

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, November 28, 2011 at 7:30 pm.

Present: Brian Connors, Chair; Robert M. Condon, Clerk; Joseph Miksch; George G. Samia, Town Administrator; Catherine Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Fire Chief Ryon Pratt was present to state that he is excited to return to duty without restrictions and that he is further excited to continue to serve the community as he has done so for many years.

Chief Pratt stated that he was present to discuss a number of issues he would like to discuss as the fire chief as well as a citizen/tax payer on matters of public policy.

Chairman Connors informed Chief Pratt that the issues he wished to discuss are being handled by town counsel and that the Board would not comment on such issues at this time, as some are matters of pending litigation.

Lisa D'Angelo was present to inquire about letters sent by Mrs. McNulty and to request copies of said letters. Ms. D'Angelo also inquired about the DPW's plans to get rid of tree limbs in town. The Board explained to Ms. D'Angelo that the letters sent by Mrs. McNulty are public documents and that the power companies are normally responsible for cutting down tree limbs impeding on wires. Ms. D'Angelo further inquired about the process the Board uses regarding reorganization of the Board. Chairman Connors explained to Ms. D'Angelo that the Board can reorganize as it so wishes, at any time.

Action Items

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes from the November 21, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Condon explained that there was, at last weeks meeting, a question from the audience regarding the status of Mrs. Pooler answering some questions and explained for clarification, that back on March 8, 2011 he made a comment that the letters that Mrs. McNulty issued using the Chairman of the Board title had not been voted by the board and that therefore did not have any legitimacy and commented that in speaking with Cheryl Pooler, that she stated that she relied on his statement and made a decision not to respond.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of the Ideal Club for an extension of hours for it's upcoming New Year's Eve function to 2:00 a.m. for sale of alcoholic beverages.

Police Chief John Cowan suggested the Board send a letter to remind the club to be mindful of their neighbors at the time the club closes.

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia invited Chief Cowan up to the Board to receive a citation from the Board, for his election, from the Rotary Club, as "Man of the Year" for East Bridgewater.

Mr. Miksch read and presented the following citation from the Board to Chief John Cowan:

John Cowan

***2011 EAST BRIDGEWATER'S
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR RECIPIENT***

On behalf of the Town of East Bridgewater and its Citizens, the Board of Selectmen would like to offer our warmest and most sincere congratulations to you for your honorary distinction from The Rotary Club on November 21, 2011.

We recognize that this accomplishment not only requires the diligence of the recipient, but most importantly calls for an individual with high moral standards and an outstanding character. There is no doubt in our minds that you possess all of these fine qualities. You are an asset to this community and we are proud of your exceptional achievement.

Dated this 28th day of November, 2011.

Chief Cowan thanked Mr. Samia and the Board for the citation and thanked the Rotary Club for nominating him, as well as Bruce Marquis and Paul Nisby. Chief Cowan explained that Mr. Nisby was on the Board of Selectmen when he was hired, as a patrolman, in the Town back in 1983 and that made him proud to know of Mr. Nisby's nomination. Chief Cowan explained that it was nice to have his name among the distinguished group from East Bridgewater with the same distinction from the Rotary Club, who care about the Town with their time and their money.

Mr. Samia explained that midweek next week he would be starting the 2013 Budget Kickoff meeting, after conferring with the Finance Committee Chairman.

Reminders

Last Date to Register to Vote for the Special Town Meeting – Friday, December 2, 2011; Town Clerk's office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Board of Health is now able to offer flu shots at no cost, to any resident over the age of 18, by appointment, by calling 508-378-1642 or by emailing Sue Mulloy at smulloy@ebmass.com.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, motion to adjourn.

VOTE: Yes – Connors, Condon, Miksch; a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm

Clerk
Board of Selectmen