



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, June 1, 2020

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CAROLE JULIUS, CHAIRMAN
DAVID SHEEDY, VICE CHAIRMAN
WILLIAM DOWLING, CLERK

TOWN HALL, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Carole Julius and David Sheedy

Members Absent: William Dowling

Others Present: Brian Noble, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant

4:30 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. Julius stated, due to the increasing concern surrounding the COVID-19, Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting will remain closed to the public. There are no scheduled Public Hearings and there will be no public comment period. Live video and audio of the meeting will be aired on Comcast local channels 6, 9 or 98. A live feed and recording of the meeting will also be posted on the EBCAM website, www.eb-cam.org

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve and post Annual and Special Town Meeting warrant. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen for the quarterly Ambulance Billing Abatements as of April 2020 in the amount of \$36,248.80. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the May 18, 2020 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the May 26, 2020 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the May 26, 2020 4:55 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve your request for the use of Town Common for Yoga Classes. Classes would be held under the standard and guidance on outdoor classes (such as gym, yoga, dance, personal fitness, etc.). The classes can be done with strict rules:

- 6 feet of separation between participants
- 12 feet of separation between activity stations
- Face coverings must be worn at all times
- No shared equipment, tools or materials
- Gathering must be less than 10 people, including staff/instructors

- Class must have pre-registration process
- Temporary signage needs to be in place
- All equipment must be disinfected after use

Times and dates of the events are Friday, 6/12/2020 6:00 pm, Friday, 6/26/2020 6:00 pm, Friday 7/10/2020 6:00 pm. Rain dates: Saturday, 6/13/2020 10:00 am, Saturday, 6/27/2020 10:00 am, Saturday, 7/11/2020 10:00 am. All were in favor. 2-0

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble stated the warrant will be posted 6/2/2020 and will be put up in as many public places possible. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic some of the locations the warrant is typically posted such as the library may not be available.

Mr. Noble stated we filed our first reimbursement request to the Plymouth County CARES Act. He thanked Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant for her outstanding work on preparing the request. We're now looking at other ideas and options for reimbursement.

Ly Nguyen, Senior Clerk has finished the Town report and it will be posted on the Town website with the warrant.

There was a discussion regarding Lepinski Farm. Mr. Noble stated this Town owned land has been leased by Lepinski since 1993. This must be reauthorized every three years and is why it's on the Warrant at Town meeting. Ms. Julius stated she will contact the owners, so they understand this is required by law.

Mr. Noble stated, the Legislature passed a law that said the quorum can be reduced to as low as 10% at Town meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to reduce the special quorum for the June 23, 2020 Town Meeting to the 10% which is required by law during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ms. Julius seconded. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Noble stated there have been many requests for car parades that have been passed along to Police Chief, Paul O'Brien. Guidance has been given from the Massachusetts Chiefs Association to stop the parades due to safety concerns. All requests going forward will be referred to the Police Department.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Mr. Sheedy stated the Town election is coming up on Saturday June 6, 2020. Ms. Gillpatrick stated over 300 residents have sent in absentee ballots. Please contact the Town Clerk's office for absentee ballots.

ADJOURN

Motion by Sheedy, second by Julius to adjourn. All were in favor, 2-0

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

Clerk

Board of Selectmen