



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
Wednesday, August 23, 2023

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

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

Members Present: Carole Julius, David Sheedy, and Peter Spagone Jr.
Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator

5:00 pm Ms. Julius called the meeting to order.

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to appoint Michael Jenkins as Chief of Police effective August 23, 2023 through June 30, 2026 contingent upon contract negotiations. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Acting Police Chief Michael Jenkins was present and gave a brief background of his training and job experience which gave more insight of how he would handle the department. His first priorities will be hiring an Administrative Assistant and Deputy Chief and put together a Public Safety Building Committee.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve proclamation of September as "International Suicide Prevention Month" and September 10th as "International Suicide Prevention Day" . Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to designate the driveway for the Junior/Senior High School campus as "Viking Way". Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated superintendent had contacted the Board regarding the naming of driveway. He stated this is not a street or an accepted road. It is a driveway that connects the campus on both sides from Bedford Street to Plymouth Street. Mr. Seelig stated that after speaking with public safety department heads, their recommendation for emergency aid and/or deliveries that a different sign be placed at either end and specifically saying 143 Plymouth Street.

There was a brief discussion on naming the crosswalk at the Mitchell Middle School after Paul Hallinan and authorizing the installation of a sign or placard at this location stating the same. Mr. Seelig stated that Mr. Hallinan worked as a school crossing guard for all three schools at various times. The Select Board agreed to put a plaque at the police station and / or crosswalk to recognize his services in the community. The Board wants a follow up from Mr. Seelig on outcome.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the contract "as is" for Fiscal Years 2023-2025 with East Bridgewater Professional Firefighters' Association. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that the Board signed a tentative agreement with a section that was still in negotiations. The section is now resolved and remains the same. He recommends the Board approve and sign "as is" currently.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the request from Ryan Layton of Cub Scout Pack 28 for the use of Town Common on Saturday, September 9, 2023 for Cub Scout Recruiting Day from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm and to put signs on municipal property for ten days prior to event. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Sheedy stated that as part of bicentennial events there will be a Scout Jamboree at the Center at Sagem Rock on September 29th & 30th.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License and Event Permit from East Bridgewater Commercial Club for the "Run for Jess" event on September 2, 2023 pending approvals from Police Chief and Fire Chief. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the request for a One Day Liquor License and Event Permit from East Bridgewater Commercial Club for the "Sydney Craven Scholarship Fund" event on September 23, 2023 pending approvals from Police Chief and Fire Chief. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. received a letter from the Christmas Parade Committee looking for funding. The Select Board will pass along.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

BOS – Monday, June 12	BOS – Monday, July 17	BOS - Monday, August 14	BOS - Monday, September 11	BOS - Monday, September 25
BOS - Monday, October 16	BOS - Monday, October 30	BOS - Monday, November 13	BOS - Monday, November 27	BOS – Monday, December 11

ADJOURN

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to close open meeting and enter executive session and may return to open session. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations and conducting collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; with Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, Patrol Officers, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Spagone Jr.: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 5:33 pm

Retuned to open meeting at 5:38 pm

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the amendment to Chief Paul O'brien contract as provided to us by Town Council. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm

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Select Board

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