

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Present: David Sheedy, Chairman; William Dowling, Vice Chairman; Carole Julius, Clerk; George Samia, Town Administrator; and Ly Nguyen, Senior Clerk.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Anne Kerrigan and Russ Hannagan from EB-Cam were present to express concerns on their contracts. Mr. Samia stated EBCTV Chairman, Steve Brown stressed some concerns on the policy in the EBCTV contract. Which delayed contract signing for weeks. Mr. Sheedy advised last communications from Chairman Brown was a discussion needed to be held at their next cable board meeting and would get back to the Board of Selectmen. Anne fails to understand how their contract is related to the other. Mr. Sheedy stated an agreement has to be made between EBCTV Board and the Town before anyone could proceed any further. Mrs. Julius stated once contracts have been signed, any raises would be retroactive.

Residents Aimee and Scott Mcalpine, 301 Summer Street were present to comment on Summer and Belmont Street's action item within agenda. Mr. Sheedy advised discussion will be held during action item and would take public comments at that time.

Fire Chief Tim Harhen was present and wanted to relay a message he received regarding a medical emergency in town on August 1, 2018. Due to HIPPA laws names and addresses were kept confidential. The call was received by in-training dispatcher Angela Pucci, Chief Harhen commended her. Letter expressed gratitude and briefly explained medical emergency on August 1, 2018 around 3pm. Chief Harhen commended the on duty paramedics and firefighters. Employees Firefighter/EMT Louis Sullivan, Firefighter/Paramedic Michael Ryan, Firefighter/Paramedic Daren Kelm and Firefighter/Paramedic David Freeman.

Police Chief Scott Allan was present and explained East Bridgewater is now connected to Cell Phone Wireless Direct. Any 9-1-1 calls made via cell phone goes directly to East Bridgewater Police Dispatch. East Bridgewater is one out of thirty departments in the state to implement this. Anyone in the East Bridgewater area making 9-1-1 calls via cell phone no longer gets connected to the State Police which eliminates transfers, disconnection and drop calls.

Appointments

Mrs. Julius read the following Public Hearing Legal Notice:

**Liquor Law Violation Hearing
JN Daklak LLC dba Richdale Liquors
Dustin A. Nguyen, Manager
Premises: 685 North Bedford Street
The Board of Selectmen will hear reports and testimony on the following violation:
Mass. Gen. Laws Ch. 138, s.34 – Sales of Alcoholic Beverages
1 count to a minor**

Present: Dustin Nguyen, manager and Police Chief Scott Allen

Police Chief Scott Allen explained on July 3, 2018 Detective Ryan Cramer organized state annual alcohol compliance checks in town. The undercover underage person went into Richdale Liquors and attempted to purchase a bottle of brandy. Once purchased the undercover left store handed brandy bottle off to detectives. Detectives went into store, Mr. Nguyen admitted he sold the brandy bottle to the young man. Police Chief Scott Allen stated Mr. Nguyen has been at Richdale Liquors since July 1, 2016. There have been no prior complaints and wanted to share a tobacco compliance check done in the past year and Richdale Liquors passed.

Mr. Nguyen stated that he is very sorry he was very busy and forgot to ask for identification. Normally he always asked for identification from customers looking under the age of 37. Again, Mr. Nguyen apologized and explained he simply forgot to ask for identification, he did not want customers waiting in line and that the undercover looked like a familiar face he dealt with before.

Police Chief Scott Allen advised Mr. Nguyen should ensure some sort of training/course on identification checks for his employees and that the East Bridgewater Police Department can help provide/assist. Mr. Nguyen agreed 100%.

Chairman Sheedy asked how many employees are employed. Mr. Nguyen advised one and a half. He has a part timer who was actually sick on the day of the alcohol compliance check, Mr. Nguyen was covering. Mr. Sheedy also asked has he or any of his employees take any courses on identification checks, Mr. Nguyen advised yes.

Chairman Sheedy asked for any recommendations from Police Chief Scott Allen. He stated since there are no prior violations he usually leaves it up to the board. But recommended "warning" for first time offense. Second or third offense would be suspension of license. Mr. Sheedy stated he was actually disturbed when he first read the report and that this is the first time since he was on the board it has been the owner in violation and not an employee. He agreed with Mr. Allen that he will go with the recommendation, to issue "warning" for first offense. Vice Chairman William Dowling stated as the owner there is much more responsibilities. July 3rd week is to be expected busy and as owner to have knowledge to staff for that week for proper identification checks. He agreed with Mr. Sheedy that if this happens again, there would be a lot more difficult conversations and outcomes. Clerk, Carole Julius agreed with Mr. Dowling.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to issue a warning to Mr. Dustin Nguyen of Richdale Liquors.

DPW Director, John Haines, Police Chief, Scott Allen and Fire Chief Tim Harhen was present to discuss Plymouth and Washington Street's intersection in East Bridgewater. Mr. Allen explained on July 10th and 11th, two accidents occurred, back to back days on Plymouth and Washington. First accident, involved a pickup truck and a 10-wheel dump truck that had collided. Serious accident which involved young children in the pickup truck that got struck. A day later, second accident involved an 18 wheeler and a sport utility vehicle that did the same thing, collided. During an investigation it was determined the vehicles traveling south on Washington went through the stop sign without stopping. Both Chief and Director are fully aware this intersection to be problematic and a resolution is in the works. Police Chief Scott Allen explained and presented a PowerPoint of Accident Data for Plymouth and Washington Street Intersection to the Board and residents of East Bridgewater. DPW Director John Haines, explained and presented a PowerPoint on potential Mass DOT Projects to the Board and residents of East Bridgewater. Mr. Haines in closing proposed an interim solution, which allow north bound traffic on Washington Street to proceed as normal. West bound traffic on Rt.106 wanting to go North bound onto Washington Street would be allow to merge without a complete stop. The offset "T" will separate all south/north bound traffic which will force a complete stop. Then vehicles will be able to turn left or right onto Rt. 106. Chairman David Sheedy, asked today's cost and timeline. Mr. Haines advised restriping, carving and adding a physical barrier would cost about under \$50,000 and take 8 to 12 weeks. Vice Chairman, William Dowling asked were any of these accidents caused by people going into left lane turning right due to sight lines. Police Chief Scott Allen advised majority of accidents is north and south bound going through the stop sign. Clerk, Carole Julius asked some of this land come into Bridgewater, how this impacts his plan. Mr. Haines advised just another challenge as Beverly Circle is a Bridgewater subdivision. Realignment approval with Bridgewater town manager/town council would have to be made. Mr. Haines advised prior to construction, residents/drivers will be notified 2 weeks in advance so they are aware of their surroundings. Mr. Dowling asked Town Administrator George Samia could we secure funding for this project before September Special Town Meeting. Mr. Samia stated this would go before the Capital Committee and Finance Committee and to note there is no free cash to work with. Fire Chief Tim Harhen had no comments.

Action Item

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the intersection of Summer & Belmont Streets to a four way stop. Residents Aimee and Scott Mcalpine, 301 Summer Street were present and wanted to explain to the board and residents of East Bridgewater that this is an unsafe intersection. The Mcalpines wanted to advocate the four way stop.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 6:30 pm meeting.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the demolition and removal of the "Carriage House" located on the 0 Dube dr. (Parcel I.D. 31-14-0) property, which is located behind 134 Whitman Street.

Mr. Dale Julius, East Bridgewater resident/member Historical Committee advised he received a phone call regarding the title "Carriage House", built in 1981 does not fall under "Carriage House".

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve Wampanoag Way "Acceptance of Quitclaim deed".

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the Special town Meeting schedule for September 24, 2018 at 7:00 pm to take place at the Jr/Sr High School, 143 Plymouth Street, Auditorium.

August 14, 2018	Notification to all departments
August 20, 2018	Deadline to submit articles to Selectmen
August 27, 2018	Articles reviewed by Finance Committee, Treasurer, Town Counsel, Accountant, Town Administrator and Selectmen
August 27, 2018	Warrant closed and approved by Selectmen
September 5, 2018	Deadline to submit Warrant to Town Clerk
September 10, 2018	Last date to post warrant
September 10, 2018	Copy of articles available for distribution
September 17, 2018	Meet with Town Clerk, Moderator, etc. to go over Warrant
September 24, 2018	Special Town Meeting

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the reappointment of Peter Furia as a member of the Recreation Commission effective August 13, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the recommendation from the Council on Aging to appoint Mary Haines as a regular member to fill a vacancy effective August 13, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the recommendation from the Historical Commission to appoint Kelsey Holt as a regular member to fill a vacancy effective August 13, 2018 through June 30, 2021.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the committee member/position resignations effective July 31, 2018:

Chris Kelley from the Finance Committee
John Ward from the Finance Committee
Lisa McKay as Animal Inspector

Mr. Sheedy thanked the resigned members for all their service to the town.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the contract between The Town of East Bridgewater and Animal Control Officer Lisa McKay effective August 13, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Mr. Sheedy stated all this means is Lisa McKay is staying on as animal control officer and relinquish title/responsibilities as animal inspector.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the contract between The Town of East Bridgewater and the Animal Inspector/On Call – Emergency Coverage Assistant Animal Control Officer Paula Bunker effective August 13, 2018 to June 30, 2019.

Mr. Samia stated this was the piece carved off. Now you have two people and have an assistant dog officer to fill in.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Leslie Dunn and Carol Carver of the Self Help Inc. for the use of Sachem Rock Farm on Thursday, August 2, 2018 from 11:30am - 12:30pm for families to meet with Carol Carver to have lunch, listen to stories, have some play time and go on a brief hike to explore nature.

Mr. Sheedy stated this situation caused no conflict at Sachem Rock Farm and paperwork came in a little late and the board has not met since then.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Professional Bar Services for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock for a Class of 1978 Reunion on September 8, 2018 from 4:00pm - 8:00pm.

M/Julius, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Professional Bar Services for a One Day Liquor License for Center at Sachem Rock for a Family Reunion on September 15, 2018 from 12:00pm – 5:00 pm.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia explained why the town is holding a Special Town Meeting on September 24, 2018. Central School boiler project with Mass School Building Authority and resubmission of Hanson Land approval. He also mentioned the town has three solar projects going. He explained how the town gets metering credits and is also looking into rental credits.

Board Discussions

Mr. Dowling advise he attended recent Finance Committee meeting. He stated anyone interested has until August 31 for submission of Letters of Interest. Mrs. Julius wanted to discuss the Town's website. She stated we currently have it with Virtual Towns and Schools now Civic Plus. She wanted to update Town's site to their newest template and have board come to an agreement. Mr. Sheedy advised to hold off until the new IT director comes in. Mrs. Julius disagreed and explained IT and websites are totally different. She stated this is design not day to day operations. Mr. Samia stated the IT director can update website using existing Virtual Towns and Schools. He also advised we are very close to hiring an IT director. Mrs. Julius would like to discuss Town's website again at the first October Board of Selectmen meeting. Mr. Sheedy brought up a letter from the Town of Halifax talking about putting an individual on the Central Plymouth Water District. He advised Health Agent Robert Philbrick will be representing East Bridgewater.

Reminders

Dog Licenses must be renewed by September 1st to avoid any late fees. You can license in person, by mail or on-line till August 31st. We must have a current rabies certificate on file. Call Town Clerk's Office with any questions 508-378-1606.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm



Clerk

Board of Selectmen