



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, November 1, 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: Chris Kenny, Town Counsel, Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen, and Ryan McGonigle, IT Director

9:00 am David Sheedy. called the meeting to order.

Selectmen Sheedy stated the purpose of this meeting was for all Selectmen to meet with Town Counsel and discuss the legalities and get any updates on the dissolution of East Bridgewater Community Television (EBCTV).

Mr. Kenny stated that he previously met with Interim TA, James Purcell, Steve Brown, Chairman of EBCTV and Selectmen Julius to discuss EBCTV's decision to dissolve EBCTV by the end of this year.

Mr. Kenny stated the process to dissolve shouldn't be too complicated but may be time consuming. EBCTV's request to dissolve would go through the Attorney General's office to file all paperwork needed, then go to the Supreme Court for approval.

He stated that to dissolve you must have all paperwork/filings with the Attorney General's office. He mentioned that EBCTV cannot transfer any funds over to the Town until the transfer approved by the court which could take longer than expected.

Mr. Kenny stated that when a charity dissolves, the State wants to make sure any leftover funds it goes towards the purpose of that charity. This is also stated in the current agreement between EBCTV and the Town of East Bridgewater.

Mr. Sheedy asked Counsel if EBCTV had their own attorney to help with this process.

Mr. Kenny stated that he doesn't believe they have an attorney. Mr. Kenny mentioned Steve Brown can reach out to Town counsel with any questions. All paperwork will have to be filed by EBCTV.

IT Director, Ryan McGonigle stated that he doesn't foresee any issues and believes this will move the town forward.

Mr. Kenny stated if EBCTV gets their filings in by the end of the year, it could also get filed by the courts by the end of the year.

He stated that after the paperwork is filed to dissolve EBCTV would have to lay off current employees, the employees would collect unemployment if applicable, and then the Town would look at funding and posting the positions. This topic had been mentioned at the previous meeting with Steve Brown.

The Selectmen briefly discussed next steps. Mr. Sheedy requested for Ms. Julius to set up a meeting with Steve Brown and Town Counsel to get a status update and report back to the Board of Selectmen.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 am



Clerk

Board of Selectmen