



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, January 23, 2023

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

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

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator and Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator / BOS

6:30 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to update residents on the Annual Town Census. She stated residents who have yet to return their census to please do so. There are drop-off boxes located in Town Hall, the Public Library and The Center at Sachem. Any questions or concerns to please contact Town Clerk's Office at (508) 378-1606.

Ms. Gillpatrick stated there are about eight dog owners that failed to license their dogs, violations have been issued.

APPOINTMENTS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing regarding the application for a Class II license with no more than 2 cars for sale to be on the site at any time. Additionally, the license should require that applicant/owner shall remain in full compliance with the Special Permit dated January 9, 2023. Filed by George P. Haseotes 60 Franklin Street, East Bridgewater, MA 02333.

The public hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA on Monday, January 23, 2023 at 6:45 p.m.

Applicant/owner was not present for hearing.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to continue public hearing to 6:45 pm on February 13, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the January 9, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Director of Public Works, John Haines was present to discuss changes to the solid waste and recycling program. He proposes a fee of \$500 for residents effective 7/1/2023. He stated that due to increased cost of disposing

trash and recyclables an increase was required. Mr. Haines stated program is voluntary and participation is not required.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve proposed fee of five hundred dollars annually for the municipal solid waste collection program. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the Change of Manager Club All Alcohol License for Ideal Club, Inc. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

From: Ideal Club Inc.
Aldelino Anahory, Manager
14 West Union Street

To: Ideal Club Inc.
Susan Leitao, Manager
14 West Union Street

Ms. Susan Leitao was present to give a brief background on herself and previous job experience. Mr. Nathaniel Andrade was present and stated previous manager passed away and that Ms. Leitao is the right person for the position. The Selectmen wished Ms. Leitao success.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application from Anne Marie Winchester of South Shore Race Management for Bicentennial 5K Road Race on June 10, 2023, from 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the following Second-Hand Article License. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

be;
Lisa Hogan, Mgr.
626 Bedford Street
Hours: Wednesday, 2:00pm - 7:00pm, Thursday through Sunday 10:00am – 4:00 pm

Mr. Seelig stated the office received a message concerning the sale of furniture at this location. The office followed up with business and confirmed a license was required.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from the IT Director to surplus damaged equipment as listed no longer usable to the Town. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve and sign contract with Old Colony Planning Council for Master Plan project. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated while it may be a state grant he wanted something formal in writing.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss the request for heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on Morse Avenue. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated he understands residents desire to divert heavy commercial vehicles to other roads. Unfortunately, there is no place to divert, it will worsen the situation. Mr. Seelig will notify resident.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve to maximize the amount of its allocation from Plymouth County to be used for "revenue reduction" projects. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that Plymouth County would allow each community ten million dollars to be used for revenue reduction projects. He wanted a formal vote from the Selectmen.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss Street Lighting request for 760 Elm Street. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that resident of 760 Elm Street would like the Town to take over responsibility of streetlight as the Town already pays for all the other lights on Elm. The police department did an examination and recommended to move light to utility pole in front of 916 Elm Street to keep equal spacing. The Selectmen agreed not to take over 760 Elm Street nor add/move per police chief's recommendation at meeting.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve signage request form submitted by the EB Bicentennial Committee. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced the Town Report Cover Contest: The Selectmen's Office will be accepting photo entries for the 2022 Annual Town Report through March 24th. Please email entries to Nguyen@eastbridgewaterma.gov and include your name, address, and telephone number. The winner will have their photo featured on the front cover of the 2022 Annual Town Report! Good luck to all who submit!

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Center at Sachem Rock – Policy review – There was a brief discussion on increasing fees to help cover employee's compensation for functions on Sundays and updating policy to reflect holidays the Town observes. The Selectmen agreed to review further.

Electricity Rates, resident concern – Passed over

Tractor Trailers on Elm Street, resident concern - Mr. Seelig stated unfortunately, there is no place to divert, it will worsen the situation and will result in grievances from other residents. A letter of acknowledgement will be sent to resident.

Fire Department awarded Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior SAFE grants – Mr. Seelig stated the Fire Department was awarded \$3,781 for Student Awareness of Fire Education and Senior SAFE Program.

One Stop for Growth – Mr. Seelig stated that initial letters of interests for up to five projects can be submitted by February 3rd if Town cannot meet that deadline then the Town could submit up to two as of March 17th. There was a brief discussion on possible upcoming projects in Town.

Open Space Plan – Mr. Seelig briefly went over the importance of planning for open space and recreation. He stated having an open space plan will allow the Town to apply for grants to help develop community.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectman Julius stated she recently attended Massachusetts Municipal Association Conference. She briefly discussed how more communities are adopting Selectmen to Selectboard. She would like the Town Administrator to review process to change. The Selectmen all agreed.

Selectman Sheedy thanked everyone involved for the Bicentennial Kickoff. He briefly went over past and upcoming Bicentennial events.

Selectman Spagone Jr. stated Ms. Julius will be speaking at the library tomorrow at 7pm for a dedication in memory of Connie Love. She was a librarian in East Bridgewater.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

Monday, January 9	Monday, January 23	Monday, February 13	Monday, February 27
Monday, March 13	Monday, March 27	Monday, April 10	Monday, April 24
ATM & STM Monday, May 8	Annual Town Election Monday, May 13	Monday, June 12	Monday, July 17
Monday, August 14	Monday, September 11	Monday, September 25	Monday, October 16
Monday, October 30	Monday, November 13	Monday, November 27	Monday, December 11

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Selectmen were going into executive 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 with Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, Patrol Officers, and personal contract with Treasurer-Collector.

ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm

Clerk

Board of Selectmen

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