



# OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, March 23, 2020

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

TOWN HALL, 2<sup>nd</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
175 CENTRAL STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: William Dowling, Chairman; Carole Julius, Vice Chairman and David Sheedy, Clerk

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brian Noble, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

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

Mr. Dowling stated that due to the COVID-19 Outbreak and Declared State of Emergency State Governor Charlie Baker issued an order on March 15, 2020 prohibiting the gathering of 25 people or more which included employees the Board of Selectmen's meeting will be filmed LIVE by EBCAM. Residents can access this live feed on eb-cam.org. The Board of Selectmen's meeting will also be available on demand and viewed at a later time. The Town Hall is not open to the public currently.

Chairman Dowling led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to appoint Deputy Chief, Paul O'Brien as acting Police Chief.

Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated, Paul O'Brien has been doing a great job over the past couple weeks and they will take look at his contract down the road.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the application for Common Victualer License from Alvaro Bracamontes for transfer of license from Chufila, Inc. dba Fiesta Mexican Restaurant, 34 Bedford Street, to Team EB, Incorporated dba Fiesta Mexican Restaurant. Hours: 11:00 am – 1:00 am. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the March 9, 2020 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the March 9, 2020 7:40 pm Board of Selectmen's executive session meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the March 12, 2020 10:00 am Board of Selectmen's Emergency meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the March 14, 2020 10:00 am Board of Selectmen's Emergency meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the March 16, 2020 5:00 pm Board of Selectmen's Emergency meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the MOU with Department of Public Works Teamsters Union, local 653. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Dowling thanked everyone involved for getting the MOU done.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to appoint Alexizz Xavier as Inspector of Animals for the period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the renewal of the Seasonal Wine & Malt License for New England Kart Raceway. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor pending renewal of Business Certificate. 3-0

New England Kart Raceway    Karen M. Quest, Mgr.  
F1 Outdoor Kart Racing Complex  
135 Wood Road  
Braintree, MA 02184

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to authorized William Dowling, Chairman of the East Bridgewater Board of Selectmen, to execute and deliver the Project Funding Agreement and any amendments thereto for the Central Elementary School Project as well as make final, binding decisions with respect to such Project Funding Agreement, on behalf of the Town and to bind the Town to its terms and conditions. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve for Joanne Shadrack, Townhouse Common Condos to use the Town Hall Parking Lot Wednesday 3/25/2020 and Thursday 3/26/2020 overnight while driveway repairs are completed at the Townhouse Common Condos. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to Approve for Allen Hiltz of the East Bridgewater FD & Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to utilize the Sachem Rock Farm for training CERT Volunteers as to responsibility when working with S&R Dogs. April 27, 2020 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. This event is not open to the public. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor pending, allowed gatherings of 25 or more and Town property is open to the public. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to Approve for Korin Zigler of the Community Gardens to use the outside of Sachem Rock Community Center for the East Bridgewater Community Garden Spring Kickoff on Saturday, May 16, 2020. Time of the event 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Rain date Sunday, May 17, 2020 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor pending, allowed gatherings of 25 or more and Town property is open to the public. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to Approve for Karen Zigler of the Community Gardens for the use of the outside of Sachem Rock Community Center for Pizza Pot Lucks at the picnic tables near the gardens on the following dates Monday, June 29, 2020, Monday, July 27, 2020 and Monday, August 31, 2020. Time of the event will be 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor pending, allowed gatherings of 25 or more and Town property is open to the public. 3-0

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

6:40 pm

### **TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chap. 138, a Public Hearing will be held relative to the Application for Transfer of a Common Victualer – All-Alcoholic License, as follows:

From: Chufila, Inc. dba Fiesta Mexican Restaurant  
Zoel Ramirez, Manager

To: Team EB, Incorporated  
Alvaro Bracamontes, Manager

Premises: 34 Bedford Street

Restaurant comprising of 5,880 sq. foot one story brick building with two main entrances and one take-out entrance; kitchen with two entrances, dining areas, bar, office and storage area.

A Public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, Second Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 6:40 p.m.

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## TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated, the Police Chief, Paul O'Brien out of concern regarding the COVID- 19 pandemic has amended some procedures and implemented some temporary changes to the way officers respond to certain calls. This helps to practice the social distancing protocol.

Mr. Noble stated the Animal Control Officer will only be responding to high priority emergency calls during this time. Mr. Noble stated he received notification from State Representatives that the Governor signed the Bill that allows the Selectmen to postpone the Annual Town Election. A Board of Selectmen meeting will be posted to so. He stated the Governor's order makes us cut back the staffing at Town Hall The Departments will only be staffed by one person, or a limited number; rotating shifts. Essential services will still be provided to the Town.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's meeting Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

Selectmen's meeting Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

Annual Town Election April 11<sup>th</sup>

Special and Annual Town Meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>

## BOARD DISCUSSIONS

There was a discussion regarding the upcoming Election. Mr. Noble stated the Bill Governor Baker signed extends the term of office until the town election without a date attached.

Mr. Sheedy mentioned all updated information will be posted on the Towns website [www.eastbridgewaterma.gov](http://www.eastbridgewaterma.gov)

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sheedy, second by Julius to adjourn. All were in favor, 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 pm

  
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Board of Selectmen

Clerk