




OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, April 26, 2021

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

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

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

Members Absent:

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

7:00 pm David Sheedy called the meeting to order.

Mr. Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Senator Michael Brady was present to discuss legislation. He briefly went over the "Home Rule Petition" he filed in January. He stated the petition has passed the Senate but not the House due to rewording. Mr. Sheedy stated the Town will reach out to House Representative for an update. Mr. Spagone Jr. stated he is very excited because there is some potential for investments once enacted. Senator Brady stated the House is working on their budget this week and mentioned the Feds is trying to get more funding to The Commonwealth.

Library Director, Christopher McGee was present to give an update. He stated the Library has some long-term staff retirements. He stated the library is open to the public with all COVID-19 restrictions and limits in place. There is no public seating, no time limitation on browsing and public computers are available for thirty minutes. He stated the Wi-Fi has been extended so people can use it from the bench out front or in their cars. The children's room remains closed but there is a small browsing section on the first floor. Contactless Curbside Pick-up and virtual programming is still available. Ms. Julius wanted to know more about quarantining materials. Mr. McGee stated they reduced their quarantine to three days from seven days.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to dissolve the Inter Municipal Agreement for IT Services between the Town of East Bridgewater and Town of Hanson effective 6/30/2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated this was an agreement with the Town of Hanson to split IT services.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2021 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2021 11:00 am Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to reopen the Special and Annual warrants for the June 14, 2021 Special and Annual Town Meeting with the intent to close on May 3, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Purcell stated additional articles will be added to warrants. There was a brief discussion on articles.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the following applications for One-Day Liquor Licenses from the Villa at Ridder Country Club for weddings on the following dates. All events shall follow COVID-19 safety standards. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

May 21, 2021	June 12, 2021	July 4, 2021	July 23, 2021
May 23, 2021	June 18, 2021	July 9, 2021	July 24, 2021
May 28, 2021	June 19, 2021	July 10, 2021	July 25, 2021
May 29, 2021	June 25, 2021	July 11, 2021	July 30, 2021
May 30, 2021	June 26, 2021	July 16, 2021	July 31, 2021
June 4, 2021	July 2, 2021	July 17, 2021	
June 5, 2021	July 3, 2021	July 19, 2021	

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from the Board of Health to use the outside of Sachem Rock to hold a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on June 21, 2021 from 4:30 pm-7:30 pm, Rain date June 28, 2021 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Jennifer Petricig of Simple Graces, LLC for the use of Sachem Rock Farm for weekly "Parent & Child Outdoor Yoga Class". Events will be Wednesdays, May 12, 19, 26, 2021 and Wednesdays, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 2021 from 9:30 am – 11:30 am two hours max. Class is approximately 1 hour. Then families can utilize walking trails and picnic tables as they see fit for gathering. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Johnson stated per the COA Director parking should be at the overflow parking lot which is the gravel lot on the right when pulling in from the street. The paved parking lot is for the seniors only.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the appointment of Jason Burrell to the Arts Council effective April 26, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the transfer of Class II License. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

From: Southbrook Auto Sales, Inc.
500 Bedford Street
No Restrictions
Hours: Monday – Saturday 9 am – 8 pm

To: Southbrook Auto
500 Bedford Street
No Restrictions
Hours: Monday – Saturday 7 am – 7 pm

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Purcell briefly went over town meeting statistics. He stated there might be some adjustments at Fall Town Meeting. He stated he met with the building commissioner/zoning officer regarding three zoning articles. He is pleased with outcome. He stated he has a meeting Wednesday morning with Planning Board Chairman, Roy Gardner regarding the two marijuana cultivation articles. There was a brief discussion regarding line-item transfers and accounts. Mr. Purcell stated he received notice from DPW of their desire to join South Shore Recycling Corporative. Materials will be sent for review / discussion prior to next Selectmen meeting. Mr. Purcell stated there are three department head contract, inspection services and IT contract that are up for renewal.

He suggested review / discuss IT and inspection services at next meeting. Mr. Sheedy stated this should be done in an executive session. Mr. Purcell stated he also been in communication with two unions. Mr. Sheedy stated they will have to review those union contracts very soon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, May 10th

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, May 24th

STM & ATM Monday, June 14th

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated a meeting is schedule with two engineering firms for consulting services. He stated there were three applicants, but one pulled out. Mr. Spagone Jr. stated a meeting set with Brockton on May 5 regarding sewer project and municipal agreement between both towns.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm

Carol Julius Clerk
Board of Selectmen