



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, March 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

5:30 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Selectmen were entering 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. Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 21 (a)(3) To discuss strategy with respect to litigation, as the Chair has determined that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the Town's litigating position in a matter involving Ridder Farm v. Town of East Bridgewater.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session and return to open session, Ms. Julius seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Spagone Jr.: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

**The Selectmen returned to open session at 5:56 pm.*

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Passover Police Chief Paul O'Brien – Comfort Dog

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the February 27, 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 27, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to adopt and sign the layout of Elmwood Overlook Strathmore Rd Ext. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Johnson stated this is the last step that has to take place in order to be placed on Town Warrant.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Ed Gannon Jr. and Jacob Edward Gannon as Animal Control

Officers for the period March 14, 2023 through March 14, 2024. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from the Southeastern Regional Service Group to award contracts to the bidders listed under SERSG DPW Services IFB for a twelve-month period commencing on March 1, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated this is done on an annual basis, the Town indicates how much material they plan on purchasing and go out to bid.

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

Selectmen Sheedy stated per Town Counsel that functions on Sundays, any employee(s) working the event, be paid time and a half. He stated there are no functions allowed on holidays per policy. Mr. Sheedy stated rental fees will not increase at this time.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve time and a half wage for Sunday events at Community Center at Sagem Rock. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig recommended that administrative work / dealing with clients should be done Monday through Saturday. He stated if there is a late event on Saturday night, to break down on Sunday if possible.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to go out to bid for insurance (all lines aside from health/dental/life) for FY2024 and to notify MIIA. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig will notify other vendors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Update on illumination for pedestrian crossings on Bedford Street/Route 18 – Mr. Seelig stated that MA DOT advised there is adequate illumination. He stated this is MA DOT jurisdiction and will send a letter to resident.

Train horns at Matfield Street in West Bridgewater – Mr. Seelig stated a resident contacted the Selectmen's office with concerns regarding industrial trains running through 3 am – 4 am. Resident would like the Selectmen to send a letter to West Bridgewater asking them to investigate the possibility of making a "no horn zone" during certain hours. The Selectmen agreed to send a letter.

Section 3A/MBTA Communities Interim Compliance – Mr. Seelig stated OCPC (Old Colony Planning Council) received funding to assist communities in the area and help present some options for East Bridgewater as to where the best zoning location(s) for the MBTA rail should be.

Stump Pond Dam, failure event – Mr. Seelig stated it has been six to seven weeks since the levy brake over at Robbins Pond. The Recreation's Office of Dam Safety has taken over the investigation and has told the owner that they will need to take various preventative measures so that this never happens again. He stated they raised the level of significance for that levy from minor risk to moderate risk.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectman Sheedy stated next Bicentennial Event, "East Bridgewater's Little Known Civil War Connections" will be on March 21st, 7:00 pm, Town Hall Second Floor.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

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

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm

Clerk

Board of Selectmen

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