



OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Monday, June 28, 2021

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TOWN CLERK

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

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Director of Assessing, Paula Wolfe was present to discuss New Growth and current projects taking place in town. She stated there is a great deal of activity on permitting and new construction this year. She predicts this will be steady for the next five years and is good for tax roll. She stated real estate sales from 2019 through 2021 has gone up ten percent on average. She briefly went over inspections during COVID-19 Pandemic. There were no in person inspections, but department purchased a program, "Near Map" through funding. She went over "Near Map" program. Ms. Wolfe briefly discussed the other half of the Hanson Land Auction, tax rate and real estate market. Mr. Purcell wanted to talk about Ms. Wolfe new growth timing for budgeting purposes. There was a brief discussion on timelines and comparisons.

Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen was present to give departmental update. He stated there is a few organizational changes. He has a firefighter retiring in 2022 and two going into the academy for 10 weeks this summer. He is requesting approval to hire one firefighter. He briefly went over staffing / recalling firefighters. Chief Harhen stated he will be requesting funds at Fall Town Meeting. The Board of Selectmen agreed to take this into consideration and await further information from Interim Town Administrator.

### ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the June 15, 2021 5:00 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 June 8, 2021 9:05 am Board of Selectmen and Board of Health Joint Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve but not release minutes of the June 15, 2021 5:05 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve two-year extension for Republic Services. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Director of Public Works, John Haines was present to discuss contract. He commended Clifford & Kenny, LLP Attorney David Kouroyen for his works and efforts revising contract. He stated this is an extended two-year contract with no changes, no increase and will continue "as is" this year.

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Phyllis Tirrell as interim Town Accountant effective July 1, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy announced Ms. Phyllis retirement. Her last day is June 30, 2021. He thanked her for years of service.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Tyler Cubell resignation as a board member of EBCAM. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy announced if anyone is interested to please send in a letter of interest.

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint Rob Kenn to serve on the board of directors for SSRC. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to appoint John Haines to serve on the board of directors for SSRC. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Lenore Christensen of the East Bridgewater Garden Club to put a sign on municipal property from September 24, 2021 through October 2, 2021 to advertise Garden Club Plant Sale. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Lenore Christensen of the East Bridgewater Garden Club for the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot and Green for the purpose of a "Plant / Garden Sale". Funds support High School scholarship and Town beautification projects. Set up: Friday, October 1, 2021. Day of Event: Saturday, October 2, 2021 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Rain date: Sunday, October 3, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Steve Meighan of the Kiwanis Club of East Bridgewater for the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot for "Christmas Tree Sales" from November 12, 2021 through December 20, 2021. Monday – Friday 4:30 pm – 8:00 pm and Weekends 9 am – 8:00 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

#### INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Purcell briefly talked about the status of Town Administrator search. He stated the consultants will be at Town Hall on Wednesday to begin one on one interviews with Selectmen and department heads. This will be a nine-to-ten-week process until a finalist be presented to Selectmen. He briefly went over what will be accomplished with his tenure to the Town. Establish proposal for municipal auditing, take on an insurance advisor, Farren Cottage structure, and department head contract renewals. There was a brief discussion on Town Accountant.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced the Town received \$760,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act. She stated she is going through the rules and how to go about submitting projects and what it can be used for.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated he met with Environmental Partners two weeks ago regarding unaccepted roads. He stated Environmental Partners will provide an itemized report to provide a clear direction. This should be completed before the next Board of Selectmen's meeting.

There was a brief discussion on appointed and elected Town Constables. Mr. Sheedy stated the Town is still awaiting information from the state regarding restrictions.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm



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Board of Selectmen