



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Friday, May 10, 2019

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

TOWN HALL, 1st FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: William Dowling, Carole Julius, David Sheedy

Members Absent:

Others Present: Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

REC'D EB TOWN CLERK
10 MAY 21 AM 11:25

9:00 am Chairman Dowling called the meeting to order.

Chairman Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Motion/Sheedy, second/Julius to approve minutes of the April 5, 2019 9:04 am Board of Selectmen's meeting.
Vote 3-0

Motion/Sheedy, second/Julius to approve minutes of the April 5, 2019 10:00 am Board of Selectmen's meeting.
Vote 3-0

Motion/Sheedy, second/Julius to approve minutes of the April 8, 2019 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting.
Vote 3-0

Motion/Sheedy, second/Julius approve to choose the firm Community Paradigm LLC., to represent the Town of East Bridgewater for the Town Administrator search.
Vote 3-0

Motion/Sheedy, second/Julius approve the request from the East Bridgewater School District to award Boiler Replacement contract for the MSBA Boiler Replacement project at the Central Elementary School.
Vote 3-0

Brian Kiely, Facilities Manager and John Shea, Business Manager were present. Mr. Shea stated there were five bids received. The lowest bidder, out of Rockland coming in at \$759,000.00 a \$440,000.00 savings to the Town. Mr. Kiely stated the project is set to begin the day school gets out and should be finished before school opens.

Motion/Sheedy, second/Julius to adopt the Continuing Disclosure Procedure Policy provided by the bond counsel, in regards to Debt Issuance, appointing the Town Treasurer, as the responsible party ensuring timeliness and sufficiency of all disclosure filings and ensuring the accuracy of the Official Statements regarding compliance with securities laws relevant to the Town's bonds and notes with the assistance of the Towns Financial Advisor, Hilltop Securities.
Vote 3-0

Motion/Sheedy, second/Julius to add the Recall Petition Article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, June 10, 2019.
Vote 3-0

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation relative to providing for recall elections for the purposes stated herein and in the form substantively similar as the following:

An Act providing for recall elections in the town of East Bridgewater.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Any holder of an elective office in the Town of East Bridgewater may be recalled and removed therefrom by the qualified voters of said town as herein provided.

Section 2. One hundred or more registered voters may initiate a recall petition by filing with the town clerk an affidavit containing the name of the officer and the office held whose recall is sought and a statement of the grounds of recall. Upon certification by the town clerk, the town clerk shall, within two business days, deliver to the voter first named on such affidavit, a sufficient number of copies of petition blanks demanding such recall. The blanks shall be issued by the town clerk with the town clerk's signature and official seal attached thereto; they shall be dated and addressed to the board of selectmen; shall contain the name of the person whose recall is sought, the office from which recall is sought, the grounds for recall as stated in the affidavit, and shall demand the election of a successor to such office. A copy of the petition shall be entered in a record book to be kept in the office of the town clerk. The recall petition shall be returned and filed with the town clerk within twenty days following the date of issuance of said petition. Said recall petition shall be signed by at least fifteen percent of the registered voters in each precinct in said town, and to every signature shall be added the place of residence of the signer, giving the street and number. The town clerk shall, within two business days following the date such filing, submit the recall petition to the board of registrars of voters, who shall within five business days after the day of receipt, certify in writing thereon the number of signatures which are names of voter in said town as of the date such affidavit was filed with the town clerk. The board of registrars shall, upon completion of its certification, return the petition to the town clerk.

Section 3. If the petition shall be found and certified by said town clerk to be sufficient, he shall submit the same with his certificate thereon to said selectmen without delay, and said selectmen shall forthwith give to said elected officer whose recall is being sought, written notice of the receipt of said certificate and shall, if the officer sought to be removed does not resign within five days thereafter, thereupon order a recall election to be held not less than sixty nor more than ninety days after the date of town clerk's certificate that a sufficient petition has been filed; provided however, that if any other town election is to occur within one hundred days after the date of said certificate, the selectmen may, in their discretion postpone the holding of the removal election to the date of such other election. If a vacancy occurs in said office after a recall election has been ordered, the election shall nevertheless proceed as herein provided.

Section 4. Any officer sought to be recalled may be a candidate to succeed himself, and unless he requests otherwise in writing, said town clerk shall place his name on the official ballot without nomination. The nomination of other candidates, the publication of the warrant for the recall election, and the conduct of the same, shall all be in accordance with the provision of law relating to election, unless otherwise provided in this act.

Section 5. The incumbent shall continue to perform the duties of his office until the recall election. If the recall fails, or if the incumbent is re-elected, he shall continue in the office for the remainder of his unexpired term, subject to recall as before, except as provided in this act. If not re-elected in the recall election, he shall be deemed removed upon the qualification of his successor, who shall hold office during the unexpired term. If the successor fails to qualify within five days after receiving notification of his election, the incumbent shall thereupon be deemed removed and the office vacant.

Section 6. Ballots used in a recall election in said town shall submit the following proposition in the order indicated:

For the recall of (name of officer) (office held) Against the recall of (name of officer) (office held) Immediately at the right of each proposition there shall be a square in which the voter by making a cross mark (X) may vote for either of such propositions. Just above said squares, there shall appear the direction "Vote for one". Under the proposition shall appear the word "Candidates" and the direction "Vote for one" and beneath this the names of candidates nominated as hereinbefore provided.

In case of machine voting or punch card balloting, or other forms of balloting, appropriate provisions shall be made to allow the same intent of the voter.

If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the affirmative, then the candidate who received the highest number of votes of the special election to the vacancy shall be elected. If a majority of the votes cast on the recall question is in the negative, the ballot for candidates to fill the potential vacancy need not be counted.

Section 7. No recall petition shall be filed against an officer of said town within six months after he takes office, nor, in the case of an officer subjected to recall election and not removed thereby, until at least six months after the election at which his recall was submitted to the voters.

Section 8. No person who has been recalled from an office or who has resigned from office while recall proceedings were pending against that person, shall be appointed to any town office within two years after such removal by recall or resignation.

Section 9. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Request of the Board of Selectmen

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Saturday, May 11 10:00am-2:30pm the class of 2020 will be holding a yard sale at the Town Common Rain Date Sunday, May 12

Saturday, May 18 9:00 am – 12:00 pm the Community Gardens will be holding their Spring Kick Off outside of Sachem Rock Rain Date Sunday May 19 1:00 pm 4:00 pm

There was a discussion regarding posting the backup to agenda items on the Towns website. It was a consensus that it would be a good idea to begin doing this and to look into getting the board tablets and to start reducing paper in the office as it would be a cost savings.

Thursday, May 23 there will be a Discrimination & Harassment training for Support Staff and Department Heads at Town Hall.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 am

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen

