



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, June 3, 2019

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: Rocco Longo, Interim Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

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

Chairman Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Kenneth Macleod, resident 5 Stone Meadow Drive was present to express concerns on the library expansion proposal. He wanted to get an update on the project. Mr. Dowling stated the Library was still working with State and was in the queue for funding. There was a discussion on the previous \$17 million proposal. Mr. Macleod also expressed his concerns regarding the Town of East Bridgewater's Recycle Center hours of operation, property taxes and how the Town spends money.

Nancy Hill, Council on Aging Director was present and highlighted a few upcoming events at the COA. Annual Safety and Wellness Fair for seniors on June 6 from 10am - 1pm, Walking Challenge on June 13 at 11am, Flag and Flagpole Dedication at 10am and Car Show on June 17 from 4pm-6pm. Ms. Hill also expressed concerns on the "Brace Scam". Stating older residents would get a call from someone claiming to be from Medicare and asking for their Medicare information. She advised to not give out Medicare information over the phone. Should a resident receive any packages from Medicare return to sender unopened. Reach out to Kelley Long if assistance in this matter is needed. Ms. Hill mentioned on May 23 the COA held their annual volunteer appreciation dinner. Ms. Hill indicated the 110 volunteers have given 3,126 ½ hours of their time total. The MA hourly rate for volunteers is \$32.15 making their gift to the Town \$100,516.98.

APPOINTMENTS

Council on Aging Director, Nancy Hill was present for her contract signing. The Selectmen commended Ms. Hill on her dedication to the Town of East Bridgewater Council on Aging and her years of service. Ms. Hill stated that it's a privilege to work with the older residents of the Town.

m/Sheedy, s/Julius to sign the employment agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and Nancy Hill, Council on Aging Director from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022 for a three year period.

Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen was present for his contract signing. The Selectmen commended Mr. Harhen on his dedication to the Town of East Bridgewater and his years of service. Chief Harhen stated the leadership of the Town works well together. Mentioning he enjoys working for the Town and enjoys interactions with the people. Indicated position as a public service job and his obligation to help the people.

m/Sheedy, s/Julius to sign the employment agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and Timothy Harhen, Fire Chief from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2022 for a three year period.

Mr. Dowling stated since the Planning Board did not have a quorum to pass over the appointments of Christine Hanley and Kevin Reilly as alternate members to the Planning Board but could approve the next two appointments to the Old Colony Planning Council.

M/Sheedy, s/Julius, to appoint Austin Lyons Jr. to the Old Colony Planning Council as a delegate effective June 3, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius, to appoint David Johnson to the Old Colony Planning Council as an alternate effective June 3, 2019 through June 30, 2022. Vote 3-0-0

ACTION ITEMS

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve minutes of the May 20, 2019 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting.
Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve minutes of the May 24, 2019 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting.
Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve the request from Dale Julius for the use of the Town Common on June 13, 2019 from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. For the annual Dale and the Duds event for the citizens of East Bridgewater. Vote 2-0-1 Mrs. Julius

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to approve an application for a One-Day Liquor License from Ridder Farm Golf Course for a Golf Tournament and Luncheon on the August 2, 2019. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to Vote on Articles for Annual Town Meeting. Vote 3-0-0

M/Sheedy, s/Julius to not approve Article 11 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Vote 3-0-0

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Longo gave an update on the Veterans Service Officer interviews held at Town Hall. Indicated the three finalist will be presented to the board by the end of the week.

He also stated he provided the Police Chief with the constable policy adopted in Marshfield and to work with Town Council. Mr. Longo indicated he was not familiar with a town who both elects and appoints constables.

Mr. Longo mentioned Procurement Officer, Phyllis Tirrell put out to insurances out to bid. Mentioned his involvement with MIIA he recuses himself from process.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Dowling stated to submit letters of interest until June 11. Still debating if the committee should consist of 5 or 7 members. Reminded residents to look on town's website for information on Town Meeting.

He also commended the DPW Department on the process of redoing the intersection down by Johnny Macaroni's.

Mr. Dowling announced the Sydney Craven run will be on June 15, 2019.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen