

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN /
BOARD OF HEALTH
Tuesday, January 26, 2021

RECORDED TOWN CLERK
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CAROLE JULIUS, CHAIRMAN
DAVID SHEEDY, VICE CHAIRMAN
PETER SPAGONE JR, CLERK

REMOTE MEETING
175 CENTRAL STREET
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Carole Julius, David Sheedy and Peter Spagone Jr; Myles Heger, Vice-Chairman to the Board of Health and Lisa Lesogor, Clerk to the Board of Health

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brian Noble, Town Administrator Robert Philbrick, Health Agent, Susan Mulloy, Administrative Assistant, and Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

4:00 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen gave a brief background of his COVID-19 training and job experience. He has been on the frontlines of the Town's COVID-19 response and has been involved in the planning and executing of the testing site in Town.

There was a discussion on COVID 19 vaccines. Chief Harhen stated the Fire Department is prepared to give vaccines to anyone who is not a first responder when available.

Ms. Julius stated this position was to be appointed only until the election when the position would be open for someone to run. Mr. Sheedy stated this short appointment would take a lot of pressure off from Administrative Assistant to the Board of Health, Sue Mulloy. He commended Ms. Mulloy for her work and efforts through this pandemic. The Board of Selectmen all agreed appointing Chief Harhen would be the best interest of the Town. Mr. Spagone Jr. commended Chief Harhen for fulfilling this role and the Board for their quick action in announcing the seat being opened.

There was a brief discussion regarding correspondence received via email from a resident regarding Board of Health complaint. Mr. Spagone Jr. stated the resident had some concerns on the Board of Health has been handling the pandemic as well as some of the procedures that went on at the two-day testing clinic. He stated he personally spoke to this individual and understands their situation. The resident has a child at home with a compromised immune system. Mr. Spagone Jr. stated Town officials should be aware and diverse in the way they handle themselves during this pandemic. Mr. Sheedy stated perception is everything. Ms. Julius stated whether we are a volunteer, an elected official, or a Town employee we need to remember what our responsibilities are to the community. She also stated the Board of Health is an independent elected Board and do not report to the Selectmen nor do their employees.

ACTION ITEMS

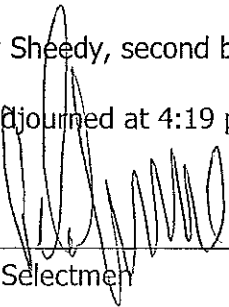
Mr. Myles Heger made a motion to appoint Tim Harhen to the vacancy on Board of Health until Town Election in April. Seconded by Ms. Lesogor. All were in favor. 5-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated a press release regarding appointment. All were in favor.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:19 pm



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