



OPEN SESSION MINUTES
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Monday, February 28, 2022

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

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

Members Present: David Sheedy; Peter Spagone Jr. and Carole Julius

Members Absent:

Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator, Rebecca Johnson, Assistant to Town Administrator and Board of Selectmen

6:30 pm David Sheedy called the meeting to order.

Mr. Sheedy led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sheedy asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for Ms. Dottie Richardson. He stated Ms. Richardson was a Town employee in the accounting department for twenty (20) years, has been a valued member to the community and will be missed.

OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to remind residents of the upcoming Annual Town Election that will take place May 14, 2022 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm at the Jr. Sr. High School. Ms. Gillpatrick stated the positions available: Selectmen, One / Three-year position; Assessor, One / Three-year position; School Committee, Two / Three-year positions, East Bridgewater Housing Authority, One / Five-year position; Trustees for the Public Library, Two / Three-year positions; Board of Health, One / Three-year position; Constable, Five / Three-year Positions; Planning Board, Two / Three-year positions. The last day to obtain nomination papers will be March 23, 2022 and will need to be returned by March 25, 2022. Please call the Town Clerks Office with any questions at (508) 378-1606. Ms. Gillpatrick mentioned second notices will be going out for census forms so please return your form if you have not already done so. There are drop-off boxes located in Town Hall, the Public Library and The Center at Sachem.

APPOINTMENTS

ACTION ITEMS

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the February 14, 2022, 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve minutes of the February 22, 2022, 2:00 pm Water Commissioners Meeting. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the request from the Board of Health to use the outside of Sachem Rock to hold a Rabies Clinic for dogs and cats on June 13, 2022 from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm, Rain date June 14, 2022. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to allow the Library to open at 12:00 pm on Wednesday, April 6, 2022, due to staff training. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve street lighting requirements for Tower Heights and send to National Grid. Locations of five 14' Post Top Pole, Top LED luminaries are shown on the approved subdivision plan. The billing for

these lights shall be established in the name of the developer until the Town of East Bridgewater accepts the street as a public way or until its accepted by the residential development association. Upon acceptance, and by request to National Grid, the company will process the billing change. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to approve the Event Permit Application from Amber Sadlier of Ragnar Events, LLC for 2nd Ragner Relay New England on May 21, 2022 from 1:30 am – 9:30 am. The Ragner Relay is a 200-mile-long distance running relay race passing through communities overnight. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Ms. Julius made a motion to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated 2/24/2022 for the Central School located at 107 Central Street, East Bridgewater 02333 which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Facilities Manager, Brian Kiely and School Business Administrator, John Shea were present to discuss submission. Mr. Kiely stated the MSBA requested re-submission for major renovation / addition at the Central Elementary School. Mr. Shea stated this vote / submission does not commit the Town to money expenditure.

Ms. Julius made a motion to award three-year contract for Auditor services. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

He stated the Finance Team recommends, Melanson. Mr. Seelig briefly went over RFP interviews for auditing services.

There was a discussion on ARPA Committee. Mr. Seelig stated emails were sent to candidates stating all letters of interest are under review and that candidates confirm he/she are willing to serve for two or three years and that he/she will not be representing/affiliated with department(s) that will be applying for grant funding. Discussion on candidates will be at the next Board of Selectmen Meeting, March 14th.

Ms. Julius made a motion to auction two police cruisers. Seconded by Mr. Spagone Jr. All were in favor. 3-0

Police Chief, Paul O'brien was present and briefly went over auction process.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Johnson announced 2022 Community Shred Event; April 30, 2022 at East Bridgewater Community Center from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Reminder: 2021 Annual Town Report cover contest:

The Board of Selectmen's office will be accepting submissions for the 2021 Annual Town Report cover contest until Friday, March 18, 2022, at 12:00 pm. Submittals can be brought in person to the Selectmen's office or emailed to Nguyen@eastbridgewaterma.gov The Selectmen will announce the winning cover at the March 28, 2022, 6:30 pm Board of Selectmen meeting.

There was a brief discussion on CDC Mask Guidance. Mr. Sheedy stated to remove Town Hall mask signage. Mr. Seelig stated masks are optional for visitors / employees and no discrimination tolerated.

PUBLIC HEARING

Ms. Julius stated a 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 Amendment - Change of Category from Common Victualler Wine & Malt to

Common Victualler All Alcoholic: D and Z, Inc. dba Tatami, Zhi L. Zhong, Manager, Premises: 118 North Bedford Street. Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater on Monday, February 28, 2022 at 6:45 p.m.

Attorney Meihuei Hu was present to represent D & Z Inc. dba Tatami. She stated Mr. Zhong has been in business for the past eight years and have patrons requesting alcoholic beverages other than wine & malt. He is requesting change of category to better serve patrons and community.

**The Selectmen approve the Application for Amendment - Change of Category from Common Victualler Wine & Malt to Common Victualler All Alcoholic. Sheedy – Aye; Spagone Jr. – Aye; Julius – Aye. All were in favor. 3-0*

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated Treasurer / Collector interviews will be tomorrow, 3/1. The Search Committee will present the Selectmen final candidate at the March 14th meeting.

The Sanitary Sewer financing procedure meeting will be discussed later in the week to be presented at Town Meeting.

The Selectmen received a Class II License application for V12 Ventures at 60 Franklin Street. Pending further documentation and site plan prior to approval.

Town employees' classification and compensation study is currently under assessment which is being conducted by the Collins Center at UMASS.

Mr. Seelig stated he is working with Director of Public Works, John Haines on the scope of work for Forge Pine Restoration.

Invitation for Bids for Animal Control Officer / Inspector has been issued, deadline is March 14th at noon. Mr. Seelig and Police Chief will have their recommendations at next Selectmen's Meeting.

He stated required discussion on MBTA Zoning will be March 14th in order to be grant eligible for another year.

UPCOMING MEETINGS – Subject to change

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 14th

Selectmen's Meeting Monday, March 28th

BOARD DISCUSSIONS

Mr. Spagone Jr. commended Mr. Seelig for his works and efforts with state application for Church Street basketball facilities.

ADJOURN

Motion by Julius, second by Spagone Jr. to adjourn. All were in favor, 3-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm

Clerk

Board of Selectmen