



OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Monday, February 27, 2023

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

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 pm PUBLIC HEARINGS

Selectman Sheedy open the public hearings for the following,

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater will hold a public hearing pursuant to determine if it is in the public interest to accept the following road as a public way:  
BROADMEADOW DRIVE as shown on a plan entitled "Broad Meadows Estates Section One, Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in East Bridgewater, Mass., Broad Construction Corp: Owner, 775 Washington Street, Hanover, Mass." dated January 24, 1972.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Town's Building Department, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333 and also recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 17, Page 68.

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FIELDCREST DRIVE as shown on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Plan of Fieldcrest Estates, East Bridgewater, Mass. Prepared for: Pyramid Realty Trust, Edward Baggia, River Road,

East Bridgewater, Mass. Professional Land Survey Associates, 107 Dean Street, Easton, Mass." dated February 25, 1986.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Town's Building Department, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333 and also recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 27, Page 480. 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 27, 2023.

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KENNELWORTH DRIVE as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Owned by Elizabeth Weichel, Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., Surveyors Civil Engineers 47 West Elm St. Brockton, Mass." dated September 18, 1973.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Town's Building Department, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333 and also recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 17, Page 611. 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 27, 2023.

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LORRAINE DRIVE as shown on a plan entitled "Plainfield Subdivision Plan of Land in East Bridgewater, Owned by Edith H. Hashem, Hayward-Maynard & Boynton Engineers, 69 Main St., Brockton" dated June 9, 1964.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Town's Building Department, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333 and also recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 13, Page 605. 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 27, 2023.

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MELISSA CIRCLE as shown on a plan entitled "Satucket Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in East Bridgewater, Mass., Professional Land Survey Associates, 107 Dean Street, Easton, Mass., Prepared for: D&J Realty Trust, Dana Colby & John Redder, 498 Bedford St, Rte. 18, East Bridgewater, Mass." dated October 28, 1985.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Town's Building Department, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333 and also recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 26, Page 1063.

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RIVER ROAD as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land, East Bridgewater, Mass., Owned by John F. O'Malley, Magnolia Road, Milton, Mass., Pilgrim Land Survey, 775 Washington Street, Hanover, Massachusetts" dated October 3, 1969.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Town's Building Department, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333 and also recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 15, Page 580.

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ROLLING HILLS DRIVE as shown on a plan entitled "Rolling Hills, Patrick C. Garner, Inc., 12 West Union St., East Bridgewater, Mass. 02333" dated May 8, 1986.

A copy of said plan is on file at the Town's Building Department, Town Hall, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater, MA, 02333 and also recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 27, Page 708.

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 27, 2023.

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Mr. Seelig stated that the state approved special legislation last year that would allow the Town to eliminate some of the steps of going through the formal road acceptance process outlined in the general laws. He stated as long as the Town has a good set of plans with meets and bounds showing where the right of ways of the

streets that the Town will go through the acceptance process using the set of plans. It requires a public hearing and Town Meeting vote. Road repairs will not happen immediately.

There was a brief discussion on road maintenance and vote on May 8th.

Ms. Marysue Moore of 22 Lorraine Drive was present with concerns regarding possible road construction to Chestnut Street, the over 55+ community, and big parcel of land behind the middle school. Selectman Spagone Jr. stated the vote is not for any road construction. That this is an opportunity for the Town to receive Chapter 90 funding from the state for road maintenance.

Mr. Eric Norment of 23 Fieldcrest Drive was present with concerns regarding timeline of maintenance for roads being approved tonight. Selectman Spagone Jr. stated John Haines, Director of Public Works is in the process and will hold a public hearing prior to Town Meeting to present budget and timeline for residents for a better understanding.

Selectman Sheedy thanked State Senators and State Representatives and all that were involved with the special legislation approval for road acceptance.

Ms. Elizabeth Spencer of 12 Melissa Circle was present with concerns regarding the hearing notice she received in the mail. The letter stated the property line in between her house and neighbors is what is being considered for a road. She was advised road is not forty feet and cannot be a road. Mr. Seelig stated tonight's vote is for the street to be accepted not a passage between her house and neighbors.

Mr. Robert Katilus of 42 Kennel Worth Drive was present to discuss past road repairs. He stated repairs / one coat of asphalt started back in 2019 and was not completed. Selectman Spagone Jr. stated Mr. Haines is diligently working on a plan and will have a public hearing and open discussion.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to close public hearings. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

## ACTION ITEMS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Selectman Sheedy made a motion that it is in the public interest to accept Rolling Hills Drive as a public way. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the February 13, 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 February 13, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion the approval of opioid settlement agreements with pharmacies and other entities. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that last year the Selectmen approved agreements with drug manufacturers and other entities that were involved with opioid epidemic. The Town is currently going through a series of settlements with pharmacies and other agencies that prescribed the drugs and such. Town Council agrees for the Board to authorize approval and signing of the settlement agreements.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to accept Donation of Land - Map 92, Plot 6 2, Lot 1A – "0" Highland Street. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated resident Ms. Karen Thompson determined that her land is not developable and would like to donate to the Town. He stated it is financially prudent for the Town to accept land and have an article at Town Meeting.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss wages and policies for events at Community Center at Sachem Rock. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated the Board needed more information regarding overtime on Sundays. Town Counsel recommends for the Town to pay time and a half due to labor laws in Massachusetts. Selectman Sheedy would like to pass over to next meeting. Prices in rental agreements will have to be modified to cover staff.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss and possible vote on new contract with clerical union. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated Town Meeting will need to appropriate funds for contract and settlement with any unions.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to accept new contract with The Town of East Bridgewater and the East Bridgewater Clerical Union, General Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of Brockton and Vicinity, Local 653. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

No entries for Annual Town Report Cover Contest.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated the Town approved Article 25 (change in non-criminal disposition by-law) adopted at the November 14, 2022 Special Town Meeting. He stated the Attorney General's Office will be extending the deadline for its review of Article 17 (setting up financial system/structure for North Bedford Street Sewer District) for an additional 45 days until April 6, 2023.

#### BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Bicentennial March 21<sup>st</sup> event, "East Bridgewater's Little Known Civil War Connections" at Town Hall. Please follow Bicentennial Facebook page.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

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|-------------------------|--|----------------------|---------------------|
| 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<br>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 |

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

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Board of Selectmen

Clerk

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