



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Thursday, April 24, 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. and Carole Julius

Members Absent: David Sheedy

Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator and Ly Nguyen, Principal Clerk

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

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Nicholas Jordan of East Bridgewater Troop 29 and Mr. Dale Julius of Historical Commission were present to discuss Eagle Project. The project consists of gravestone restoration and cleaning at the Old Graveyard. He briefly went over cleaning materials for project. The Historical Commission supports Nicholas project and plans to start late Spring and is hopeful to be complete before the end of next school year. Nicholas stated fundraisers will help with project costs. The Selectmen commended him and Troop 29 for their continued works and efforts.

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve Nicholas Jordan's Eagle Scout Project of cleaning gravestones in the Old Graveyard Cemetery. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Dale Julius of Bicentennial Committee announced upcoming Bicentennial events. 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, at 7 pm. He announced upcoming Trolley Tours of historical landmarks and Old Graveyard, there will be a \$5 fee, more information will be provided. EB Alumni Concert will be at the Jr / Sr High School on May 24th.

Deputy Police Chief Michael Jenkins and Public Safety Dispatcher Conner McDermott were present to discuss Mr. McDermott first Boston Marathon run. Mr. McDermott stated he ran alongside his sister for the Gavin Foundation in memory of their uncle. He briefly went over the foundation which he stated is a nonprofit agency that was established in South Boston in 1963 with the goal of providing comprehensive adult, youth and community substance abuse education, prevention, and treatment programs. Both raised \$3,600. The Selectmen commended Mr. McDermott and all that attended marathon from East Bridgewater.

APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater will hold a public hearing regarding the layout as a town way of the following:

STRATHMORE ROAD EXTENSION as shown on a plan entitled ""Elmwood Overlook" Definitive Subdivision; "Roadway As-Built"; Site: Strathmore Road Extension, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts; Prepared for: Perk Realty Trust 1199 Auburn Street Bridgewater, MA 02324;

Prepared by Silva Engineering Associates, P.C., dated February 10, 2022" and as shown on a plan entitled ""Elmwood Overlook" Definitive Subdivision; "Layout Plan"; Site: Strathmore Road Extension, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts; Prepared for: Perk Realty Trust 1199 Auburn Street Bridgewater, MA 02324; Prepared by Silva Engineering Associates, P.C., dated February 10, 2022."

Copies of said plans are on file at the Board of Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333.

You are hereby notified that a public hearing regarding said layout will be held at Town Hall, Main Conference Room, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 02333 at 6:30 pm on Monday, April 24, 2023.

Board of Selectmen

Peter Spagone Jr., Chairman

Carole Julius, Vice-Chairman

David Sheedy, Clerk

LAYOUT – TOWN WAY

STRATHMORE ROAD EXTENSION

Pursuant to and in accordance with our statutory powers, the subscriber, Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater, hereby layout a town way (hereinafter referred to as "Strathmore Road Extension") as described as shown on a plan entitled ""Elmwood Overlook" Definitive Subdivision; "Roadway As-Built"; Site: Strathmore Road Extension, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts; Prepared for: Perk Realty Trust 1199 Auburn Street Bridgewater, MA 02324;

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The above descriptions according to said plans include the entire outline of Strathmore Road Extension and is hereby laid out for highway purposes.

We hereby report to the Town for its acceptance, the laying out of Strathmore Road Extension as a public way and when the laying out is accepted and the acquisition of land and/or easements duly recorded, said Strathmore Road Extension shall be known as a public way.

Dated at East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, this 24th day of April 2023

Mr. Seelig stated that the state approved special legislation last year that would allow the Town to eliminate some of the steps of going through the formal road acceptance process outlined in the general laws. He stated as long as the Town has a good set of plans with meets and bounds showing where the right of ways of the streets that the Town will go through the acceptance process using the set of plans. It requires a public hearing and Town Meeting vote. Road repairs will not happen immediately. Scheduling will go through Department of Public Works Director.

A resident had a concern regarding the as-built plans and if there were any issues that would hold the process back. Selectman Spagone Jr. stated that most of the roads were constructed the right way, the only problem is that some of them are probably 30-40 years ago. Assessments will take place once the roads are accepted.

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Julius made a motion that it is in the public interest to accept Strathmore Road Extension as a public way. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to layout Strathmore Road Extension as a public way as detailed in the agenda. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to appoint Meredith Walsh to the Patriotic Activities Committee for the period April 24, 2023 through June 30, 2026. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Ms. Meredith Walsh gave a background of her experience and how she would fit in. The Selectmen welcomed her.

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the request from the Housing Authority to appoint Brenda Kozuch as a Town Appointed Tenant Board member of the Town of East Bridgewater for a five-year term effective April 24, 2023 through June 30, 2028. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Seelig stated this is a reappointment.

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the sale of the \$1,334,095 4.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the Town dated April 28, 2023, and payable October 27, 2023, to Oppenheimer & Co., Inc. at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$2,868.30.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated April 5, 2023, and a final Official Statement dated April 12, 2023, each in such form as may be approved by the Assistant Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Assistant Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Assistant Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Assistant Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Assistant Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts

or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Seelig stated that there is a bond anticipation note that is due this month and will be rolled over into this upcoming October. He stated he anticipates some of the projects will be completed and moved into bonds rather than bond anticipation notes. There are several projects going on such as the Town Hall / police station generator, well project through the water department, sanitary sewer, and paving project at the Mitchell School. This money was borrowed and approved at previous town meetings. The Town is currently borrowing on a six-month term with 3% interest. This will have to be done again in October

Mr. Seelig stated that the library would like to donate bookcases to FRIENDS. He stated that they will need to provide documentation to show proof that they are a 501(c)(3)

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve library bookcases to be donated to FRIENDS contingent upon getting required documentation. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the April 4, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the April 4, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Executive Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the April 10, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the April 10, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the April 13, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the April 13, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the request from Deana LePine of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of Sachem Rock Farm on May 6, 2023 rain date May 7, 2023 from 10 am – 12 pm for "Community Garden Opening / Work Day". Plot holders will clean up beds and plant. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the request from Anne Vantran of East Bridgewater Library for the use of Sachem Rock Farm on June 28 rain date June 29, July 21, August 8 and August 10, 2023 from 10 am – 12 pm for "Story Time and Walk on Trails". Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the request from Diane Phillips of the East Bridgewater Democratic Committee to put signs on municipal property from April 22, 2023 through April 29, 2023 to advertise Earth Day / Clean Up event for Saturday, April 29th. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the following applications for One-Day Liquor Licenses from the Villa at Ridder Country Club for weddings on the following dates. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

May 19, 2023	June 3, 2023	June 23, 2023
May 20, 2023	June 4, 2023	June 24, 2023
May 26, 2023	June 9, 2023	June 25, 2023
May 27, 2023	June 10, 2023	June 29, 2023
May 28, 2023	June 16, 2023	June 30, 2023
June 2, 2023	June 17, 2023	

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the following applications for One-Day Liquor Licenses from the Villa at Ridder Country Club for weddings / events on the following dates. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

July 1, 2023	August 13, 2023	September 9, 2023	September 30, 2023
July 8, 2023	August 18, 2023	September 10, 2023	October 1, 2023
July 14, 2023	August 20, 2023	September 15, 2023	October 6, 2023
July 15, 2023	August 25, 2023	September 16, 2023	October 7, 2023
July 22, 2023	August 26, 2023	September 17, 2023	October 13, 2023
July 28, 2023	August 27, 2023	September 18, 2023	October 14, 2023
July 29, 2023	September 1, 2023	September 22, 2023	October 15, 2023
August 4, 2023	September 2, 2023	September 23, 2023	October 20, 2023
August 5, 2023	September 3, 2023	September 24, 2023	October 21, 2023
August 12, 2023	September 8, 2023	September 29, 2023	October 28, 2023

Mr. Seelig stated Police Chief Paul O'brien is currently out on medical leave. Deputy Chief Michael Jenkins has been fulfilling position. There is a current contract with Mr. Jenkins that will end in June and is requesting to make changes in current contract that would provide additional compensation. Mr. Jenkins would also like to continue into FY24-FY26 with a new contract. He stated salary increases in those years including minor provisions such as acting police chief at some time in future.

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve the amended FY21-FY23 Deputy Police contract. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to approve new contract with Deputy Police Michael Jenkins for July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Julius made a motion to appoint Deputy Chief Michael Jenkins as acting Police Chief retroactive to March 25, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 2-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

West Bridgewater Matfield Street Railroad Crossing – Mr. Seelig stated that West Bridgewater will not establish a quit zone due to the cost associated with request. Letter will be provided to concerning resident.

Discussion of possible additional Special Town Meeting on June 5 and possible vote – Financial articles will be postponed to June 5. Mr. Seelig stated to possibly add zoning by law change (Selectmen to Select Board) to special town meeting on June 5. The Selectmen agreed to wait for Fall.

Discussion of article to change Board of Selectmen/Select Board to Select Board and Select Board member in the Town's zoning by-law, possible submission to Planning Board – Mr. Seelig stated that there will be two separate articles a simple majority vote for the general by laws and 2/3 votes for zoning by laws to indicate Selectmen as Select Board. The Planning Board did not hold a hearing for zoning by laws changes to refer as such. The Selectmen agreed to have this article at the Fall Special Town Meeting.

Discussion of article for Board of Health expenses for landfill – The Board of Health proposed a \$150,000.00 for improvements and maintenance work for the closed landfill. No separate article at town meeting for this request.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectmen Spagone Jr. stated he met with school committee and administration regarding communication, especially with Town finance team. He hopes after election and reorganization there will be improved communication with the Town.

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 Julius made a motion to close open meeting and move into Executive Session and not return to open session, pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, §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.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel, Treasurer / Collector, and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Treasurer / Collector. Selectman Spagone Jr. seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Spagone Jr.: Aye. All were in favor, 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm

Clerk
Board of Selectmen

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