



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, February 13, 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

Ms. Anne Dunning of 155 Eliab Latham Way was present to discuss concerns about Door-to Door Solicitation. She stated individuals knock on her door as late as 9 pm. She proposes to have a solicitation Town By-Law established. The Selectmen agreed.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 pm *PUBLIC HEARING*

Selectman Sheedy read the following. Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater will hold a public hearing to determine if it is in the public interest to accept the following road as a public way:

JOHNSON FARM LANE as shown on a plan entitled "'Johnson Farm Lane' Definitive Subdivision 'Layout Plan'"; Site: Johnson Farm Estates, Johnson Farm Lane, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared for: Town of East Bridgewater, 100 Willow Ave, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared by Silva Engineering Associates, P.C., dated November 22, 2022 and as shown on a plan entitled "'Johnson Farm Lane' Definitive Subdivision 'Roadway Asbuilt'"; Site: Johnson Farm Estates, Johnson Farm Lane, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared for: Town of East Bridgewater, 100 Willow Ave, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared by Silva Engineering Associates, P.C., dated November 22, 2022

Copies of said plans are on file at the Board of Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333.

You are hereby notified that a public hearing regarding said road will be held at Town Hall, Main Conference Room, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 02333 at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 13, 2023.

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Mr. Seelig stated this is the normal process when a subdivision is complete the next step is for the Developer to come back to the Town to move forward with the acceptance of road.

Ms. Amanda Madden of 6 Johnson Farm Lane was present for public hearing. She stated she was paying for streetlights and recently shut them off due to cost. She wanted to know if the Town will have them turn on once the road is accepted, Mr. Seelig confirmed after Town Meeting in May, yes.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve that it is in the public interest to accept Johnson Farm Lane as a public way. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

NOTICE OF TOWN WAY LAYOUT HEARING

Selectman Sheedy read the following. Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater will hold a public hearing regarding the layout as a town way of the following:

JOHNSON FARM LANE as shown on a plan entitled ""Johnson Farm Lane" Definitive Subdivision "Layout Plan"; Site: Johnson Farm Estates, Johnson Farm Lane, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared for: Town of East Bridgewater, 100 Willow Ave, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared by Silva Engineering Associates, P.C., dated November 22, 2022 and as shown on a plan entitled ""Johnson Farm Lane" Definitive Subdivision "Roadway Asbuilt"; Site: Johnson Farm Estates, Johnson Farm Lane, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared for: Town of East Bridgewater, 100 Willow Ave, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts" prepared by Silva Engineering Associates, P.C., dated November 22, 2022.

Copies of said plans are on file at the Board of Selectmen's Office, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333.

You are hereby notified that a public hearing regarding said layout will be held at Town Hall, Main Conference Room, East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, 02333 at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 13, 2023.

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Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve to layout Johnson Farm Lane as a public way. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

6:45 pm *PUBLIC HEARING – CONTINUED*

Selectman Sheedy read the following. 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, February 13, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

Peter Spagone Jr.
Carole Julius
David Sheedy
Board of Selectmen/Licensing Authority

Neil was present as a representative for Mr. George Haseotes and gave a brief background of property and business. Mr. Seelig stated that all taxes and bills have been paid for property.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Class II License. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve intent to layout Elmwood Overlook Strathmore Rd Ext. as public way and refer to Planning Board to hold a hearing. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the January 23, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the January 23, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Assistant Town Accountant - Change in Hours. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that Town Accountant feels even with the reduction in hours 35 to 20 that the department will function normal. Since this is temporary, the budget will be left as is. The Selectman agreed with Town Accountant decision.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve request from Fire Chief for increase in hours for Administrative Assistant. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Fire Chief, Tim Harhan was present to discuss increase in hours 37.5 to 40 for Administrative Assistant. He stated he expects increase workload due to EMS billing and collection of data beginning July 2023. If the Town does not produce reporting there will be a ten percent reduction in what is collected from Medicare / Medicaid for ambulance billing.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Maternity Leave Request from the Assessor's office. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated the employee has not been employed long enough to be eligible for Federal Family and Medical Leave Act. She is eligible for Parental Leave Act in Massachusetts which is unpaid. He recommends additional four weeks unpaid in addition to the eight weeks allowed by the Parental Leave Act. The Town will continue paying its share of the insurance for unpaid weeks.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to review and sign contract with FM Generator for a generator. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that this generator was previously approved at Town Meeting for Police Station. He stated this was for the purchase only and not installation. Installation scheduled for this Fall covered under state contract, no bids required.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the transfer of Class II License. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

From: Robert N. D'Agostino dba East Bridgewater Motor Mart
700 N. Bedford Street

To: GTR Auto Group, Inc.
700 N. Bedford Street
Restrictions: Limit of 20 cars for sale or storage per property plan on file.
Hours: Monday – Friday 9 am – 9 pm; Saturday - Sunday 9 am – 6 pm

East Bridgewater Motor Mart Owner, Robert D'Agostino and new owners, Tiago and Larissa of GTR Auto Group, LLC were present to discuss transfer. Mr. D'Agostino stated everything will remain the same.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss Town Bylaw on Door-to-Door Solicitation. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Police Chief, Paul O'brien was present and recommends that 9 am to dusk should be operational times. This will be brought to Town Meeting. Mr. Seelig will review with Town Counsel.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to set annual fee for Pouring License to \$500. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Selectmen to Selectboard. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated sixty percent of the commonwealth is now Selectboard. He spoke with Town Counsel simple by law change through Town Meeting followed by Town Petition to State Legislature.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Town Hall mailbox for The Garden Club. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig suggested a letter to club releasing the Town of any liabilities.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve resident request for a proclamation and "day" – Paula Coffey. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

The Selectmen support proclamation and had a brief discussion on possible guidelines.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Event Permit Application submitted by the Viking Sports Parents for an annual road race that will take place Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 8:15 am to 10:45 am with set up at 7:00 am. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Event Permit Application submitted by Amber Sadler, Ragnar Events LLC. for the Ragnar Relay New England, Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 2:30 am to 10:00 am, set up time 1:00 am. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve Event Permit Application submitted by Veterans Agent, Chris Buckley for an EB Veteran Expo that will take place on the Town Common, Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10:00

am to 2:00 pm, set up time 9:00 am. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Professional Bartending Service, LLC for a One Day Liquor License for The Center at Sachem Rock for a 60th Birthday Party on February 18, 2023, from 6pm – 9pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from the Board of Health to use Sachem Rock Farm June 5, 2023, from 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm for a rabies clinic, time of the event will be 5:00pm – 7:00pm. Rain Date June 6, 2023. (Cats 5:00 pm-6:00 pm and dogs 6:00 pm-7:00 pm). Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced a reminder on Annual Town Elections. Which will be Saturday, May 13, 2023 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. Nominations papers are available for the following: (1) Moderator - 3 year term, (1) Selectman - 3 year term, (1) Assessor - 3 year term, (1) Board of Health - 3 year term, (2) Library Trustees - 3 year term, (3) Planning Board Members - 3 year term, (2) School Committee - 3 year term. Last day to pull papers, Wednesday, March 22nd and must be returned by Friday, March 24th. Please contact Town Clerk's Office with any questions, 508-378-1606. She also announced a reminder to residents to please return census forms.

She also stated there were no submittals for the Town Report Cover Contest: The Selectmen's Office will be accepting photo entries for the 2022 Annual Town Report through March 24th. Please contact the office with any questions.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated he received a message from resident, Nicole Whalen regarding the Town creating a Recreation Center. Possibly using the Precise Engineering or Eastern State Steel sites. He recommended for Ms. Whalen to contact the Recreation Commission.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectman Julius thanked all that were involved at the Open House on Saturday celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Senior / Community Center and the 200th Anniversary of East Bridgewater.

Selectmen Spagone Jr. gave a brief update on Route 18 project. He stated he is currently working on a grant application with Old Colony Planning Council, possibly some Federal funding as well.

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, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief, DPW Director.

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 7:12 pm

Board of Selectmen Clerk

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