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TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

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AMENDED AGENDA FOR THE SELECT BOARD MEETING

Monday, April 8, 2024, 6:00 pm
First Floor Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

6:00 pm Plymouth County to present ARPA check

6:30 pm Moderator, Town Counsel, Town Accountant, Town Administrator and Select Board to review, approve and close warrant.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approve and Close the Special and Annual Town Warrant for May 13, 2024.
2. Approve the minutes of the March 25, 2024, Select Board's Meeting.
3. Approve but not release the minutes of the March 25, 2024, Select Board Executive Session Meeting.
4. Discussion and vote on agreement with Bobby D Realty Trust in regards to an agreement and easement related to the sewer line construction.
5. Discussion and vote to increase the number of working hours per week for the Coordinator of Volunteers at the East Bridgewater Council on Aging.
6. Discussion and vote on Non-Union wage increases for FY2025, not on contracts.
7. Discuss and vote on wage scale for Fire Chief, Administrative Assistant.
8. Discussion and vote on Surplus Policy.

9. Discuss and vote on Surplus request from Library Director, Jessica Henderson to surplus furniture from the Historical Room at the Library.
10. Discuss and vote on Surplus request from EBCAM Director, Russ Hannigan to surplus equipment.
11. Approve the request from South Shore Cocktails, LLC for a One Day Liquor License for The Center at Sachem Rock on April 11, 2024, from 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm.
12. Approve the request from Deana LePine of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of Sachem Rock Farm on May 4, 2024 rain date May 5, 2024 from 10 am – 2 pm for “Community Garden Opening / Work Day”. Plot holders will clean up beds and prepare plots for spring planting.
13. Approve the request from resident Christne Beall for the use of Town Hall Parking Lot, Town Common and Sachem Rock Farm for a dog scent training during off hours when buildings are closed. Training consists of hiding odor contained hides on benches, tables, rock crevices, etc. The leashed dog will take approximately 5-10 minutes to search. There is no specific dates, just when schedule allows.
14. Approve the request from Tami Herchel of Ragner Events, LLC for a running relay, “Ragner Road New England” on May 18, 2024 from 2 am – 10 am.
15. Discuss and approve to add the following ballot question to the May 18, 2024, Annual Town Election Warrant.

Shall the Town's acceptance of Chapter 31 of the General Laws (Civil Service law) be revoked for the rank of Sergeants, Reserve Patrolmen, and Regular Patrolmen, within the Police Department?

SUMMARY: Sergeants, Reserve Patrolmen, and Regular Patrolmen within the Police Department are currently subject to the state Civil Service laws, which govern matters such as original appointments, promotions, and termination from employment. This ballot question would revoke the town's acceptance of General Laws chapter 31, the state Civil Service statute, for the rank of Sergeants, Reserve Patrolmen, and Regular Patrolmen within the Police Department. However, current members of the department in that rank will remain covered by the statute's protections.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- FY25 Budget Updates
- Poultry By-Law and/or regulations
- Discuss joining Hanson and other Plymouth County towns in exploring whether the Plymouth County Commissioners could take on a role in pond management

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

TOPICS NOT REASONABLY ANTICIPATED BY THE CHAIRMAN 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2024

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| Monday, March 25 | Monday, April 8 | Monday, April 22 | Monday, May 6 |
| Monday, May 13 Town Meeting | Monday, June 10 | Monday, June 24 | Monday, July 15 |
| Monday, August 12 | Monday, August 26 | Monday, September 9 | Monday, September 23 |
| Monday, October 7 | Monday, October 21 | Monday, November 4 | Monday, November 18 |
| Monday, December 9 | | | |

Vote to close open meeting and enter 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 with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Building Commissioner / Zoning Enforcement Officer, Director of Assessing, IT Director, Town Accountant, Town Administrator, Treasurer/Collector.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, Superior Officers, Patrol Officers, Library.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(9) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation, as the Chair has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position in a matter involving Town of East Bridgewater v. Ridder Farm.

Vote to close Executive Session meeting and may return to open session.