



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
Monday, June 12, 2023

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

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

Members Present: Carole Julius and David Sheedy

Members Absent: Peter Spagone Jr.

Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator and Ly Nguyen, Principal Clerk

5:30 pm Ms. Julius called the meeting to order.

The Select Board 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.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to move into Executive Session and return to open session, Ms. Julius seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 2-0

**The Selectmen returned to open session at 6:23 pm.*

Ms. Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Mr. James Stoffel of 254 Central Street and president of the East Bridgewater Association was present to discuss revitalizing the association. The goal is to give awareness to patrons of the town regarding all the businesses in East Bridgewater only. Monthly meetings will be held at Sachem Rock Farm from 6pm – 8pm.

School Resource Officer, Tallitha Connor and Comfort K-9 Morgan were present. She stated Morgan has been spending most of her time at the schools.

Mr. Russell Sproul of 36 Sherwood Circle was present to discuss miniature bottles on the roadside in town. The Select Board agreed it is a problem and will discuss further in the meeting.

Ms. Paula Butts of 575 Pond Street was present to discuss safety concern by their home. She briefly went over accidents around area. She is requesting the placement of a guard rail by their home. Mr. Sheedy would like to add to next meeting to discuss further as there was a prior request back in 2018.

Senator, Michael Brady and Katherine Mullen were present to discuss exempting all uniformed positions in the police department of the Town of East Bridgewater from the civil service law. Senator Brady briefly went over timeline filings. He recommends the Board to write additional letter of support to state legislators and civil service commission members. Senator Brady and Ms. Mullen gave a brief update on Earmarks from House Budget. Senator Brady stated he is confident that East Bridgewater Earmarks will be moving forward. Ms. Mullen stated a joint letter will be sent to the Conference Committee (3 members each from the Senate and House) for additional library funding. She gave the Board printouts of what Earmarks were passed from the House Budget. Mr. Seelig briefly went over monetary numbers. Twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) expended for maintenance and repairs for Public Library, forty thousand dollars (\$40,000) for waterproofing and sealing public library, twenty-one thousand dollars (\$21,000) for digital radio pagers in the town and ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for grab and go meals for the Council on Aging.

APPOINTMENTS

PUBLIC HEARING

6:45 pm Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chap. 138, a Public Hearing will be held relative to Application for New License – Restaurant on Premises Annual All Alcoholic Beverages:

CLSK Inc. dba Deng's Garden
Yanping Li, Manager
Premises: 225 Bedford Street

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater on Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

At 7:02 pm Ms. Yanping Li, owner/manager was present and stated that she is requesting license to better serve patrons and community. Mr. Sheedy wanted to know employees serving alcohol were certified. Ms. Li confirmed.

Ms. Julius closed the public hearing.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Application for New License – Restaurant on Premises Annual All Alcoholic Beverages submitted by CLSK Inc. dba Deng's Garden, 225 Bedford Street. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve but not release the minutes of the May 23, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5, 2023, Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Katie Cavanagh to use unpaid vacation time from June 26 to June 27, 17.50 hours. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve to appoint Kerry Twohig as Assistant Treasurer / Collector position. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy requested a new job description for position. Mr. Seelig stated that treasurer/collector requested Ms. Twohig start at step 5 of the non-union statutory assistant wage grid. The Select Board agreed.

The Select Board passed over Action Item #7.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the first amendment to the Republic Services contract for Solid Waste & Recyclable materials collection transportation. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Seelig stated that DPW Director recommends, and Town Council reviewed.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve Mutual Aid Agreement between Towns of East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater. They agree that for the period of July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026 each Town's Building

Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings, Local Inspector/Building Inspector, Electrical Inspector & Plumbing & Gas Inspector will, at no expense to the other Town, serve as the other Town's respective inspector, with such services coordinated by the inspectors. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to Sign order of acceptance for the following streets. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

- Broadmeadow Drive
- Fieldcrest Drive
- Johnson Farm Lane
- Kennelworth Drive
- Lorraine Drive
- Melissa Circle
- River Road
- Rolling Hills Drive
- Fieldcrest Landing
- Meadowbrook Drive
- Burr Lane
- Jacquelines Place

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from Be; of 626 Bedford Street for a one-day alcohol license for a Sip & Shop event on June 15, 2023 from 5pm – 8pm. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the Event Permit from Chuck Horan of Kiwanis Club of East Bridgewater for the use of the Town Common to display American Flags for two weeks to recognize and honor Veterans; Field of Flags. November 4, 2023 – November 18, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to review rental requirements for the Center at Sachem Rock. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

The Select Board agreed it should be up to the Police Chief discretion if police details are required for functions serving alcohol at Sachem Rock.

There was a discussion on miniature liquor bottles and possible by-law banning the sale of miniature bottles.

Mr. Seelig stated drinkers leaving their empty miniature liquor bottles on the roadside is a problem in almost every community in Massachusetts. He briefly went over possible solutions. Such as propose an article at Town Meeting prohibiting the sale of miniature bottles, contact Town's legislative delegation and voice support for miniature bottle deposits and/or provide financial incentives for individuals picking them up on the roadside. The Board agreed to send a letter to Town's legislative delegation to support "Bottle Bill" and to include banning the sale of miniatures.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to Request from Plymouth County Retirement System to accept Chapter 269 of the Acts of 2022 (the Act"), a local option which allows a one-time increase to the Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) granted to retirees in FY 2023, from 3% to 5% of the System's \$16,000 COLA base. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

The Select Board passed over Action Item #15.

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept the resignation of Sean Riley from the Historical Commission effective June 12, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept the resignation of Orson Kingsley from the Arts Council effective June 12, 2023. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to appoint Joshua Sampson as a member to the Historical Commission effective June 12, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to Approve the following Board/Committee member reappointments. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

- Kathleen J. Cavanagh to the Agricultural Commission effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Steve Sears to the Conservation Commission effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Susan Muir to the Council on Aging effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Lois Sullivan to the Council on Aging, Associate effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Timothy Harhen as Director of Emergency Management effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- Patrick Franey to the Federal Handicapped Compliance Program effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- Karen Harhen to the Finance Committee effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- Timothy Harhen as Forest Warden effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- W. Michael Doyle as Gas Inspector effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- Kevin Boyle as Gas Inspector, Alternate effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- Kathleen J. Cavanagh to the Historical Commission, Associate effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Nancy Hill to the OCPC Area Agency on Aging, Delegate effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- W. Michael Doyle as Plumbing Inspector effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- Kevin Boyle as Plumbing Inspector, Alternate effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- John Shea to Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Thomas Williams to the Recreation Commission effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Katherine Wolfe to the Registrars of Voters effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Timothy Harhen as the Right to Know Law – Coordinator effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- David R. Moore as Sealer of Weights & Measures effective July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024
- David Bentley Jr. as Wiring Inspector effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024
- F. Greg Paul as Wiring Inspector, Assistant effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024

ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to approve the following Board/Committee member reappointments. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

- Gerry Leavitt to the Board of Appeals effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- James A. Ross, Jr. to the Board of Appeals, Alternate effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- Erin Dzierzak to the East Bridgewater Arts Council effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026
- David Walsh to the Finance Committee effective July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026

Mr. Sheedy made a motion to accept the resignation of the following Board/Committee member. Seconded by Ms. Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

- Joan Smith to the Council on Aging effective July 12, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated the Central School project is moving along. The school department sent in a list of members for the building committee. Members are, John Shea, Carole Julius, Charles Seelig, Lauren Foster, Elizabeth Legault, Brian Kiely, John Haines, Catherine Byrne, Gina Williams, Melanie Dean, David Horden, and Donald Mcdougin.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Sheedy gave a brief Bicentennial Event update. On June 14th, Open Time Capsule. Fireworks and Dale and the Duds Concert on the Town Common rescheduled to June 16th. He thanked all involved at the Family Fun Day at the East Bridgewater Commercial Club. Mr. Seelig announced additional events on June 14th, Display of Bicentennial Canvasses at the East Bridgewater Public Library and The Company Bees concert at the East Bridgewater Council on Aging.

Ms. Julius announced EBCAM will be filming Town Meeting 101 for residents to help with preparedness.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

BOS - Monday, June 12	BOS - Monday, July 17	BOS - Monday, August 14	BOS - Monday, September 11	BOS - Monday, September 25
BOS - Monday, October 16	BOS - Monday, October 30	BOS - Monday, November 13	BOS - Monday, November 27	BOS – Monday, December 11

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:32 pm

Clerk

Select Board

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