



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, November 7, 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: Selectmen, Peter Spagone Jr., Carole Julius, and David Sheedy

Members Absent:

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

5:30 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Veterans Service Officer, Christopher Buckley was present to remind residents of Tri Town "Veterans Day Parade" which will be held in the Town of West Bridgewater on Friday, November 11th at 10 am.

APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors held a public hearing on property tax classifications on Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the first-floor conference room at the Town Hall. This hearing, which is required by law, determines whether the Town will have one classification or will differentiate among several classes when setting the tax rate. Director of Assessor, Paula Wolfe with member of the Board of Assessors, Steve Solari reviewed the presentation. Ms. Wolfe stated the recommendation of the Board of Assessors is to not split the tax rate and keep it at a single rate.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the recommendation of the Board of Assessors to not split the tax rate, and to keep it at a single rate for the fiscal year 2023. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:04 pm Mr. Sheedy stated notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chap. 138, a Public Hearing will be held relative to Application for New License – General on Premises Annual All Alcoholic: Elizabeth Wilson dba Pony Town Parties / Holmestead Harvest, Elizabeth Wilson, Manager, Premises: 1194 Plymouth Street

The continued Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater on Monday, November 7, 2022, at 6:00 p.m.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to continue public hearing to 5:30 pm on November 28, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

PUBLIC MEETING

Susan Gillpatrick, Town Clerk, Bob Looney, Town Moderator were present to discuss the upcoming Special Town meeting that is scheduled for Monday November 14, 2022. Mr. Looney went through the articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant and articles were assigned. Mr. Looney explained that the articles on the Special Town Meeting Warrant are majority votes. He stated Congressman Lynch will be speaking at the beginning of the Special Town Meeting.

Conservation Agent, Alexander Welch was present to discuss Conservation Commission Article twenty-six (26) in warrant. He stated there was a discrepancy between what was submitted from Conservation Commission and what was posted in the Town Warrant. Mr. Welch stated the fees would go into the regulations of the by law for Article twenty-six (26) if passed. In the event article does not pass, article twenty-seven (27) will be sufficient as the fees will be updated as they are found in the Town By-law. Mr. Looney stated a motion to amend article twenty-six (26) at Town Meeting is required.

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the October 17, 2022, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the October 17, 2022, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to review and approve request for Change of Hours from Team EB, Incorporated DBA Fiestas Mexican Restaurant. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Johnson stated applicant is requesting Sunday hours change to 8:00 am – 1:00 am for brunch.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Glenn Tattrie to the ARPA Committee effective November 7, 2022 through December 31, 2026. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Lisa Allington to the Finance Committee effective November 7, 2022 through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Debra Chassey as a member to the Patriotic Activities Committee effective November 7, 2022 through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to review and vote on the request from Steve Meigan of Kiwanis Club of East Bridgewater for use of the Town Hall Parking lot and to put signs on municipal property for Christmas Tree Sales. The event will run for five weeks, set up November 12, 2022, sales will begin November 20, 2022. Hours are Monday through Friday 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday 9:00 am – 8:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to review and vote on the request from Emma Folkins of Tinkergarten for use of Sachem Rock Farm for a weekly "Hour Long Play-Based Nature Class". This is a series of events, nine classes which will be held on Thursdays January 19, 2023 through March 16, 2023 from 10:00 am – 11:00 am. Three free trial classes on December 3, 2022, December 15, 2022 and January 5, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss request regarding Trash / Recycle bill. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy stated Elisa Correia of 75 Prospect Street is requesting to postpone this year bill as she cannot afford to pay for trash pickup through the Town. The Selectmen agreed for Department of Public Works to set customer with a payment schedule.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss land donation, 0 Elm Street / Parcel ID 82-15-0. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated the property has no value to the Town. Town Administrator, Charles Seelig stated to accept the parcel as tax title process is fairly expensive for the Town.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss ARPA funds, votes may be taken. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that Plymouth County funds allocated to the Town has not been released. He stated the applications will be brought to the Selectmen for their review and decision per ARPA Committee recommendations. There was a brief discussion on process. The Selectmen agreed not to make any decisions at meeting.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss stormwater Regulations and possible creation of revolving fund. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that the regulations are still under review with department heads and in the interim it was determined that the stormwater bylaw approved at May Town Meeting requires a public hearing on any regulations. He stated a hearing has been posted for November 28th and the final regulations will be available prior to.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated that Selectman Spagone Jr. has constantly contact State Legislatures regarding updates on Town Home Rule Petitions. He stated petitions are now on their third reading.

Mr. Seelig stated the Town received two (2) One Stop for Growth Grants. Community Planning Grant Program, the Town will receive seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) and MassWorks Infrastructure Program, the Town will receive four million dollars (\$4,000,000). He thanked all those who worked to help secure the funding.

Mr. Seelig stated the State has some concerns regarding grant funding for the Precise Engineering Project. He stated he will have to look into other sources for funding.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Ms. Lisa Balentinegriffin of 737 Central Street was present to stress her concerns regarding political signs on the Town Common. The Selectmen all agreed to review and address this type of requests going forward.

Ms. Lisa Allington of 55 Bridge Street was present for her appointment to the Finance Committee. She gave a brief background of her training and job experience. The Selectmen looks forward in working with her.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Special Town Meeting - Monday, November 14, 2022

Monday, November 28, 2022, Board of Selectmen 6:30 pm

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Board of Selectmen

Clerk

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