



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Monday, April 12, 2021

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

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

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21 APR 27 AM 8:45

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: James Purcell, Interim Town Administrator, Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

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

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD TO REORGANIZE

M/Spagone Jr., s/Julius, a unanimous vote, for David Sheedy as Chairman, Peter Spagone Jr. as Vice-Chairman and Carole Julius as Clerk effective 4/12/2021 until next April Election.

OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick, gave an update on the town election. Ms. Gillpatrick stated there were 1,071 voters and congratulated all the candidates who won their seats. The Board of Selectmen commended town election candidates.

Chief Paul O'brien and Deputy Chief Michael Jenkins were present to update the Selectmen on their plans to add a Police K-9. Deputy Chief Jenkins stated all the surrounding communities have K-9s and is a great asset to the department. The Chief and Deputy Chief received a phone call from town resident Michael Payton who is very involved with a non-profit foundation, The Hometown Foundation, Inc. out of Connecticut. The foundation donates fully equipped Police K-9s to local and state departments across the country. He briefly went over the estimated cost of a K-9, stating the average cost is around \$25,000. He reiterated The Hometown Foundation, Inc. donates Police K-9 at no cost to the department. Once the foundation advised they have a K-9 available the Deputy Chief sent out a message to the department looking for a K-9 handler. He stated he received great feedback from the officers and will have a selection process. Deputy Chief Jenkins stated the department is receiving support from local businesses and residents to help donate. Mr. Sheedy wanted to know how long the handler training is. Deputy Chief Jenkins stated 16 weeks and briefly went over process and program.

Interim Town Administrator James Purcell stated he spoke with both chiefs regarding K-9 addition last week. He stated there are procedures the Town must follow when accepting donations and gifts.

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy commended Nikole Kelleher for her works and efforts on the Arts Council.

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Orson Kingsley to the Arts Council effective April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Erin Dzierzak to the Arts Council effective April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Jonathan Babcock to the Arts Council effective April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Hilary Lovell to the Arts Council effective April 12, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve signage request from resident, Susan Wolfe to decorate the Town Gazebo for Children's Mental Health Awareness month from May 1, 2021 through May 21, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the March 8, 2021 6:45 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the March 16, 2021 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2021 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the March 23, 2021 4:45 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2021 4:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the March 31, 2021 4:45 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to close Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve to sign and award the Bonds as written. The Selectmen have read the Bond, therefore, waive the reading of the vote in its entirety. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to authorize Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell to approve bills and payroll documents to be placed on the applicable warrant for payment. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell to as Municipal Hearing Officer effective April 12, 2021 through September 3, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell as Personnel Director no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell as Dog Hearing Officer, no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell to the State Ethics Commission Committee, no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell as EB Library Needs Committee, no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell as Capital Planning Committee, no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Interim Town Administrator, James Purcell as Personal Board, no designated term. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Nancy Hill to the Old Colony Elder Services effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the resignation of David Cronin from the Arts Council effective 4/12/2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0 Mr. Sheedy thanked Mr. Cronin for his time on the Arts Council.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the resignation of Amanda Palmer - Smith from the Arts Council effective 4/12/2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0 Mr. Sheedy thanked Ms. Palmer – Smith for her time on the Arts Council.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the resignation of Maura Weir from the Arts Council effective 4/12/2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0 Mr. Sheedy thanked Ms. Weir for her time on the Arts Council.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the resignation of Madelyn Uzzo from the Arts Council effective 4/12/2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0 Mr. Sheedy thanked Ms. Uzzo for her time on the Arts Council.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the application / change of DBA for Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverages From: The T. Sikder Corporation, dba 7-11 to The T. Sikder Corporation, dba T Square Food Shop 52 Bedford Street. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Temporary Outdoor Table Service for Commercial Club of East Bridgewater per 248 CMR 10. (the plumbing code) a minimum of two bathrooms, to expire the end of the state of emergency or until the order is rescinded, whichever comes first. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Temporary Outdoor Table Service for Adria pending safer barriers are installed for outdoor seating to expire the end of the state of emergency or until the order is rescinded, whichever comes first. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Temporary Outdoor Table Service for the Mockingbird pending Building and Fire inspection prior to occupancy to expire the end of the state of emergency or until the order is rescinded, whichever comes first. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Temporary Outdoor Table Service for Fiestas occupancy to expire the end of the state of emergency or until the order is rescinded, whichever comes first. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to authorize Southeastern Regional School District to apply \$47,792 from ESSER II grant towards the Fiscal Year 2022 Town of East Bridgewater's share of operating expenses and reduce the Town's assessment accordingly. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the renewal of the following April Licenses. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Second-Hand Article Licenses:

Susan M. Hartman dba Hartman House Antiques
334 Bedford Street
Hours: Daily 10 am – 5 pm; or By Appointment

Susan M. Hartman, Mgr.

Lorraine Parker dba Mrs. Swift's & Moore Antiques & Gifts
16 West Union Street
Hours: Daily 9 am – 9 pm

Lorraine Parker, Mgr.

Benjamin Ellis dba Land of Electronics
687 North Bedford Street
Hours: Sunday – Saturday: 8 am – 8 pm

Benjamin Ellis, Mgr.

Wayne Chiappini dba C&C Antiques
734 Bedford Street
Hours: Saturday – Sunday 10 am – 6 pm

Wayne Chiappini, Mgr.

Junk Dealer's License (to sell gold, silver, etc.)

Benjamin Ellis dba Land of Electronics
687 North Bedford Street
Hours: Sunday – Saturday: 8 am – 8 pm

Benjamin Ellis, Mgr.

Michael H. Jewelers
225 Bedford Street
Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 10 am- 6 pm, Saturday: 10 am – 4 pm

Michael Hamoui, Mgr.

Wayne Chiappini dba C&C Antiques
734 Bedford Street
Hours: Saturday – Sunday 10 am – 6 pm

Wayne Chiappini, Mgr.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Korin Zigler of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of the Sachem Rock Farm for a "Garden Kickoff." To start beds, distribute compost and sheet mulch paths. Event will be May 22, 2021 from 1 pm – 3pm; Rain date May 23, 2021 and is for plot holders and friends only. Will not be open to the public this year. All participates will bring own tools and follow COVID-19 social distancing and guidelines. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated last year the EBCG donated a lot of their crops to local food pantries and expect to do the same this year.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Korin Zigler of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of the Sachem Rock Farm for "Pizza Picnics." Events will be June 21, July 19 and August 16, 2021 from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm and is for plot holders only. All participates will bring own drinks, slices will be individually boxed and follow COVID-19 social distancing and guidelines. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Korin Zigler of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of the Sachem Rock Farm for a "Harvest Festival." To allow the public to walk through gardens and share harvest of organic food. Event will be August 21, 2021 from 10 am – 12pm; Rain date August 22, 2021. All participates will follow COVID-19 social distancing and guidelines. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Purcell stated he had a very welcoming first day. He mentioned that he met with department heads throughout the first week and is very pleased with staff.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced Household Hazardous Waste Day, April 17, 2021 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Gordon Mitchell School and Community Shredding / Prescription Drug Take Back Event, April 24, 2021 from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm at The Center at Sachem Rock.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, April 26, 2021
Selectmen's Meeting Monday, May 10, 2021

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Spagone Jr. commended Town Accountant, Phyllis Tirrell for her works and efforts with Nikole Kelleher on Arts Council grant funding. He mentioned he was approached by owners of the Carver Cotton Gin. Owners proposed a build out and is still interested in continuing the process to see if there are some things they can do as far as mixed use and potentially working with the town on the Waste Water Treatment Plant. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with the Building department and Mr. Spagone Jr. will give an update at the next meeting.

Mr. Sheedy commended all Town employees for their continued cooperation and support during COVID-19 pandemic. He stated there are still towns out there that are not open to the public or is by appointment only.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm



Clerk

Board of Selectmen