chance or appointment

Junk Dealer's License (to sell gold, silver, etc.)

Benjamin Ellis dba Land of Electronics
687 North Bedford Street
Hours: 8 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Benjamin Ellis, Mgr.

Michael H. Jewelers
225 Bedford Street
Hours: Monday – Friday: 10 am- 6 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm

Michael Hamoui, Mgr.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a 2 yes vote, 1 abstain-Julius, to approve but not release the minutes of the March 26, 2018 6:00 pm executive session meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a 2 yes vote, 1 abstain-Julius, to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2018 6:30 pm meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a 2 yes vote, 1 abstain-Julius, to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 9:30 am Executive Session meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a 2 yes vote, 1 abstain-Julius, to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2018 6:30 pm meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve April 13, 2018 9:05 am Executive Session meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve appoint Susan Gillpatrick as the Registrar of Voters effective April 9, 2018 until June 30, 2018.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve Susan Gillpatrick as the Records Access Officer effective April 9, 2018 until June 30, 2018.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, 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 8, 2018 for a Walk to raise funds for the Skylur J. Spagone Memorial Fund.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Diane Carey of EB BASE for the use of the Town Hall parking lot for the setup of the Victoria Snelgrove Skate park for public use Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 11:00 am – 5:00 pm Rain Date Sunday, May 6, 2018 Time of the event will be from 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Korin Zigler of the Community Gardens for the use of the outside of Sachem Rock Community Center for the East Bridgewater Community Garden Spring Kickoff on Saturday, May 19, 2018, Rain date Sunday, May 20, 2018. Time of the event 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. This event will be open to the public.

Mr. Sheedy stated mentioned he's like to have further discussion in regards to policies at the Senior / Community Center.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Korin Zigler of the Community Gardens for the use of the outside of Sachem Rock Community Center for Pizza Pot Lucks at the picnic tables near the gardens on the following dates Monday, June 18, 2018, Monday, July, 16, 2018 and Monday, August 20, 2018 . Time of the event will be 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve to accept the amended contract with Republic Services and for John Haines to move forward with the final steps.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia stated that we're in the middle of Budget season and we'll continue with presentations next week. The Pre-Town meeting forum will be Monday 5/7/2018 where questions can be answered regarding articles.

Board Discussion

The Board of Selectmen will review the Liaison appointments and assign them at next week's BOS meeting.

Reminders

Chief Allen that Saturday 4/28/2018 is Drug takeback day 10:00 am – 2:00pm where you can drop off any prescription drugs at the Town Hall.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 pm



Clerk

Board of Selectmen