



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, November 05, 2018

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

TOWN HALL, 1st 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

Police Chief Scott Allen was present to give an update. Chief Allen mentioned the Police Department is currently participating in "No Shave November" in an effort to raise money and awareness for the home base group, Red Sox Foundation, Mass General Hospital dedicated to helping 9-11 Veterans.

Chief Allen stated they just wrapped up the October Breast Cancer Awareness fundraiser and raised \$700.00 for Mass General Hospital. He mentioned how he appreciated the public support.

Chief Allen mentioned the Executive Office of Public Safety awarded the Police Department \$19,980.00 for technology enhancement along with the EB Public Schools. He stated this will be used to fix cameras and will increase visibility.

He also mentioned a recent training that had taken place with first responders and Veterans.

Chief Allen mentioned the upcoming Tri-town parade on Saturday, November 10, 2019. He stated East Bridgewater is hosting the parade and there will be road closures.

APPOINTMENT

Melody Cyr and Bob Packer from the Christmas Parade Committee presented the plan for the upcoming Christmas Parade that will take place at 10:00 am, Saturday, December 1, 2018. It will travel through the center of town, rain or shine. The route will go from Spring Street, cross over Bedford Street, onto Central Street, then down to Plymouth Street ending at the entrance of the Jr / Sr High School. Ms. Cyr mentioned, the theme of the parade is "A Homemade Christmas". They can be reached at ebchristmas@yahoo.com or on their website www.eastbridgewaterchristmasparade.com. Mr. Packer explained the parking situation which also included areas where parking will be restricted. He also mentioned that they're still looking for someone to commentate the parade, if anyone is interested to please reach out to the committee.

PUBLIC HEARING

TAX HEARING - The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors held a public hearing on property tax classifications on Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:40 p.m. in the first floor conference room at the Town Hall.

This hearing, which is required by law, determines whether the Town will have one classification or will differentiate among several classes when setting the tax rate.

The Director of Assessor, Paula Wolfe, together with members of the Board of Assessors, Steve Solari and Curtis Gluck, and John Cullinan reviewed the presentation. Ms. Wolfe stated the recommendation of the Board of Assessors is to not split the tax rate and keep it at a single rate.

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling, to approve not split the tax rate, and to keep it at a single rate for the fiscal year 2019. Vote 3-0-0

APPOINTMENTS

Phil Woolf from the East Bridgewater Fire Department was present to kick off the Toys for Tots program the Fire Department will be sponsoring again this year. He stated this will be the 6th year the department has been involved with the program. The toys that are collected in East Bridgewater are given to East Bridgewater residents and other communities, last year they helped over 100 families.

Mr. Woolf mentioned the collection boxes will be placed at the Senior / Community Center, Library, Fire Department and Town Hall.

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling, to approve the request from the Fire Department to put a collection box for Toys for Tots at the Town Hall. Vote 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve to renew the contract with the Town of Lakeville for the Town to utilize the Lakeville Animal Shelter for housing stray and surrendered dogs. This agreement will expire on December 31, 2019. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve the request from Melodye Cyr of the East Bridgewater Christmas Parade Committee to utilize the Town Hall Parking lot for pre-parade and post parade planning on December 1, 2018 from 7:00 am – 2:00 pm. The annual Christmas Parade runs from Spring Street to Plymouth Street and ends at the Jr. / Sr. High School. Vote 3-0-0

Motion by Julius, second by Dowling to approve minutes of October 29, 2018 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Vote 3-0-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Samia mentioned the IT Director began today. He stated that a meet and greet with the Department Heads was held. Mr. Samia mentioned that moving forward he plans to hold monthly meetings with the department heads and IT director.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

The Clerk's office would like to remind residents that the Election is Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at the Jr / Sr High School Gymnasium. Polls will be open 7:00am – 8:00pm. Also, 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.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, November 19th 6:30 pm
Selectmen's Meeting Monday, December 3rd 6:30 pm

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Dowling congratulated the High School soccer team for moving ahead to the playoffs. Mr. Dowling stated he also attended the cheerleading competitions over the weekend and they all did a fantastic job.

Ms. Julius mentioned the Field of Flags event at the Town Common and thanked everyone that donated and helped.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm


Clerk
Board of Selectmen