



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, June 13, 2022

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

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

Members Present: Peter Spagone Jr., Carole Julius and David Sheedy
Members Absent:
Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator, Ly Nguyen, Principal Clerk

6:00 pm Peter Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Mr. Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to appoint Karen Harhen to the Finance Committee for the period 6/13/2022 through 6/30/2023. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

APPOINTMENTS

Joint meeting with Finance Committee to review and approve Chapter 44 Section 33B Transfers. Town Administrator, Charles Seelig gave a brief overview of the transfers and explained they are all internal within the budget. Members present were Daniel Picha, David Walsh, Joe Conley and Lucia Longhurst.

Daniel Picha, Finance Committee Chairman and David Walsh, Vice-Chairman were present and stated the Finance Committee has reviewed the transfers.

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfers as printed in the amount of \$38,500. Mr. Conley seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfers as printed in the amount of \$70,500. Ms. Longhurst seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfers as printed in the amount of \$90,039.49. Ms. Longhurst seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfers as printed in the amount of \$30,400. Ms. Longhurst seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Ch. 44, 33B transfers as presented by the Finance Committee. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Picha stated the DPW requested a reserve fund transfer for \$45,000 to be transferred to the "Curbside Recycle" account.

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfer from the reserve fund as printed. Ms. Longhurst seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfer \$4,575 from the reserve fund for the printing of Town Reports and Warrants. Ms. Longhurst seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfer \$21,180 from the reserve fund to pay for services for an interim town accountant between 6/30/21 and start date and training of new town accountant September 2021. Ms. Longhurst seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

Mr. Walsh made a motion to accept the transfer \$8,500 from the reserve fund to pay for the Police Department's sergeant assessment center. Ms. Longhurst seconded. 4-0-1 Harhen Abstain

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to update on bids for the Town Property, Liability and Workers Compensation Insurance and award contract, bids due 6/20/2022. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated the Selectmen will need to meet next week, June 23rd at 4:00 pm to award contract.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to have a special meeting to cut open insurance bids on June 23 at 4:00 pm. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve request from the Conservation Commission for a step increase for the new Part-time Senior Clerk position.

Mr. Seelig stated the commission considered that her 20+ years of experience working for a municipality in a similar role should be hired as a "Step 3" Senior Clerk. The Selectmen all agreed.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the May 23, 2022, 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. 2-0-1- Julius Abstain

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the May 23, 2022, 7:25 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. 2-0-1- Julius Abstain

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the June 3, 2022, 11:30 am Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. 2-0-1- Julius Abstain

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept the resignation of Karyn Thompson from the ARPA Committee effective 6/13/2022. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept the resignation of Nancy Dechambeau from the ARPA Committee effective 6/13/2022. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept the recommendation from the ARPA Committee as a seven-member committee. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen for the quarterly Ambulance Billing Abatements as of June 2022 in the amount of \$25,074.10. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve for picnic tables to be moved from Jones Pond to the Community Center. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

There was a discussion on ARPA Grant Agreement with Plymouth County. Mr. Seelig stated this agreement will formalize the ability to apply for grants to Plymouth County for the Town's share of funds. There are applications for sanitary sewer and ambulance.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve ARPA Grant Agreement with Plymouth County. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

There was a discussion on Recreation Commission American Rescue Plan Act reimbursement. Mr. Seelig stated last year the commission had an event on the baseball fields. The commission wanted the costs to be covered under the CARES ACT funds due to COVID. He stated the CARES ACT monies were long gone but are still eligible for ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funding. The Selectmen agreed for the commission to request funding through ARPA.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve Recreation Commission file an American Rescue Plan Act application for reimbursement request. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

There was a discussion on salary schedule for primary plumbing/gas inspector and inspector of wiring. Mr. Seelig stated inspectors are currently paid on a monthly basis and requesting they be paid weekly due to staffing.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept salary schedule for primary plumbing/gas inspector and inspector of wiring. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Sheedy opened public hearing and read the following, Under the provisions of Chapter 166 of General Laws and any additions thereto, or amendments thereof, the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on June 13, 2022, at 6:30 pm on the petition of MASSACHUSETTS ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A NATIONAL GRID and VERIZON NEW ENGLAND, request permission to locate poles. Wires and fixtures, including necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way, N Central St.

The Town is requesting to remove trees that are currently attached to poles on N Central St. by guy wires. So national grid must install new stub pole 36-89, 37-89 and 39-89 in order to remove the guy wires attached to those trees. The hearing will be held at the East Bridgewater Town Hall, 175 Central Street East Bridgewater, MA 02333

Director of Public Works, John Haines briefly went over removal process. There were no concerns brought forth.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to close public hearing. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the following Board/Committee member reappointments as printed with the exception of Joel Thomas as Constable who pays his own bond. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

- Peter Santilli to the Agricultural Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Cameron Woodard to the Agricultural Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Sharon Dunn to the Agricultural Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Robert T. Looney to the Board of Appeals effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Gregg Heger to the Board of Appeals, Alternate effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025

- Claire Yocum to the Conservation Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Craig Winsor to the Conservation Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Elliott B. Jacobs to the Conservation Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- ~~Joel Thomas as Constable - Pays Own Bond effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025~~
- Rosemary Saccocia to the Council on Aging effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Dee Dee Rogers to the Council on Aging effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Robert Ringuette to the Council on Aging effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Timothy Harhen as Director of Emergency Management effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- Hilary Lovell to the East Bridgewater Arts Council effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Patrick Franey to the Federal Handicapped Compliance Program effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- Timothy Harhen as Forest Warden effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- W. Michael Doyle as Gas Inspector, Assistant effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- Alexandra Waugh to the Historical Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Dale R. Julius to the Historical Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Nancy Hill to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging, Delegate effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- Dalphina Rogers to the Patriotic Activities Committee effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Edward Sweeney to the Patriotic Activities Committee effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- W. Michael Doyle as Plumbing Inspector, Assistant effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- Peter Spagone Jr. to the Plymouth County Advisory Board, Representative effective July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023
- David Sheedy to the Plymouth County Advisory Board, Alternate effective July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023
- Robert Katilus to the Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Frank W. Ray to the Registrars of Voters effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025
- Timothy Harhen as Right to Know Law – Coordinator effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- David R. Moore as Sealer of Weights & Measures effective July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023
- David Bentley Jr. as Wiring Inspector effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023
- F. Greg Paul as Wiring Inspector, Assistant effective July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Mr. Seelig stated Town Counsel to provide further information regarding constables.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application and One Day Liquor License at 1 Nielson Avenue for Summer Concert Series 7/10/22, 7/24/22, 8/7/22, 8/21/22, 9/11/22, 10/2/22, and 10/16/22, 1:00pm – 6:00pm. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated anyone serving has to be TIPS certified.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application for "Dale & The Duds Concert on the Common" on June 16, 2022 from 6pm -8pm. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Summer BOS Meetings Schedule meets once a month.

Town Hall Closed Monday, June 20th JUNETEENTH

Rabies Clinic, June 13th from 5pm – 7pm at the Center at Sachem Rock, 355 Plymouth Street

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated the Library will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on Wednesday, June 15th from 5 pm – 8 pm.

Dale and the Duds on June 16th and the Sydney Craven Memorial Fund Annual 5K Tutu Run and SparkleFest on June 18th at 9 am.

There was a discussion on North Bedford sewer district. Mr. Seelig stated environmental permits are taking longer than usual.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, July 11, 2022, Board of Selectmen Meeting 6:30 pm

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Sheedy wanted an update on the 3 home rule petitions. Mr. Seelig stated he received confirmation from State Representative, Alyson Sullivan that she filed them days ago and will get a hearing date.

TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIRMAN 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to adjourn open session go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, COA Director, Fire Chief.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as the Chair has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position in a matter involving Town of East Bridgewater v. Ridder Farm, and not return to open session. Ms. Julius seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Spagone Jr: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 pm

Clerk

Board of Selectmen