



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
SELECT BOARD
Monday, November 13, 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, David Sheedy, and Peter Spagone Jr.
Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator and Ly Nguyen, Principal Clerk

5:00 pm Ms. Julius called the meeting to order.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2023, Select Board's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

There was a brief discussion to vote on applications submitted for expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act funds.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Electronic Signage for Town Hall \$50,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

The Select Board passed over the Sidewalks on Union Street ~ Howard Wilber \$660,000.00.

The Select Board passed over the Economic Impact ~ Kaey's Trucking \$46,725.00.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Sachem Rock and Bennett Safety Improvement Plan \$75,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the 60X40 Pavilion \$60,000.00 for engineering & architectural design. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Offsite Backup System for Town and Schools \$38,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

The Select Board passed over the Budget Software \$14,500.00.

The Select Board passed over the Premium Pay \$47,500.00.

The Select Board passed over the Foul Ball Netting at Strong's Field \$69,745.00.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Church Street Shed repairs \$61,419.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Church Street Lighting \$80,413.55. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve to Replace Scoreboard at Strong's Field \$17,420.38. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Leland Farms Feasibility Study \$20,500.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Roof Replacement for Youth Sports Buildings \$16,800.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Inclusive Playground Equipment \$49,960.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the High School baseball field backstop and netting \$92,250.00. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

The Select Board passed over the Pickup Truck \$35,000.00.

The Select Board passed over the Turf Installation ~ Softball Field \$200,000.00.

The Select Board passed over the Mitchell and Central Security enhancement \$300,000.00.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the 2 Snowblowers/Salt Spreaders \$34,823.88. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

The Select Board passed over the Central Electronic Signage \$54,475.00.

The Select Board passed over the Mitchell Electronic Sign \$60,525.00.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Public Health Excellence for Shared Services Grant between the Town of Halifax and the Towns of Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, West Bridgewater, Middleborough, and Raynham. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Health Agent, Jeanmarie Joyce was present and briefly went over shared services grant. She stated this will expand shared services arrangements to provide a more comprehensive and equitable set of public health services.

The Select Board passed over the Side Letter of Agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and East Bridgewater Fire Fighters Union, Local 2768.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the EDA grant administration agreement with Old Colony Planning Council. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated OCPC (Old Colony Planning Council) will be providing administrative services related to Town projects.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to appoint members to the Public Safety Building Committee. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Fire Chief Tim Harhen (ex-officio, non-voting)
Police Chief Michael Jenkins (ex-officio, non-voting)
Police Department Representative – Sergeant Alton Voisine
Fire Department Representative – Captain Jeff Kelley
DPW/Facilities – Brian Kiely
Finance Committee – Karin Gilman
Capital Planning Committee – Dave Foley
Planning Board – Kevin Reilly

Note – three at-large members to be appointed at a later date

There was a brief discussion on request from National Grid for the Town to take over payment of a streetlight located on Patriot Circle. The Police Department did not recommend the Town to take over payment for decorative light. The Board agreed to pass over to next meeting.

There was a brief discussion on Town Hall hours. The Select Board agreed that closing at 8:00 pm is late and closing at 6:00 pm is a little early. The Board had concerns regarding board/committee meetings on Monday evenings and possible overtime pay. Mr. Seelig stated that Town employees will take ½ hour lunches / 45 minutes instead of 1 hour to depart early on Mondays. The Board agreed more data is needed and will discuss further at another meeting.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the donations (objects, documents) from the East Bridgewater Historical Society. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that Richard Rockwell of East Bridgewater Historical Society – Treasurer reached out looking to donate 14 original artworks by local artist Richard Bartlett and an original oil painting from the 1800's that is of Dr Hector Orr, the first physician in East Bridgewater.

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to approve the Amendment #2 for Engineering Services from Weston & Sampson for East Bridgewater/Brockton Sewer Connection. Seconded by Mr. Sheedy. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

UPCOMING MEETINGS – 2023

BOS - Monday, November 27	BOS – Monday, December 11
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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig gave a brief update on Central School Building Committee. He stated that there is a limit on what the committee can do currently. February 28, 2024 is the next approval process to get to next phase of project. Ms. Julius stated subcommittees (OPM, communications and touring) were established at last Central School Building Committee meeting.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

The Select Board commended and thanked everyone involved with Veterans Day Parade.

There were a few residents present with concerns regarding proposed heavy commercial vehicle exclusion on East Street and Route 106. The Select Board stated no votes taken tonight at meeting and that a public forum will be scheduled Monday, November 27th where comments from the public will be discussed.

ADJOURN

Mr. Spagone Jr. made a motion to close open meeting and not return to open session Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel, Police Chief, Deputy Police Chief.

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, Section 21 (a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares; Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, Superior Officers, Patrol Officers, Library.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Spagone Jr.: Aye, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 pm

Clerk
Select Board

Respectfully submitted as approved on November 27, 2023 meeting by Peter Spagone Jr., Clerk

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