



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, March 28, 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: David Sheedy, Peter Spagone Jr., and Carole Julius

Members Absent:

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

6:30 pm David Sheedy called the meeting to order.

Mr. Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Senator Walter Timilty was present to inform the Selectmen on Cybersecurity Roundtable that he will be hosting along with the Massachusetts National Guard on Wednesday, March 30th at the Braintree Armory. He stated cyberattacks on municipal government are on the rise nationwide. He briefly went over seminar and looks forward to seeing East Bridgewater attendance. Senator Michael Brady was present for support.

Senator Timilty stated any budgets requests / suggestions to please send them along to senator and state representative.

Town Counsel, Chris Kenny, Town Administrator and Selectmen reviewed articles in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Seelig gave a brief explanation on each article. There were a few concerns and language changes.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the 3/14/2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the 3/18/2022 Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the 3/18/2022 Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen for the quarterly Ambulance Billing Abatements as of March 2022 in the amount of \$22,564.28. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to disband Sewer Advisory Board effective date 3/28/2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to disband Personnel Board effective date 3/28/2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve amendment to agreement for engineering services by and between the Town of East Bridgewater and Weston & Sampson Engineers, INC. for further development and refinement of the Brockton sewer connection feasibility study. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. briefly went over amendment to agreement.

Ms. Julius made a motion to accept the resignation of resignation Ray Ponte from the Bicentennial Committee effective 3/15/2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application for Pony Town Parties, Food Truck nights. This event will take place at 1194 Plymouth Street every Thursday May 5, 2022 – August 25, 2022 from 4pm – 7pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Professional Bartending Services for a One Day Liquor License for The Center at Sachem Rock for a Graduation Reception on April 9, 2022 from 5pm – 9pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Lenore Christensen of the East Bridgewater Garden Club to put a sign on municipal property from May 20, 2022 through May 28, 2022 to advertise Garden Club Plant Sale. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Lenore Christensen of the East Bridgewater Garden Club for the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot and Green for the purpose of a "Plant / Garden Sale". Funds support High School scholarship and Town beautification projects. Set up: Friday, May 27, 2022. Day of Event: Saturday, May 28, 2022 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Rain date: Sunday, May 29, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Sheedy announced Annual Town Report Cover Winner, Emmeline Holdsworth, Grade 5.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated the MMA (Massachusetts Municipal Association) is looking for letters to be sent to legislature delegation on local aid, especially unrestricted local aid. The Selectmen all agreed for Mr. Seelig to send a letter of support. Mr. Seelig briefly went over cybersecurity training program for town employees. He stated the Town of East Bridgewater is doing better than the state average.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

There was a discussion on Bicentennial funds. Mr. Sheedy stated there will be fundraising and monies will be requested at Town Meeting.

There was a discussion on ARPA Committee. Mr. Sheedy recommends nine (9) member committee with three (3) as consultant non-voting member due to conflict of interest.

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Daniel O'Leary; Karyn Thompson; Nancy Dechambeau; Michele Ahern; Geraldine Hurley; Ken Reale; Nadia Clancy; Dan Picha; John Margie; David Walsh - Consultant (non-voting); Melanie Dean - Consultant (non-voting); Paula Wolfe- Consultant (non-voting) to the ARPA Committee effective March 28, 2022 – December 31, 2026.

Mr. Seelig briefly went over projects that would be eligible under ARPA.

Mr. Sheedy had some concerns with EBCAM disbanding as "time is of the essence." Mr. Seelig briefly went over obligations and stated a meeting set for discussion, April 19th.

There was a brief discussion on Brockton Sewer Connection. Mr. Sheedy suggested proposal information made available prior to Town Meeting for residents. Information will explain why the Town will be spending monies on sewer project.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – Subject to change

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 11th

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 25th

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm

Board of Selectmen Clerk