

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Tuesday evening, April 6, 2010 at 7:38 p.m.

Present: Peter A. Hamilton, Chairman; Theresa E. McNulty, Clerk; Joseph L. Miksch
George G. Samia, Town Administrator
Catherine Johnson, Administrator Assistant

Appointment

Marilyn Thompson, Treasurer/Collector was present to sign a contract with the Town, effective January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2013. Mr. Hamilton thanked Ms. Thompson for an outstanding job and for all her hard work. Ms. McNulty expressed her pleasure in working with Ms. Thompson on the recent health care projects in Town.

Action Items

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the March 23, 2010 meeting.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Bill Maloney and Boy Scout Troop 29 to hold a yard sale in the Town Hall parking lot on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 9 am to 1 pm.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Pamela Galligan and the East Bridgewater Garden Club for use of Sachem Rock Farm from Friday, May 28 at 8 am through Sunday, May 30 for the purpose of a plant sale on Saturday, May 29 from 10 am to 3 pm with a rain date of Sunday May 30.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Mary Coelho to be appointed to the East Bridgewater Arts Council effective immediately for a term ending June 30, 2013.

M/McNulty, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the schedules for the June 7, 2010 Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting.

Town Administrator Report

A discussion regarding the rescheduling of the Annual Town Meeting from May 10, 2010 to June 7, 2010 was held. Mr. Samia explained the possibility of having solid numbers at that time.

A discussion on the requested wage freeze was held. Mr. Hamilton listed the unions, the non-union employees and department heads in town who have signed a memorandum of agreement to negotiate the wage freeze.

Mailbag

Mr. Hamilton reported on a letter from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, informing the public of the assistance available to residents and business owners who suffered loss to their homes and businesses due the recent flooding in the commonwealth.

Reminders

Annual Town Election is Saturday, April 10, 2010 at the Gordon W. Mitchell Middle School from 11 am to 7 pm. A sample ballot is available at Town Hall and online at www.eastbridgewaterma.org. Absentee ballots are also available at the Town Clerk's office.

East Bridgewater Hazardous Waste Day is Saturday, May 1 from 8 am to 12 pm at 234 Thatcher Street. A complete list of acceptable items is available at the Town Hall.

The East Bridgewater Support Our Troops organization will be holding its Annual Road Race on May 15, 2010 – Armed Forces Day. The starting point is in front of Town Hall and starting time is 9 am. Runners leave at 9 am and walkers leave approximately 5 – 10 minutes after the runners. There is no registration fee, but contributions are gladly accepted. For more information, contact Kathy Signori at 508-378-4841.

Open Forum

Ms. Betty D'Olimpia, a Belmont Street resident was present to request the Board of Selectmen look into the recent damage to the brook and newly constructed bridge on Belmont Street.

The Board stated that they would have John Haines look into the situation and that they would contact her with the findings.

Mr. Dhimitri of 140 Sachem Rock Avenue was present to express his thanks to Fire Chief Ryon Pratt, the Fire Department employees, the D.P.W., Mr. Hamilton, as well as certain businesses in town, for going above and beyond with their help and support to his family during the flood disaster, which occurred at his home during the month of March. Mr. Dhimitri explained that Chief Pratt and his employees were overwhelmingly supportive and helpful during a very tragic event at his home.

Ms. McNulty presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Mr. Hamilton and wished him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

VOTE: Yes – Hamilton, McNulty, Miksch; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Board of Selectmen Clerk