



## OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, October 15, 2018

DAVID SHEEDY, CHAIRMAN  
WILLIAM DOWLING, VICE CHAIRMAN  
CAROLE JULIUS, CLERK

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
175 CENTRAL STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

*Members Present:* David Sheedy, William Dowling and Carole Julius

*Members Absent:*

*Others Present:* George Samia, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

6:30 pm Chairman Sheedy called the meeting to order.

Chairman Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to remind residents that Wednesday October 17, 2018 is the last day to register to be eligible to vote in the November 6, 2018 State Election. Ms. Gillpatrick also mentioned absentee ballots are now available at the Clerk's office for anyone who is physically unable to get to the polls, won't be in town the day of the election, or for religious reasons.

Beginning Monday, October 22, 2018 through November 2, 2018 early voting held during regular office hours in the second floor conference room at Town Hall, also on Saturday, October 27, 00 8:00am – 12:00pm. The Election is November 6, 2018 at the Jr / Sr High School Gymnasium, polls will be open 7:00am – 8:00pm. Any questions please call the Clerk's office 508-378-1606.

### APPOINTMENTS

6:35 pm Tracey Costa, from Ransom Consulting was present to discuss the findings of the environmental site assessment activities at the Precise Engineering, Eastern States Steel Sites on behalf of the Town in 2017. She stated the cost of this assessment was mostly done through a Mass Development funding grant.

Ms. Costa gave a brief history on the two partials and presented the Board with a Power Point presentation summarizing the activities and results.

Ms. Costa mentioned she's in the process of working with the Town to reapply for an EPA Brownsfield Cleanup Grant in the amount of \$500,000.00. She stated there is a 20% cost share which means that if the Town was awarded the \$500,000.00 grant the Town would have to kick in the \$100,000.00.

Mr. Sheedy asked about the size of the two properties and the ownership.

Treasurer / Collector, Erica Flemming was present and stated that the Town owns the Precise Engineering Site and the Eastern States Steel site is currently in land court.

Ms. Costa mentioned that since the Town owns this land they are obligated to submit these reports to the DEP. She stated that there are gaps in the fence of the site and is in need of repair. She mentioned that access to the site is mitigated through a secure fence enclosure. Before the reports can be submitted to the DEP the gaps in the fence need to be fixed.

Mr. Haines asked Ms. Costa about the limitations on marketing the property after cleanup. Ms. Costa explained that she's not aware of any limitations. She recommended contacting Mass Developments Real Estate Division in the future. The land is currently zoned as industrial.

Mr. Dowling asked if the residents should be concerned about the drinking water within the area of the two sites. Ms. Costa stated that there were no concerns in regards to the drinking water in the surrounding area.

6:40 pm DPW Director, John Haines and Water Superintendent, Jason Trepanier were present to discuss the approved water rate change. Mr. Haines mentioned there has not been a rate increase in 12 years. He explained that it's a two tiered structure and would change the conservation rate. The rate increase of 5% for households going over the new conservation rate of 5,000 cubic feet would go into effect the next billing cycle which is November 1, 2018 and 2.5 % annually beginning the start of the fiscal year. This would affect around 19% of the total users. Mr. Sheedy stated, the Board, as Water Commissioners has met with John Haines and unanimously approved the recommendation.

### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve minutes of September 17, 2018 6:30 pm meeting. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve minutes of September 24, 2018 6:30 pm meeting. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve request from Veterans Agent Robert Charles to designate a parking space at Town Hall for the parking of a Veteran in a motor vehicle that is owned and operated by the veteran. The sign would state "Veteran Parking Only – This Space Is Reserved for Those Who Have Served". Vote 3-0-0  
Mr. Sheedy stated that Mr. Charles couldn't attend the meeting but wanted to thank all those involved in this proposal and for their support.

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to accept three new park benches from the Old Colony YMCA as a donation to be used as the Town sees fit. Vote 3-0-0

Mr. Sheedy suggested that the benches be placed at a trail located on Bennett Avenue, the baseball field and the 911 memorial. The Selectmen agreed these were all good areas.

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve for East Bridgewater Resident, Paula Coffey to set up a "giving tree" sponsored by the "HUGS" committee in the lobby of Town Hall. Set up would be in November and take down would be right before Christmas. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to appoint Amanda Palmer – Smith as a member of the East Bridgewater Arts council effective October 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to appoint Dee Dee Obert as an Associate member of the East Bridgewater Council on Aging effective October 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to appoint Melanie Dean as a member of the Finance Committee effective October 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to appoint Jennifer Kitchenham as a member of the Finance Committee effective October 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling appoint Daniel Picha as a member of the Finance Committee effective October 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve the recommendation from the Recreation Commission to appoint Robert Katilus as a regular member from an alternate member effective October 15, 2018 through June 30, 2021. Vote 3-0-0

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Samia mentioned that he recently met with the Department of Revenue and closed the books. He stated the next step is to have the Tax Classification Hearing which is set for Monday November 5, 2018.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Sheedy stated, Police Chief Scott Allen and the East Bridgewater Police Department would like to announce the launch of the Pink Patch Project during the month of October, 2018. The Pink Patch Project is a collaborative public awareness campaign, in partnership with more than 150 public safety agencies nationwide. Its goals are designed to increase education about the importance of early detection and prevention in the fight against breast cancer, and to

support breast cancer patients and research organizations in combating this devastating disease.

During October, Breast Cancer Awareness Month, uniformed personnel are allowed to replace their standard shoulder patch with the East Bridgewater Police Pink Patch as a reminder of our commitment toward raising awareness among those we serve.

Each public safety agency collaborating in the #PinkPatchProject campaign has partnered with a cancer research organization or support group in their respective communities.

The East Bridgewater Police Department has partnered with Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center -Breast Cancer Research. All proceeds will go directly to Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center -Breast Cancer Research.

The patches are \$10 each and can be purchased anytime at the East Bridgewater Police Station 153 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333 checks or money orders only – payable to Mass General Cancer Center -Breast Cancer Research. You can also purchase them on line from the East Bridgewater Police Department website, [www.ebpd.org](http://www.ebpd.org), through a link to Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center, donate \$10 or more and they will send you a patch.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, November 12, 2018 due to the Veterans Day Holiday.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30 pm

#### BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Dowling thanked the Spagone family for hosting the walk on Columbus Day. He stated there was a great turnout.

Ms. Julius mentioned the upcoming Field of Flags which are placed at the Town Common on November 3, 2018. She stated Kawanis is selling flags for \$10 to honor Veterans, the proceeds are split with Fisher House. Flags can also be purchased at the Veterans Agent office in Town Hall.

#### ADJOURN

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to adjourn. Vote 3-0-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm

 Clerk ..  
Board of Selectmen