

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, June 4, 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 the four individuals that lost their lives in the horrible vehicle accident a couple of weeks ago and the family of and the fifth driver.

Open Forum

COA Director, Nancy Hill, was present to give to residents of East Bridgewater a few update on the Community Center. Ms. Hill stated that last week the COA held their annual volunteer appreciation dinner. She explained what the volunteers do and expressed her appreciation. Ms. Hill stated the volunteers have given 3,532 hours of their time total. The MA hourly rate for volunteers is \$31.17 making their gift to the Town \$110,092.44. Ms. Hill mentioned one of the programs the COA offers, the Memory Lane Café. She stated that it's a social activity group held a once a month for those with any form of Dementia and their caregiver. The program is for them to enjoy two hours away from home and their responsibilities and to socialize with other people. Ms. Hill highlighted a few upcoming programs at the COA. Thursday, June 7, 2018 10:00 am – 1:00 pm the SALT council is sponsoring the annual safety and wellness fair for seniors. There will be a K-9 demonstration presented by the Plymouth county sheriff's department.

Monday, June 19, 2018 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm in the COA parking lot there will be a Classic Car Show. The Fire Department will be there cooking Hamburgers and Hotdogs.

Monday, June 19, 2018 they're sponsoring an event called Dementia Live which is presented by Right at Home South Shore. It's a simulation of actually having Dementia.

Monday, July 16, 2018 4:00 pm the COA will have Karen McDonald of Ad care Hospital speaking about Substance Abuse.

Please give the COA a call if you plan to attend any events so they can plan on numbers.

Resident, Russ Hannagan, NO. Central Street, was present to give an update and present the Board with information he received from a conference and a group he's a member of; Mass Access. Mr. Hannagan stated, he wanted to warn what's coming down the road and hope to do something that can be proactive. He mentioned members of NATOLA (National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors) were speakers at the conference. They protect Telecommunications rights for Towns. At the conference they spoke about potential 5G towers coming into communities to increase internet speed. Mr. Hannigan expressed his concerns regarding this. The Selectmen stated they would look into this and possibly in the future invite a representative from the Planning and Zoning to discuss.

Resident, Jennifer Kitchenham, 946 Central Street, was present to inquire if the Board of Selectmen were planning to hold a Special Town Meeting in the Fall of 2018 and if so, as if it would be possible to add an article. She stated she's interested in putting forth an article to add two positions to the Board of Selectmen, making it a five member Board. Also, interested in the School Committee having an odd number of members on their Committee.

Mr. Sheedy mentioned this was brought before Town meeting about three years ago and it was defeated. He stated the School Committee would have to decide that as it would be up to them.

Mr. Sheedy stated there has been no determination about a Fall Special Town Meeting, but anyone can request an article once it's been posted that there will be a STM.

Appointment

Richard Daly, of the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management was in attendance to present the final draft IT Review report. He explained that he was presenting a summary of the full report and then went over his recommendations for IT Department Leadership / Staffing / Strategy, Comprehensive Business Continuity / Disaster Recovery Process / planning, Shadow Accounting Systems / Redundant Record Keeping, Payroll Process, GIS, Voice communication, DPW work order system, and Procurement.

Mr. Daly mentioned forming an Information Systems Advisory or Steering committee composed of the key largest users in the Town to give the IT Director prospective, set priorities for projects and support projects going forward.

A link for the presentation will be posted to the Towns website.

Action Items

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Fire Chief for the quarterly Ambulance Billing Abatements as of April 2018 in the amount of \$51,887.48.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Fire Chief to increase Ambulance billing from Medicare plus 200% to Medicare plus 250%. Also, to increase fees for various procedures EMT's and Paramedics may perform during treatment and transport to patients.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the May 07, 2018 6:30 pm meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the Southeastern Regional Service Group DPW supplies contract award sheet commencing July 1, 2018 for a twelve month period.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve to adopt the Buy Recycle Policy commencing July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 recommending that when all departments place an order with a vendor they ask for product containing recycled contents.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Chuck Horan of EB Kawanis Club for the use of the Town Common to display American Flags for two weeks on the Town Common to honor Veterans; Field of Flags. November 3, 2018 – November 17, 2018.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Angels in America Inc. / Go Gold for permission to hang a banner and Gold ribbons at the Town Common for the month of September in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve upon the recommendations of Police Chief Allen, the Application for One-Day Liquor Licenses from Pony Town Parties located at 1194 Plymouth Street for a Father's Day Farm Day on June 17, 2018.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the following amended draft of the Home Rule Petition to be submitted to the General Court as approved by the voters via Article 28 of the June 3, 2013 Town Meeting:

SECTION 1. Whenever the town of East Bridgewater has conveyed or sold any land or holds a tax title, under chapter 60 of the General Laws, and the land meets the following criteria:

(1) the land transfer was memorialized by an instrument in writing, conveying or taking or purporting to convey or take the land;

(2) the instrument effectuating the land transfer is duly recorded in the registry of deeds for the district where the land is situated;

(3) the land was or is located on any of the following East Bridgewater assessor's maps: 85, 86, 87, 95, 96, 104, 105 or 115;

(4) the land's description is based on a plan entitled "Plan of Land Belonging to The Hanson Land Co. Situated in the Towns of East Bridgewater and Hanson, Mass. By J.C. Torrey C.E. dated July 1888," filed on July 18, 1888 at the Plymouth county registry of deeds at plan 1, page 36; and

(5) either the notice or procedure for the taking and the sale or conveyance of the land, under said chapter 60, or the instrument of record thereof because of defect, irregularity or omission fails to comply with any requirement of law relating thereto, including a failure by the town to foreclose the right of redemption, then the instrument or record of the land transfer shall, notwithstanding any deficiencies in clause (5), be effective for all purposes and shall operate to foreclose all rights of redemption to the same extent as though no such deficiencies existed, unless an instrument of redemption has been recorded prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall only apply to the instruments pertaining to any fiscal years prior to and including fiscal years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, and shall not apply to any legal proceeding, commenced before the effective date of this act in the courts of the commonwealth, in which a party has appeared asserting a cause of action claiming the right to redeem.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect 1 year after the effective date of this act.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Grace Danielson, East Bridgewater Class of 2021 for the use of the Town Common on Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 7:00 pm – 10:30 pm for a Class of 2021 Movie Night. Face painting, crafts, activities, and concessions will be served. Time of the event will be 7:45 pm – 10:00 pm.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Fire Chief to carry over 4 days' vacation leave, to be used the first week of July 2018.

Town Administrator Report

Staff Reports

Board Discussions

Ms. Julius stated she would like the Board of Selectmen to consider bringing in an outside facilitator to help with some of the dissention within the budget. Ms. Julius would like the facilitator to meet with the BOS, the Finance Committee, School Committee, and sit down and go over things.

Mr. Sheedy suggested that before bringing in an outsider, they should be able to as a Board go through the Budget Process.

Ms. Julius stated that she wanted people on the same page, she would like everyone on the stage at Town Meeting to agree on the things that are being recommended. She stated that an outside person may help the Town develop a better leadership.

Mr. Dowling asked who she had in mind for an outside facilitator. Ms. Julius stated that she's spoken with a couple Town Administrators in other Towns, one specifically who was willing to do it, the Town Administrator in the Town of Franklin.

Mr. Sheedy and Mr. Dowling agreed that at this point they should go through the budget process and not hire a facilitator at this point.

Mr. Sheedy mentioned the next Board of Selectmen's meeting will be held Monday, June 25, 2018.

Mr. Sheedy mentioned the third annual TuTu run at the Town Common that will be held Saturday June 16, 2018.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen