



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thursday, April 13, 2023

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: 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,
John Clifford, Town Council

3:00 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Robert Looney, Town Moderator and John Clifford, Town Council were present to go over the Articles on the Town Meeting warrants for the Monday, May 8, 2023 Special and Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Looney stated the only change will be Special and Annual Town meeting will defer action for all financial articles to June 5, 2023. They assigned the articles.

Mr. Roy Gardner was present to discuss proposed article regarding zoning change. Attorney Clifford stated a majority vote is required and any zoning articles will be deferred to June 5th.

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to close Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve ARPA Applications – Community Signs. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that the ARPA Committee is asking for more input from the Selectmen regarding community signs. He stated there are three applications requesting additional signs for Town Hall, Middle School and Elementary School. There was a brief discussion on does the Town really need five (5) signs in total (currently have 2), who will be able to use the signs (town organizations) and are these the right locations. The Selectmen agreed to have a joint meeting with the ARPA Committee to further discuss.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Angeline Punwani of Angelic Bravery Tinker & Play for the use of Sachem Rock Farm on Thursdays for 2023 starting April 20, 2023 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am for "Tinkergarten Based Classes". These are nature classes for children ages 1.5 – 8 years. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Johnson stated the Council on Aging are holding events on May 4th and June 8th, approval letter will state not available for Tinkergarten events.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Diane Phillips of East Bridgewater Democratic Committee for an "Earth Day / Clean-up" on April 29, 2023 from 10 am – 12 pm. Participants will pick up trash around town. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

The Selectmen passed over action items 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application for Pony Town Parties, "Food Truck Nights". This event will take place every Wednesday starting April 19, 2023 – September 27, 2023 from 4 pm – 7 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectmen Sheedy announced upcoming Bicentennial Events,

April 22nd at 6:30 pm - An evening of stories, music, and desserts at St. John the Evangelist, 210 Central Street, East Bridgewater with East Bridgewater's historic churches and East Bridgewater Clergy Association.

April 25th at 7:00 pm - King Phillip's War: the History and Legacy of America's Forgotten War - Speaker - Michael J. Tougas author of "King Phillip's War" and "The Finest Hours: The True Story of the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue" at the Council on Aging, 355 Plymouth Street, East Bridgewater.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

BOS – Thursday, April 13	BOS - Monday, April 24	ATM & STM Monday, May 8	Annual Town Election Monday, May 13	BOS – Monday, May 22
BOS - Monday, June 12	BOS - Monday, July 17	BOS - Monday, August 14	BOS - Monday, September 11	BOS - Monday, September 25
BOS - Monday, October 16	BOS - Monday, October 30	BOS - Monday, November 13	BOS - Monday, November 27	BOS – Monday, December 11

ADJOURN

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to close open meeting and move into Executive Session and may return to open 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. Selectman Julius seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Mr. Spagone Jr.: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm

Board of Selectmen Clerk

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