

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 at 6:30 pm.

Present: William Dowling, Chairman; John Margie, Clerk; David Sheedy; George Samia, Town Administrator; and Gloria Mitchell, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Resident, Brian Connors, 40 County Farm Road, was present and asked a series of questions in regards to the Chapman School that has been approved by the Planning Board.

The Town Clerk, Dina Livingston, reviewed the information in regards to the Annual Town Election that will be taking place at the Jr/Sr High School on April 8, 2017.

Appointment

Susan Silva from EB H.O.P.E. together with the Police Chief, Scott Allen gave an update in regards to EB H.O.P.E. Chief Allen also spoke about his meeting of Police Chiefs that took place in Washington, DC.

Budget Presentations

Town Treasurer/Collector, Erica Flemming, reviewed the proposed FY18 budget for the Treasurer/Collector's Office. Ms. Flemming stated that most line items would be staying the same. There was a discussion in regards to Plymouth County Retirement and the paying of OPEB.

Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen, reviewed the proposed FY18 Budget for the Fire Department. Chief Harhen stated that there is a 2% increase in the Budget. There will be an Administration Officer starting in October and will help alleviate having call backs come in at least during the day. Chief Harhen mentioned the list of Capital Requests he has submitted. Chief Harhen stated that the call volume is up by 25% and he would like to request an additional \$25,000.00 for the FY18 Budget to bring the staff up to where it should be.

Police Chief, Scott Allen, reviewed the proposed FY18 Budget for the Police Department. Chief Allen stated there will be a 2.72% increase in the Budget, which would include a second in command. Chief Allen has created a new line item for "Specialized Equipment".

Contract Signing

Police Chief, Scott Allen, was present to sign an Employment Agreement effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020. Chief Allen stated that the departments working together made the transition go smoothly. The Selectmen stated that Chief Allen is doing a great job and has heard a lot of positive remarks from everyone.

Action Items

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from Crystal Hudson for the use of the Town Common for April 22, 2017 from 9:00 am-11:00 am for a clean up to take place around town.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Agreement of Mutual Aid for Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings, Local Inspector/Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector and Plumbing & Gas Inspector Between the Town of West Bridgewater, MA and East Bridgewater, MA effective May 1, 2017-June 30, 2020.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the Application for One-Day Liquor Licenses from the Villa at Ridder Country Club for weddings on the following dates:

May 27, 2017	July 1, 2017	August 4, 2017	September 9, 2017
May 28, 2017	July 2, 2017	August 5, 2017	September 10, 2017
June 3, 2017	July 8, 2017	August 19, 2017	September 15, 2017
June 9, 2017	July 14, 2017	August 26, 2017	September 16, 2017

June 10, 2017	July 15, 2017	August 27, 2017	September 23, 2017
June 16, 2017	July 21, 2017	September 2, 2017	September 30, 2017
June 17, 2017	July 22, 2017	September 3, 2017	October 7, 2017
June 24, 2017	July 28, 2017	September 8, 2017	October 14, 2017
June 25, 2017	July 29, 2017		

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the intent to lay out Patriot Circle as a public way and refer to the Planning Board for their recommendation.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the request from the Board of Health for the use of the outside of Sachem Rock for a Rabies Clinic on June 12, 2017 from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm.

M/Margie, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the demolition or possible auction, with condition that building is to be removed from the property, of 137 Central Street upon appropriation at Town Meeting.

Town Administrator Report

George Samia mentioned that it is budget season and things are moving along.

Reminders

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, April 17, 2017 in recognition of Patriots Day.

M/Sheedy, s/Margie, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Dowling, Margie, Sheedy, a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm

 Clerk
Board of Selectmen