

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, June 15, 2020

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CAROLE JULIUS, CHAIRMAN
DAVID SHEEDY, VICE CHAIRMAN
PETER SPAGONE JR. CLERK

TOWN HALL, 2nd FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Carole Julius, David Sheedy, and Peter Spagone Jr.

Members Absent:

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

6:30 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reorganization of Board

M/Sheedy, s/Julius, a unanimous vote; Peter Spagone Jr. as Clerk. All were in favor. 3-0

APPOINTMENTS

Veteran Service Agent, Christopher Buckley was present to give an update. He stated the Food 4 Vets food drive will take place on Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at the Council on Aging.

Mr. Buckley requested permission to accept a donation of a POW chair. Michelle Hamilton from Rolling Thunder was present and gave a brief presentation of the donation. The Selectmen agreed it would be a great addition to the Town and would like to have a ceremony once the Chair is ready.

Police Chief, Paul O'Brien was present for his contract signing. Chief O'Brien gave a brief update on the department. He mentioned all Police Department policies will be posted on EBPD website. Ms. Julius commended the Police Chief and the department for the way they kept everyone on the Town Common safe during the June 8, 2020 rally. Mr. Sheedy and Mr. Spagone Jr. praised for him for his work as Interim Police Chief and look forward to working with him as Police Chief.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to accept the contract signing for Police Chief Paul O'Brien for the period 7/1/2020 through 7/30/2023. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

JOINT APPOINTMENT

With Finance Committee to go over and approve Chapter 44 Section 33B Transfers. Town Accountant, Phyllis Tirrell was present and gave a brief overview of the transfers and explained they are all internal within the budget.

Laura Sebastyn, Finance Committee Chairman, stated the Finance Committee has reviewed the transfers.

Ms. Sebastyn made a motion to accept the transfers as presented on June 15, 2020 in the amount of \$213,145.00. Mr. Walsh seconded. All were in favor.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Ch. 44, S33B transfers as presented by the Finance Committee. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

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ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve for The Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Town Moderator, to consider reducing the quorum for the upcoming Special and Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to emergency legislation passed by the General Court and signed by the Governor on June 5, 2020. A copy of this legislation is attached. The legislation permits the Town, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen and Town Moderator, to reduce the quorum contained in the bylaw from (East Bridgewater – “150 voters for Special Town Meeting articles over \$100,000) due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. The East Bridgewater Special/Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for June 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jr / Sr High School auditorium. Social distancing practices will be in effect, including possibly the use of other rooms at the High School. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated this motion would reduce the quorum for articles over \$100,000 from 150 voters to 15.

Ms. Julius read a letter from Town Moderator, Mr. Looney to approve the amended quorum as outlined. Town Administrator, Brian S. Noble briefly went over how Town Meeting will be held i.e. social distancing, tablets for registration, face covering and following COVID-19 guidelines.

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve for Mariliva Wedge, Open Doors Yoga Studios to use Town Common for one-hour Yoga Classes. Classes would be held under the standard and guidance on outdoor classes. Times and dates of the events are June, July, August and September Tuesdays 6:00 pm, Thursdays 7:00 pm, and Fridays 6:00 pm Rain date: Saturdays 10:00 am. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the June 1, 2020 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve minutes of the June 9, 2020 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to release minutes of the December 16, 2019 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to release minutes of the January 6, 2020 4:50 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to release minutes of the January 27, 2020 5:15 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to release minutes of the February 10, 2020 6:55 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to release minutes of the February 24, 2020 7:45 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to release minutes of the March 9, 2020 7:40 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to release minutes of the April 21, 2020 4:55 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve for the Board of Health to use of the outside of Sachem Rock and have access to basement of main building to hold a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on June 29, 2020 from

5:00 pm-7:00 pm. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to appoint Joan Smith as a permanent member from an associate member on the Council on Aging due to a vacancy effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Peter Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the following Board/Committee member reappointments. Mr. Sheedy seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

James A Ross, Jr. as an Alternate Member to the Board of Appeals effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023

Steven Sears to the Conservation Commission effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023

Fire Chief Timothy Harhen as the Director of Emergency Management, Forest Warden and Right to Know Coordinator effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Building Commissioner Patrick Franey to the Federal Handicapped Compliance Program effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Frederick J. Tully as the Gas Inspector and Plumbing Inspector effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

W. Michael Doyle as the Assistant Gas Inspector and Assistant Plumbing Inspector effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Nancy Hill as Delegate to the Old Colony Planning Council Area Agency on Aging effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

David Abbott as the Parking Clerk/Hearing Officer effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Carole Julius as the Plymouth County Advisory Board Representative effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

David Sheedy as the Plymouth Advisory Board Alternate effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

John Shea to the Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023

Katherine Wolfe to the Registrars of Voters effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023

David R. Moore as the Sealer of Weights and Measures effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

David Bentley Jr. as the Wiring Inspector effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

F. Greg Paul as the Assistant Wiring Inspector effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble thanked David Walsh for the generous donation of 4,000 surgical masks. He reviewed the first week of the Town Halls re-opening. He stated the second claim for the Plymouth County CARES ACT has been placed by Administrative Assistant, Rebecca Johnson. Mr. Noble commended Ms. Johnson on a job well done.

He stated Altus Dental, the Towns employee Dental benefit plan had a 0% increase for the Town and employees and will be renewing the policy.

Mr. Noble mentioned correspondence from Marie J. Handy, Director of Accounts at the DOR asking to file a declaration, in the event that the Town should deficit spend in response to the Covid Emergency. A letter was written and to be submitted.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the letter and have Chairman Julius sign. Mr. Spagone Jr. seconded. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board of Selectmen's meeting June 29, 2020. Ms. Johnson stated more than a handful of reappointment forms need to be submitted to the office.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Liaison appointments was passed over until the next meeting.

Ms. Julius reminded everyone Town meeting was on June 23, 2020.

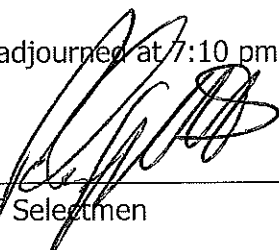
Chairman Julius announced the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation (Hanson Land), (complaint) if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and not return to open session.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to move into Executive Session and not return to open session, Mr. Sheedy seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Mr. Spagone Jr: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

ADJOURN

Motion by Sheedy, second by Spagone Jr. to adjourn. All were in favor, 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk