



OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Tuesday, July 11, 2022

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

TOWN HALL, 1<sup>st</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM  
175 CENTRAL STREET  
EAST BRIDGEWATER, MASS.

Members Present: Carole Julius, and David Sheedy

Members Absent: Selectman Peter Spagone Jr.

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

6:30 pm Selectman Julius called the meeting to order.

Selectman Julius led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### OPEN FORUM

Town Clerk, Sue Gillpatrick was present to remind residents of the dog licensing period which is 7/01/2022 through 6/30/2023. Late fees will be assessed as of September 1, 2022. Payments can be made in person, using the online portal or by mail.

#### APPOINTMENTS

Mary Waldron, Executive Director of the Old Colony Planning Council was present to give an update on what OCPC is doing for the Town. Ms. Waldron stated the road safety audit for the intersection of Route 18 and Central Street will be taking place soon. She mentioned OCPC has a department called the Area Agency on Aging, that works closely with the Council on Aging to provide funding. The OCPC website ([www.ocpcrpa.org](http://www.ocpcrpa.org)) is being updated and will be more user friendly, a newsletter that is put out twice a month that lists grant opportunities. Ms. Waldron stated that it's important for the Town to submit their priorities on an annual basis. A community profile has been created for the Town and is available upon request.

Selectman Julius stated she is looking forward to hearing what the thoughts and feedback are on the Route 18 / Central Street intersection. Ms. Waldron stated, when it is time, a public hearing will be set up to get feedback from anyone interested. Ms. Waldron mentioned a networking expo that will be taking place in a centrally located place, dates TBD.

#### Joint meeting with Planning Board

Roy Gardner, Chairman of the Planning Board was present along with other members. Mr. Gardner stated Lindy Snow is interested in being appointed as an associate member to the planning board. Mr. Gardner thanked Mr. Snow for serving previous years on the Planning Board and his willingness to continue to serve as an associate member.

Lindy Snow was present, he stated he is looking forward to coming back. The planning Board voted 6-0 in favor of this appointment.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to appoint Linscott Snow as an associate member of the planning board for the period 7/11/2022 through 6/30/2025. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

#### Joint meeting with Finance Committee

Dan Picha, Chairman of the Finance Committee was present to review and approve Chapter 44 Section 33B and a Reserve Fund Transfer.

Motion by Selectmen Sheedy to transfer \$9,000 to 66-403-520-5533 Supplies Bags – Stickers for the DPW. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

The Finance Committee voted 4-0 in favor of this transfer.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve yearend Chapter 44 Section 33B transfers as printed. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

The Finance Committee voted 4-0 in favor of this transfer.

#### ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve minutes of the June 13, 2022 6:00 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy approve but not release minutes of the June 13, 2022, 6:55 pm Board of Selectmen's Executive Session Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to pass over minutes of the June 23, 2022 3:00 pm Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to pass over minutes of the June 28, 2022 11:00 am Board of Selectmen's Meeting. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to accept resignation of Fred Tully as the Plumbing and Gas inspector for the Town of East Bridgewater effective July 7, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Sheedy thanked Fred for his many years of service to the town.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the request from the Director of Assessing for a step increase, step 4 of the clerical union wage grid for the Principal Clerk position. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to waive any right of first refusal over the land to be conveyed to Daniel J. Sullivan. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve to surplus eight ranges of metal shelving and accompanying wooden end caps. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Seelig stated this is a request from the Library.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve amendment (2) to agreement for engineering services by and between the Town of East Bridgewater and Weston & Sampson Engineers, INC. for further development and refinement of the Brockton sewer connection feasibility study. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the IT Manage Services contract for the period 7/1/2022 through 6/30/2025. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Seelig stated the verbiage, "automatic renewal" will be removed and that the company is aware.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve ARPA forms. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Mr. Seelig stated the in-house application is completed and will be used by Departments, Boards and Committees to send in requests. There is also a community form for outside organizations.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy 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 honor Veterans; Field of Flags. October 29, 2022 – November 12, 2022. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the request from Deana LePine of East Bridgewater Community Gardens for the use of Sachem Rock Farm on August 27, 2022 for "Harvest Fest" from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the Event Permit from Nichole Oliveira of Viking Boosters for the use of the Town Common for a "Viking Movie Night" on September 24, 2022 from 4:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the request from Dalphina Rogers of the American Legion Post 91 for use of the Town Common for Memorial Day Observance on Monday, May 29, 2023 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the request from Dalphina Rogers of the American Legion Post 91 for use of the Town Common for Flag Ceremony to burn old and no longer usable U.S. flags on Sunday, June 11, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Rain date June 18, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the request from Dalphina Rogers of the American Legion Post 91 for use of the Town Common for Commemoration of the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of East Bridgewater which will include a concert Wednesday, June 14, 2023 3:00 pm – 10:00 pm. Rain Date Thursday, June 15, 2023. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Selectman Sheedy stated they are working on getting fireworks for this event.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the application for One-Day Liquor Licenses from the Villa at Ridder Country Club for fundraisers on the following dates: Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

July 13, 2022    August 3, 2022    September 8, 2022

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the application for One-Day Liquor Licenses from Holmestead Harvest for a Farm to Table dinner / wine tasting on 7/23/2022 from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the Southeastern Regional Service Group DPW supplies contract award sheet commencing July 1, 2022, for a twelve-month period. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to approve the request from the Southeastern Regional Service Group to award a contract to W.B. Mason for paper items for a twelve-month period commencing on July 1, 2022. Seconded by

Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to award bid for the water main replacement project to Digit Excavation. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 2-0

DPW Director John Haines was present. He stated that the Town has been working on this project that was approved at Town Meeting.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Mr. Seelig stated there was an advisory from the Division of Local Services on the Opioid Litigation. He is hoping the legislature will allow the Town to set up a special fund where it can be automatically deposited and be used. He stated that Town Counsel will be attending the next BOS meeting to discuss what the funds will be used for.

Mr. Seelig stated the legislature approved for hybrid meeting to continue to take place until 12/2023.

Mr. Seelig discussed the three recent home rule petitions, North Bedford 4971, acceptance of subdivision roads 4972, withdrawal of civil service 4973. He stated the committee is requesting multiple documents on the withdrawal of civil service.

Mr. Seelig stated there was a resident complaint regarding an infestation of rats. He spoke with the Board of Health Director who went out to the location. Mr. Seelig stated that the situation may have been that the rats may have been in a much pile, recently delivered to the property. He stated the Board of Health will send literature out on how to deter rats.

#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, August 8, 2022, Board of Selectmen Meeting 6:30 pm

#### ADJOURN

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to move into Executive Session and not return to open 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, COA Director, Fire Chief.

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, Bourne v. East Bridgewater, Collins (Lupine Lane) v. East Bridgewater, PFAS

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm

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Clerk

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