



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, March 27, 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

6:00 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Selectmen were entering into executive session

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

**The Selectmen returned to open session at 6:28 pm.*

There was a moment of silence for retired East Bridgewater Plumbing Inspector Fred Tully.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. Roy Gardner was present on behalf of Special Olympics Massachusetts to express gratitude for upcoming seven weeks of using the East Bridgewater football field for annual Flag Football.

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:

BURR LANE as shown as untitled on sheet/page 4 of 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. 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, March 27, 2023.

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Fieldcrest Landing as shown on a plan entitled "Fieldcrest Landing Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in East Bridgewater, Mass." prepared for Eastbridge Development Inc. 41 Highland Avenue Randolph, Mass. by Professional Land Survey Associates, 107 Dean Street Easton, Mass. dated October 5, 1990. 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 35, Page 94. 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, March 27, 2023.

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Jacqueline's Place as shown as "Brookside Drive" 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, March 27, 2023.

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Meadowbrook Drive as shown on a plan entitled "Subdivision of Land in East Bridgewater" Owner: Edward Baggia 22 Cheryl Drive East Bridgewater by Professional Land Survey Associates 110 Pearl Street Stoughton dated March 21, 1981. 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 22, Page 236.

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Ms. Jessica Turcotte of 31 Fieldcrest Landing was present and concerned that Fieldcrest Drive was not represented at this meeting. The Selectmen stated this was completed at a prior meeting. Mr. Seelig wanted to reiterate and 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. It requires a public hearing and May 8th Town Meeting vote. Road repairs will not happen immediately it will be added onto a list that Department of Public Works manages.

Mr. Robert Sheehan of 35 Meadowbrook Drive was present to discuss road concerns. He would like a timeline on road repairs once approved at Town Meeting. The Selectmen will discuss with DPW Director on how roads are prioritized and selected for repairs.

Mr. Frederick Higgins of 8 Jacquelines Place was present to discuss road acceptance at Town Meeting. He wanted to know what kind of vote is required. Town Council, Christopher Kenny stated 2/3 votes. He also wanted to know if Rolling Hills was on the list. The Selectmen stated that was approved at a prior meeting.

Ms. Kimberlee Sheehan of 35 Meadowbrook Drive was present to discuss her concerns regarding road and paper streets. She thanked the Selectmen for their works and efforts.

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

Selectman Sheedy made a motion that it is in the public interest to accept Burr Lane, Fieldcrest Landing, Jacqueline's Place, and Meadowbrook Drive as a public way. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

APPOINTMENTS

Attorney Benjamin Carrol was present to discuss Knights Estates and the request to Connect to Brockton Water System. He stated that this is a nine-lot subdivision that intersects Brockton and East Bridgewater. Two of the houses are planned for Brockton and seven are East Bridgewater. Attorney Carrol stated Brockton expressed denying water for the project. He would like the Selectmen to write a letter to Plymouth County Water District which is a process set out in legislation requesting water for sites. Town Council, Christopher Kenny was present and briefly went over background of project and Central Plymouth County Water District Commission role as this has been ongoing. He stated possibly another IMA (Intermunicipal Agreement) with the City of Brockton for this project. The Selectmen all agreed to discuss with Town Council.

Deputy Chief Michael Jenkins and School Resource Officer Tallitha Connor were present to discuss Community Resource (Comfort) Dog. He stated Hanson, Abington, Whitman, Holbrook, Brockton, Hingham, Attleboro, Plymouth, Somerset, Brewster, Wrentham, Sharon, Massachusetts State Police, Dedham, Randolph, Weymouth and Hanover are just some of the surrounding communities with a resource dog. East Bridgewater is pursuing K-9 Morgan, six months old yellow lab. He gave a brief rundown of a resource dog. Deputy Chief Jenkins stated the department received six thousand (\$6,000) in donations from Plymouth County District Attorney Office and a couple of private donors. There was a brief discussion on dog training and certification.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to allow East Bridgewater Police to bring in comfort dog Morgan. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the March 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 March 13, 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 schedule change request from EBCAM. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Executive Director Russ Hannagan was present to discuss Assistant Director, Anne Kerrigan request to work 32 hours vs 40 hours per week to take care of grandchild. He stated Ms. Kerrigan suggested that EBCAM hire a part-time or per diem production assistant. Reducing her hours would reduce department's budget by approximately \$13,000 per year. A production assistant at \$15.00 per hour for eight hours per week, yearly expenditure would be \$6,240 / year saving the Town approximately \$6,860.00. Mr. Seelig would like a job description for the per diem position. The Selectmen all agreed with reduce schedule and new position.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Ed Gannon Jr. and Jacob Edward Gannon as Animal Control Officers for the period March 15, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Ed Gannon Jr. and Jacob Edward Gannon as Inspector of Animals for the period May 1, 2023 through April 30, 2024. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Fire Chief, Timothy Harhen for the quarterly Ambulance Billing Abatements through March 2023 in the amount of \$33,159.22. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Lenore Christensen of the East Bridgewater Garden Club to put a sign on municipal property and use of electronic sign from May 20, 2023 through May 27, 2023 to advertise Garden Club Plant Sale. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Lenore Christensen of the East Bridgewater Garden Club for the use of the Town Hall Parking Lot and Green for the purpose of a "Plant / Garden Sale". Funds support High School scholarship and activities of the club. Set up: Friday, May 26, 2023. Day of Event: Saturday, May 27, 2023 from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. Rain date: Sunday, May 28, 2023. 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

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve to place a historical sign at the old grave yard and at Schem Rock Farm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced the following, HandUp Mattress Recycling is scheduling a mattress collection event for East Bridgewater on Wednesday, 3/29/23. They will come to your house and pick up your mattress(es) and/or box spring for \$50. You must register at <https://www.handupmattress.com/s/appointments> or call 774-271-8744.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated the Finance Committee, Town Accountant, Director of Assessing are diligently working to get a budget presented for Town Meeting. The department requests outweigh the amount of revenue available for FY24. He stated the school department is requesting under their operating budget are series of emotional guidance counselors. Given what students went through during the pandemic. School had requested through ARPA for \$300,000 as part of their operating budget for FY24 and FY25. Mr. Seelig stated come FY26 the school would request funds from the Town rather than ARPA as funding will be unavailable.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectman Julius stated Pancake Breakfast event was a great turnout.

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 7:35 pm

Board of Selectmen

Clerk

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