



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, March 14, 2022

DAVID SHEEDY, CHAIRMAN
PETER SPAGONE JR., VICE CHAIRMAN
CAROLE JULIUS, CLERK

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

Members Present: Peter Spagone Jr. and Carole Julius

Members Absent: David Sheedy

Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator, Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

6:30 pm Peter Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Mr. Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

The Selectmen agreed at a prior meeting to utilize a firm for animal control duties in Town. Mr. Seelig briefly went over animal control position and IFB (Invitation for Bid). Precision Wildlife Services was the only bidder. Owner, Ed Gannon was present and briefly spoke about his business and looks forward to serving the Town. The Selectmen would like to move with Precision Wildlife Services.

Ms. Julius made a motion to award contract to Precision Wildlife Services. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the February 28, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the March 9, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the March 9, 2022 Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to award North-Eastern Tree Co. of Cranston, RI under the SERSG Tree Removal services IFB for a ten-month period commencing 4/1/22. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Director of Public Works, John Haines was present and briefly went over SERSG services.

Ms. Julius made a motion to award service agreement to Tighe & Bond for evaluation of current conditions and opportunities for the restoration of Forge Pond. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Director of Public Works, John Haines briefly went over Forge Pond project. He stated this will be the first step in doing an evaluation towards the potential restoration of the pond itself, the basin, and to provide additional stormwater management capacity.

Ms. Julius made a motion to request/ask the Planning Board to hold its public hearing on acceptance of Elmwood Court. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Town Counsel, Chris Kenny was present and suggested the Selectmen make a motion to request notice of intent to layout Elmwood Court as a public way and refer to the Planning Board.

Ms. Julius made a motion to request/ask the Planning Board to hold its public hearing on acceptance of Johnson Farm Road. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Haines briefly went over scope of Johnson Farm Road. Mr. Kenny stated he did not receive any legal documents.

Ms. Julius made a motion to request/ask the Planning Board to hold its public hearing on acceptance of Bayberry Lane. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Seelig suggested to hold off for possible road approval through special legislation.

There was a discussion to send request for specific budget priorities for the coming fiscal budget to Representative Alyson Sullivan. Mr. Seelig briefly went over the Town and surrounding towns earmarks.

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint the following to the Bicentennial Committee effective 3/14/2022 with no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Noreen Cahill, Treasurer
Katie Cavanagh, Secretary
Tom Turner
Paul Connell
John Haines
Nancy Hill
Rose Culp
Ray Ponte
Dee Dee Rogers

There was a discussion on Treasurer / Collector position. Mr. Seelig stated the administrative staff collected salary comparison from surrounding Towns and were given to the Selectmen for review. He stated he hopes to settle a contract by end of week.

There was a discussion on the Home Rule Petition, Acceptance of subdivision roads. Town Counsel, Chris Kenny was present and stated there is a strict statutory process to make private roads into public streets. He went over extensive process. Residents of an unaccepted road were present to discuss their concerns. The Selectmen recommends residents to come to Town Meeting, May 9th to vote and approve Special Legislation to help streamline process.

There was a discussion on MBTA Community / Zoning. He stated this discussion is a state requirement. Mr. Seelig briefly went over background and extensive process.

There was a brief discussion on Calendar year 2022 – Town Administrator goals and objectives. He would like the Selectmen to review and add some input.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig briefly discussed the Hazard Mitigation Grant. He stated paperwork has been filed which will make the Town eligible for additional grant money. He stated the Town is awaiting the Sanitary Sewer Project "IMA"

(Intermunicipal Agreement) with the City of Brockton. Mr. Seelig briefly went over State response to "One Stop for Growth - Expression of Interest".

UPCOMING MEETINGS – Subject to change

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 28th

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 11th

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Spagone Jr. requested press release on animal control position. He also requested a brief update on the Yellow Cottage. Ms. Johnson stated it is pending demolition.

ADJOURN

Motion by Julius, second by Spagone Jr. to adjourn. All were in favor, 2-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm

Clerk
Board of Selectmen