



OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Monday, April 4, 2023

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

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
175 CENTRAL STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Selectmen, Peter Spagone Jr., Carole Julius and David Sheedy

Members Absent:

Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator / BOS

4:00 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Selectmen were entering into executive session

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations and conducting collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, Patrol Officers, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief and return to open session, Ms. Julius seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sheedy: Aye: Mr. Spagone Jr.: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

*\*The Selectmen returned to open session at 4:37 pm.*

#### OPEN FORUM

#### ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the March 13, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve ARPA application submitted by the East Bridgewater School District to hire additional mental health counselors in the amount of \$600,000 for two years. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy stated ARPA funding can be used for mental health purposes. He stated \$300,000 is for next year and the year after. There will be no funding thereafter. In FY25 this will have to be part of school's operating budget.

Mr. Seelig stated if the school wants to continue after the ARPA funding has been used up, schools will have to find funding one way or another, in their own budget or come back to the Town with a budget increase.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion having convened in an open meeting on April 04, 2023, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Board of Selectmen of East Bridgewater, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 14, 2023 for the Central School located at 107 Central Street in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for a major renovation and an addition to Central Elementary School and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the

approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the East Bridgewater School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated this is a required step working with Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Selectman Sheedy passed over action items 3 (Discussion and possible vote for compensation and benefits for non-union employees) & 4 (Discussion and possible vote for the extension of the Deputy Chief's contract).

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve settlement for Clerical Union grievance for overtime. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that Town Clerk's office did not calculate and record number of overtime hours correctly. The staff worked "Early Voting, Town Meeting, etc." Mr. Seelig briefly discussed the Building / Planning office and Council on Aging staff earning compensatory time but not properly recorded. Totalling about \$3,800.00 appropriation will have to go before the Finance Committee. The Selectmen agreed to pay the necessary overtime. Mr. Seelig stated working with department heads and town accountant's office overtime will be properly calculated and paid going forward. He stated compensatory time is an option and the Town cannot require an employee to take it. Overtime appropriation should be requested in department's budget to cover.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

### BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectman Sheedy announced the following Bicentennial Events. April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm an evening of stories, music and desserts at St. John the Evangelist with East Bridgewater's historic churches and East Bridgewater Clergy Association. April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm King Phillip's War: the History and Legacy of America's Forgotten War with Michael J. Tougias at the Center at Sachem Rock

### UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

Monday, March 13	Monday, March 27	Monday, April 10	Monday, April 24
ATM & STM Monday, May 8	Annual Town Election Monday, May 13	Monday, June 12	Monday, July 17
Monday, August 14	Monday, September 11	Monday, September 25	Monday, October 16
Monday, October 30	Monday, November 13	Monday, November 27	Monday, December 11

### ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 pm

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Clerk  
Board of Selectmen

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