



# OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, October 29, 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 about the early voting that is taking place at Town Hall until Friday, November 2, 2018 during Town Hall business hours.

The Election is Tuesday, 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. Ms. Gillpatrick stated the Clerk's office will be closed the day after the election, Wednesday, November 7, 2018 from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm to tally the votes.

Veterans Agent, Robert Charles was present with a few reminders for November.

Mr. Charles thanked the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Veterans in the Town of East Bridgewater for their support and approval on the Veteran designated parking spot in front of Town Hall. He also thanked John Haines and his staff for their help with this project.

Mr. Charles mentioned on Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 10:00 am there will be a Field of Flags Ceremony on the Town Common along with the Kiwanis Club. Donations are \$10.00 a flag and are still available at the Veterans Agent office or at the Kiwanis Club.

Thursday, November 8, 2018 there will be a Veterans pinning ceremony / lunch at 12:00pm at the Council on Aging. Please call 508-378-1610 for details.

Sunday, November 11, 2018 the annual Tri-town Veterans Day Parade will be held in East Bridgewater, rain or shine. Assembly and step off will be at the 47 Brand Access Road. Step off will be at 12:00 pm, the theme for this year's parade will be "our nation stands on their sacrifice".

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 the Veterans dinner sponsored by the Kiwanis Club will be held at TJ Smiths. Please call the Veterans Agent with your name, and phone number to be added to the list, 508-378-1603.

Jim Weidenfeller, resident, Leo Way East Bridgewater was present to express his concerns regarding the increase of traffic, speeding, heavy 18 wheeler trucks on East Street and also damage to the sidewalk.

Mr. Weidenfeller asked the Board of Selectmen if anything could be done to repair the sidewalk and to monitor the speeding.

Police Chief Scott Allen was present and stated that a radar sign could be placed to monitor the speeding. He also mentioned setting up an appointment to discuss the issues of signage, and truck enforcement.

Mr. Sheedy stated an appointment will be set up between with Mr. Weidenfeller, John Haines, Mr. Samia, and Chief Allen.

## APPOINTMENTS

6:35 pm Ryan McGonigle, incoming IT Director for the Town was present. Mr. McGonigle gave a background of his experience. He mentioned projects that he's looking forward to working like the updated Town Website and Code Red, also how the Intermunicipal partnership with Hanson was innovative.

Mr. Sheedy introduced Hanson Board Members; Ken Mitchell, Chairman, James Hickey, Vice Chairman and Mike Casey Lieutenant of the Hanson Police Department who were also present.

Police Chief Scott Allen was present to give an update on Code Red. He mentioned, Code Red is a reverse 911 system

and explained the registration process which is ongoing.

Mr. Samia gave a brief explanation on the process of hiring Ryan McGonigle as the IT Director and the Intermunicipal benefits of his position.

### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve minutes of October 15, 2018 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve minutes from October 15, 2018 6:00 pm Board of Water Commissioners meeting. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve the Water Shut-off request from Treasurer/Collector, Erica Flemming for Account # / Location: # 1324 Halifax – Hudson Street. Vote 3-0-0

Ms. Flemming explained that East Bridgewater supplies water to a couple of properties located beyond the East Bridgewater line. She stated, when someone becomes delinquent on their water bill the Town can typically collect via tax lien, but since the property isn't located in the Town it cannot be done this way. Ms. Flemming stated that the user has been notified several times, without response and the next step is to shut off the water.

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to the Water Shut-off request from Treasurer/Collector, Erica Flemming for Account # / Location: # 1322 Halifax – Hudson Street. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve the request from Heather Craven of the Sydney Craven Memorial Fund for the use of the Town Common on June 15, 2019 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Tutu Run and Sparklefest, The 5k walk / run will begin at 8:45 am followed by the Sparkelfest on the Town Common. Time of the event will be 8:00 am – 12:00 pm; set up will be June 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm and June 15, 2018 at 6:00 am. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve the proposed sealing rate increase effective October 29, 2018. Vote 3-0-0

<u>Category</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Gasoline/Diesel	\$30
Scales 0-10	\$25
Scales 10-100 lbs	\$25
Scales 100-1000	\$50
Scales 1000-5000	\$75
Scales 5000-10,000	\$75
Reverse vending	\$10

Mr. Sheedy mentioned this was a request from the Sealer of Weights & Measures, David Moore. He stated the rates haven't been changed since 2003.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Samia mentioned the IT Director will begin next week. He also gave an update on the upgrade of the Town's website. Mr. Samia also mentioned November 5, 2018 they will have the Tax Classification Hearing.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

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

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Carole Tullius Clerk  
Board of Selectmen