



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, July 19, 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 and Ly Nguyen, Principal Clerk

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

Mr. Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Peter Furia and Ms. Theresa McNulty of the Recreation Commission were present to give an update. Mr. Furia announced "Summerfest" event on August 21, 2021 from 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm: Rain Date August 22 at the high school baseball fields and Town Hall. There was a brief discussion on event and what is involved. Mr. Furia gave a brief update on Temporary Part time Recreation Assistant, Jen Poole. There was a brief discussion on commission whereabouts and future plans. Mr. Spagone Jr. commended the commission for their works and efforts. Mr. Spagone Jr. discussed using the "American Recovery Act" funds to help support "Summerfest" event. He stated this event could possibly fall under recovery act guidelines and would like administration to look into this further.

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the June 28, 2021 7:00 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the July 7, 2021 11:30 am Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve letter of engagement with Lynch Marini & Associates for the FY21 audit. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Purcell stated this is the final year of the 5-year contract services with Lynch Marini & Associates in the amount of \$65,000. He recommended RFP for FY22 audit services.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve contract signing with Town Accountant. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mrs. Melanie Dean was present for her contract signing. She gave a brief background of her training and previous job experience. The Selectmen looks forward in working with her.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve contract signing with Interim Town Accountant. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve for the submission of list of projects to be sent to the House of Representatives. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Purcell commended all the departments heads and Mrs. Rebecca Johnson for their works and efforts. Mr. Sheedy stated Massachusetts State Representative, Michelle Dubois came in last week and asked the Town and the schools to put together a "wish list" for Federal funds.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Board/Committee member reappointments. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

- Norma L. Callahan to the Historical Commission effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- Charles Francis to the Patriotic Activities Committee effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- Peter Furia to the Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from Dianne Kennedy Warkel of the Kiwanis Club of East Bridgewater for the use of the Town Common for the Annual Lighting of the Common on Thursday, December 2, 2021 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application the from Commercial Club of East Bridgewater located at 1 Neilson Avenue for a Chili Chowda Fest on September 25, 2021 from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Rain date October 2, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Application for One-Day Liquor License from Commercial Club of East Bridgewater located at 1 Neilson Avenue for a Chili Chowda Fest on September 25, 2021 from 12:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Rain date October 2, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve Nikole Kelleher resignation from the Arts Council effective July 19, 2021. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy commended Mrs. Kelleher for her works and efforts on the council.

INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Purcell asked for authorization to sign contracts and any other representation letters involved in the lease purchase of Street Sweeper for the highway department.

Ms. Julius made a motion to authorize Jim Purcell to sign any documents pertaining to the lease of the Street Sweeper. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, August 9th
Selectmen's Meeting Monday, September 13th
Selectmen's Meeting Monday, September 27th

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Spagone Jr. stated South Brooke Auto received a non-compliance cease and desist letter due to no "Business Certificate" on file. There was a brief discussion on non-compliance. Town Clerk, Sue Gillpatrick was present and

stated the owner must appear in person. The owner will be available on Wednesday to file Business Certificate with Town Clerk.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to rescind July 8, 2021 non-compliance cease and desist order for South Brooke Auto. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. gave a brief update on the Route 18 project. He stated a letter for review was sent to the State regarding a 40R District. He is anticipating response and is hopeful information will be readily available for Fall Town Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Selectmen were entering into Executive Session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(2) To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel and to conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel; Building Commissioner / Zoning Enforcement Officer, Patrick Franey and to discuss Planning / Building Department Structure and not return to open session.

Ms. Julius made a motion to move into Executive Session and not return to open session. Mr. Spagone Jr. seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Mr. Spagone Jr: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm

Carole Julius Clerk
Board of Selectmen