



OPEN SESSION MINUTES BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, February 22, 2021

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

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

RECEIVED TOWN CLERK
21 MAR 8 2021

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Brian Noble, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

5:00 pm Carole Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Police Chief, Paul O'Brien was present to introduce the three members who work with the mental health program in Town. He stated the mental health program has been in existence for about three years. Officer Cecelia Cacciatore, Mental Health Clinician Katrina Lee and Officer Patrick O'Brien were present to give a brief update on the program. Ms. Lee stated this is a collaboration between six police departments: Bridgewater, Bridgewater State University, East Bridgewater, Middleboro, West Bridgewater and Whitman and High Point Treatment Center. She has been working with them since October 2018. The program involves going out on calls with officers, talking with people in need of help and referring them to services. Officer O'Brien briefly went over the types of mental health calls such as suicide attempts and suicidal calls. Officer Cacciatore stated working with a clinician has helped decrease repeat calls / home visits and alleviates the Emergency room visits. Alleviating ER visits prevent unnecessary trips where they must sit for hours waiting for an evaluation. The Police Department has implemented practices for how officers interact with people with mental illness while working with health clinician.

The Selectmen commended the group, and all involved in the program for their works and efforts.

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the February 8, 2021 7:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2021 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve and sign the financing agreement with the Town of East Bridgewater and All-American Investment group for a lease with option to purchase, One (1) New Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Director of Public Works, John Haines was present to review his plans to replace the current 1997 Street Sweeper with the New Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper. He stated total purchase price is \$247,000 which will be financed over five-year period utilizing Chapter 90 funds. Mr. Sheedy wanted to know the life expectancy and Mr. Haines confirmed 12 years likely 17-20 years.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Noble presented to the Selectmen a draft copy of management letter from the Accounting Firm. He stated they are very much ahead of schedule getting the financial statements ready. He thanked Town Accountant, Phyllis Tirrell and Treasurer/Collector, Melissa Morrisey, School Superintendent and Business Manager for the works and efforts to help resolve some issues.

Mr. Noble updated the Selectmen on the Gladys Farren Cottage. He stated Town Assessor, Paula Wolfe helped establish a value which is more than \$10,000.

Mr. Noble requested signatures for the "Representation Letter" by the accountants for audit of the financial statements of the Town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced an opening on the Capital Planning Committee. She stated, if anyone interested to please fill out "Application for Appointment Form" on Town's website. Other positions available for serving the Town are under "Volunteer Opportunities" on Board of Selectmen's web page.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 8, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 22, 2021

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Sheedy requested an update on Town Election. Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to update the Selectmen. She stated all papers that have been received have been certified. The only position with no contestant is One Year – Planning Board.

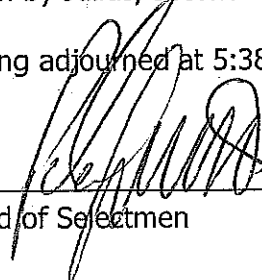
Mr. Spagone Jr. briefly went over the "Temporary Part-time Recreation Assistant" job posting.

Mr. Spagone Jr. gave an update on the Route 18 project, he thanked everyone involved and another meeting is set for Wednesday.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:38 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk