



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, October 17, 2022

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, Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant to the Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

5:45 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

Veterans Service Officer, Christopher Buckley was present to give an update. He stated "Field of Flags" event will be on October 29th at Town Common, Veterans Luncheon will be on Veterans Day, 12pm at the COA. Tri Town "Veterans Day Parade" will be held in the Town of West Bridgewater on Friday, November 11th at 10am, parade theme "200 Years of Honoring Our Veterans". The Selectmen commended Mr. Buckley for his works and efforts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:53 pm the Selectmen were entering into Executive Session pursuant to MGL Chapter 30A, § 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; Firefighters, Superior Officers, Clerical, DPW, Dispatchers, Patrol Officers.

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, Mr. Sheedy: Aye, Ms. Julius: Aye. All were in favor, 3-0

**The Selectmen returned to open session at 6:10 pm.*

APPOINTMENTS

Co-director of East Bridgewater Union Congregational Church Emergency Food Pantry, Emily Oliver was present to announce 10th Annual Food Drive. Ms. Oliver stated pantry is located at 105 Pleasant Street. She briefly went over donations and services. She commended residents and students of East Bridgewater for the works and efforts. Mr. Spagone Jr. stated for the 10th Annual Food Drive participation will be much larger. More information to come.

Mr. Scott Turner of Environmental Partners was present to discuss and review stormwater regulations. He gave a PowerPoint presentation on MS4 permit (Massachusetts Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System MS4 permit). Overall goal of permit is to focus towns on preparing stormwater. The most recent permit went into effect in 2018 until 2028. He went over MS4 requirements, changes made to original 2003 permit, stormwater bylaw requirements, and proposed stormwater management regulations highlights. Director of Public Works, John Haines was present and briefly discussed the town's plan for stormwater. He stated these regulations will allow for transparency and efficiencies. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Turner and environmental partners for their works and efforts.

PUBLIC HEARING

At 6:55 pm Mr. Sheedy stated 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 – General on Premises Annual All Alcoholic: Elizabeth Wilson dba Pony Town Parties / Holmestead Harvest, Elizabeth Wilson, Manager, Premises: 1194 Plymouth Street

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater on Monday, October 17, 2022, at 6:45 p.m.

Ms. Elizabeth Wilson was present to request a general on premises annual all alcoholic license. She briefly gave a brief background of business and experience. Ms. Wilson stated she is looking to renovate a camper into a beverage cart, coffee and tea in the AM and beer and wine later on in the day. The Selectmen had a series of questions for Ms. Wilson which gave more insight of why she is requesting liquor license to better serve patrons and community. She was looking for guidance on having a mobile or permanent structure for liquor license. Mr. Seelig briefly discussed department head concerns with Ms. Wilson. He stated any liquor license tied to one location will need a permanent structure/utilities. Mr. Seelig will reach out to the ABCC and further research regarding Ms. Wilson's mobile structure request.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to continue public hearing to 6:00 pm on November 7, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

PUBLIC MEETING

At 7:27 pm 2023 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant Applications
Former Precise Engineering Site
54 West Union Street, Parcels 62-19 and 62-20, East Bridgewater, MA

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to continue 2023 EPA Brownsfield Cleanup Grant Applications Public Meeting to 5:30 pm on November 7, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ACTION ITEMS

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve minutes of the September 26, 2022, 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 minutes of the September 26, 2022, Board of Selectmen's Executive Session meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to sign settlement agreement for Ridder Farm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the sale of a \$1,187,949.00 5.00 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the "Notes") of the Town dated October 28, 2022, and payable April 28, 2023, to Piper

Sandler & Co. at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$6,308.01. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

- Further Vote: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated September 29, 2022, and a final Official Statement dated October 6, 2022, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.
- Further Vote: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.
- Further Vote: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.
- Further Vote: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the "Documents"), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a ".pdf" file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.
- Further Vote: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

Mr. Seelig stated the Town will have a much better idea in April 2023 with what needs to be done, either run an additional BAN (Bond Anticipation Notes) or rollover to a long-term bond.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to possibly sign Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Superior Officers Association. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig briefly went MOU such as reconstruction of salary schedule, (1) one percent increase FY2024 and (2) two percent increase FY2025. If approved at Town Meeting, Town will need about \$45,000 to fund the agreement in FY2023.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve proclamation for Family Court Awareness month and present to Heather Minicunni. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Minicucci of One Mom's Battle Organization was present to receive proclamation and spread awareness. Mr. Spagone Jr. read the proclamation.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss noise complaint regarding the Villa at Ridder Farm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Ross Ferguson and Mrs. Daiene Ferguson of 64 Old Oak Street were present to discuss their request for "Investigation of Possible Zoning Violation" submitted on September 29, 2022. Mrs. Ferguson stated she has been in touch with Manager, Jonathan Saphire of The Villa at Ridder regarding noise grievance. Mr. Ferguson stated issue is the bass and vibration of sound/noise level. Mr. Saphire was present via remote and stated he has been in communication with Daiene Ferguson for a few weeks now as she first reached out to them on September 10th. He stated they have taken extra measures e.g. sending a new policy to DJs, having a sound engineer come to view the facility and attend an actual event to take sound readings near Daiene's home, at

the tent during the event and the Ridder property lines. Mr. Sapphire stated there are three more events until May 2023. He wants to ensure a harmonious relationship with neighbors. The Selectmen agreed that Mr. Sapphire has taken preventative measure and to continue the process to curve the problem.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to review and vote on the request from Jennifer Horton and Nadia Clancy of Community Coalition for Change for the use of the Town Common for the 3rd annual Celebration of Multiculturalism. An event with food, vendors, music, speakers, and performers supporting diversity. Event will be on June 25, 2023, from 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to review and vote on the request from Diane Phillips for use of the Town Common and Town Parking lot for a MA General Election GET-OUT-THE-VOTE event between November 5-8, 2022. Participants may be holding signs and some signs will be placed in the ground, and then removed at the end of each day's event. November 5, 2022, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, November 6, 2022, and November 7, 2022, four to five hours during sunrise to sunset, November 8, 2022, 7:00 am – 9:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated that any signs disturbing the Town Common property e.g. hanging signs on the gazebo / placing signs in the ground will need permission from the Selectmen. This is open to the public, if someone wants to walk around with signs, no approval necessary unless signs are place into ground.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve dedication of the Town Common Gazebo to Robert E. McCarthy. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Kiwanis Club will order plaque.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Mike Doyle as the Plumbing / Gas Inspector effective October 17, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to appoint Kevin Boyle as the Alternate Plumbing / Gas Inspector effective October 17, 2022, through June 30, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss and approve request to add a stop sign on Hillcrest and Murry. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Police Chief, Paul O'brien was present and stated traffic will stop on Murry.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to discuss and approve articles for the Special and Annual Town meeting discussed, vote to approve, and close Special Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig went over the articles for Special and Annual Town Meeting. There are currently (23) twenty-three articles.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to approve the request from the Finance Committee to appoint Karen Gilman as a Finance Committee member effective October 17, 2022, through June 30, 2025. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated the ambulance application has been approved by Plymouth County. He suggested to the ARPA Committee to have Town submit (27) twenty-seven applications to Plymouth County not for funding but to have them make the determination whether these are eligible for funds.

Mr. Seelig discussed Halloween hours for Town Hall. Town Hall will close at 4:30pm. Unions will receive 3.5 hours to utilize that week.

Selectman Sheedy made a motion to close Town Hall at 4:30pm on Halloween and for all other departments to be entitled to 3.5 hours to take time off same week. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig stated there is a new deadline coming up end of January regarding MBTA Communities. The Town has to state here is what are certifications process is going to be. This process will have to be completed by December 2024 to remain eligible for state grants.

The Town received notification from the State that application for Residences at Meadow Brooke has been approved. The state has given the greenlight for developer to come back to the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and apply for a comprehensive permit.

The Selectmen received a request from Congressman Lynch to speak at Town meeting. The Selectmen gave approval.

Sergeant Michael McLaughlin will be speaking at the Massachusetts Municipal Managers Association in Bridgewater on Thursday. He will be covering public safety and experience with ASHER Program (active shooter training). Mr. Seelig thanked Police Chief and Sergeant for their works and efforts.

Mr. Seelig stated the Treasurer / Collectors and Town Accountant's office has been working with the school about rescheduling payroll. Payroll will be brought in every Tuesday of each week. He stated one (1) Selectmen will need to sign. Selectman Sheedy will be signee and Selectman Spagone Jr. will be the alternate signee.

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Selectman Sheedy announced October 29th Field of Flags at 10:00 am on Town Common and Community Shredding & Prescription Drug Take Back Event on Saturday, October 29th at The Center at Sachem Rock from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, 355 Plymouth Street.

Selectman Spagone Jr. stated the Town received their first sewer agreement with Equity the owner(s) of Compass. He would like Town Administrator to forward information along to Selectmen.

Mr. Seelig discussed possible policy to designate "days" for people connected to East Bridgewater. The Selectmen agreed to give proclamation and not designate "days" for people connected to East Bridgewater.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

Special Town Meeting - Monday, November 14, 2022

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm

Clerk

Board of Selectmen

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