

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Joseph L. Miksch, Chair; Brian Connors, Clerk pro tem; George G. Samia, Town Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance

Appointment

Proclamation/Presentation

Mr. George Miller and family were present to receive a Proclamation from the Board of Selectmen in honor of Craig J. Miller on the occasion of Craig J. Miller Day in East Bridgewater – September 11, 2011. Brian Connors read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Miller.

State Representative Geoff Diehl also presented Mr. Miller with a commendation in honor of his son.

Connors then read a letter in honor of Miller from Senator Thomas Kennedy.

Steve Ruchatti, a representative from the Boston office of the Secret Service was also present to express his gratitude for Craig J. Miller's ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001, helping others out of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Connors, a former Secret Service Agent, noted that Miller was the only member of the Secret Service to lose his life that day.

Action Items

M/Connors, s/Miksch a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the August 22, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes from the July 25, 2011 Board of Selectmen's meeting.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Dianne and Rick Snelgrove of the Victoria E. Snelgrove Memorial Fund for permission to display a sign for the 7th Annual Benefit at the Commercial Club, on Town property from September 19 – October 22.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Janet Cheney for permission to hang pink ribbons in town for the month of October for Breast Cancer Awareness month, as well as paint pink remembrance ribbons on windows in town and at the town hall.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, accept with regret the resignation of Roberta A. McCarthy from the Registrar of Voters, effective immediately.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, accept with regret the resignation of Marie Day from the Council on Aging, effective immediately.

M/Connors, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Town Treasurer Marilyn Thompson pertaining to the issuance of septic management bonds that the clerk read the following: "I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of East Bridgewater, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the Board held September 12, 2011, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following vote was passed, all of which appears upon the official record of the Board in my custody." As written. (see attached document)

Town Administrator Report

Town Administrator George Samia reported that a Special Town Meeting will not be necessary as a result of a bond issuance on the new school because there is a mechanism on the recap sheet that precludes the Town from having to do so.

Brian Connors reported on the "Don't Be Blind-sided" Community Drug Awareness Information Night to take place at the Gordon W. Mitchell Middle School on October 4, 2011 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm.

Board Discussion

Mr. Connors thanked all the public safety personnel who helped in the aftermath of the recent hurricane.

Mr. Samia reported on the legal issues surrounding the removal of the loam, or dirt as part of the construction process of the new high school; He stated that the issue falls under the purview of the building inspector and Town Counsel and that they are looking into it.

Open Forum

Myles Heger of 318 West Union Street asked for an update on the progress of the Center at Sachem Rock and the new High School. Mr. Samia stated that the groundbreaking ceremony for the high school was to take place on September 13, and that up to this point, the progress has been architectural and engineering in nature. The Center at Sachem Rock, Samia said, is well underway, with construction being done on the foundation of the new sections of the building and sill work on the existing structure.

Jim Lorrey of 354 Bedford Street inquired about the process of the snow and ice investigations. Connors stated that since the issues involved have become personnel issues and therefore of a confidential matter confined to Executive Session, he was not sure where and where not to comment on the issue, having been advised by Town Counsel to confine any discussions to Executive Session.

Nancy Hurley of 53 Brown's Lane asked about when the public would receive a completed investigation. Connors reported that there is no time frame and that the Board is just as anxious to have the investigation completed.

Margaret Alexander of 17 Strong Avenue provided historical clarification to the above-mentioned issue of the removal of the loam at the high school construction site, citing a town by-law passed in 1949 as a result of a suit filed pertaining to the selling of removed loam. The Board thanked Mrs. Alexander for her providing the historical background and told her they would pass the information on to Town Counsel.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Clerk, pro tem
Board of Selectmen