



OPEN SESSION MINUTES  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
Tuesday, July 19, 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: Selectmen, Peter Spagone Jr., Carole Julius, and David Sheedy  
Members Absent:  
Others Present: Charles Seelig, Town Administrator

7:30 pm Selectman Spagone Jr. called the meeting to order.

Selectman Spagone Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPEN FORUM

APPOINTMENTS

Council on Aging Director, Nancy Hill was present for her contract signing. Ms. Hill stated that it's a privilege to work with the older residents of the Town and this will be her last contract. The Selectmen commended Ms. Hill on her dedication to the Town of East Bridgewater Council on Aging and her years of service.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to sign the employment agreement between the Town of East Bridgewater and Nancy Hill, Council on Aging Director from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025 for a three year period. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

ACTION ITEMS

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

There was a discussion and possible decisions on hiring and promotions in the East Bridgewater Police Department. Mr. Seelig stated a municipal report is required by the state in order for the Town to leave the civil service when hiring and promoting under the civil service merit system. Town Counsel worked with police chief on report and Mr. Seelig presented them to the Selectmen for their recommendations and approvals.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to adopt the personal hiring and the personal promotion policy for the East Bridgewater Police Department to coincide with the request to eliminate civil service and into the Town. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig briefly discussed possible decisions on ARPA application criteria and allowable categories for submittals. He stated original criteria was whether or not the grant application was in connection with the Town's strategic plans. Mr. Seelig stated meeting with the ARPA Committee it was suggested to have a category whether or not the town will need funds in future years. If a project that will require operating costs from a department in future years it will not rank as highly as to the ones that do not require future funding. This will replace the strategic plans criteria.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy that the ARPA application criteria be an ongoing project and if requires future funds it shall get a lower rating and will require Selectmen approvals. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

Mr. Seelig briefly went over two sources of ARPA funds. He stated Plymouth County is not interested in funding grants that will be simply pass throughs from various municipalities to non-town entities. Reason being a lot more paperwork and tracking funds. One of the primary categories for funding under ARPA is to assist businesses, non-profits, individuals, etc. The ARPA Committee suggested to have non-town entities apply for ARPA funds. Information and application will be on Town's website.

Motion by Selectman Sheedy to allow non-town entities to apply for ARPA funds. Seconded by Selectman Julius. All were in favor. 3-0

UPCOMING MEETINGS

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

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm

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Board of Selectmen Clerk