

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

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

Announcement – live pod cast at ebctv.org

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Ms. Sandra Ockers of 549 Plymouth Street was present to share her concerns with the Board regarding Board policies and procedures as well as questions on the legal expenditures in the current fiscal year.

Chairman Connors reported on ongoing meetings with regards to a possible solar farm in town up at the Compass Medical site and explained that the individual board members, along with Mr. Samia have attended several meeting regarding this potential revenue source coming into town.

Mr. Samia reported on the legal expenditures in the current fiscal year and explained that Attorney Zaroulis has yet to bill the town.

Ms. Paula Lewis was present to request an update on the petition which was presented to the Board as well as a request of the financial team to keep in mind, at budget time, the new school and community center, as there will be additional funds needed, in her opinion. Ms. Lewis also requested an update on upcoming contract negotiations with town employees.

Public Hearing

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

TAX HEARING - The Board of Selectmen and Board of Assessors will hold a public hearing on property tax classifications on Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:35 p.m. in the first floor conference room at the Town Hall.

This hearing, which is required by law, determines whether the Town will have one classification or will differentiate among several classes when setting the tax rate.

Cheryl Pooler, Director of Assessing and Paula Wolfe, Assessor were present to recommend to the Board to not split the tax rate between Residential and Commercial/Industrial classes.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, accept the recommendation of the Board of Assessors and Cheryl Pooler, Director of Assessing, to not split the tax rate for FY12.

Marilyn Thompson, Treasurer/Collector was present to recommend to the residents who received demand letters on their taxes, to contact the Treasurer's office, in order to inquire about the amount owed, as the names of delinquent tax payers will be placed in the newspaper shortly.

Ms. Paula Lewis requested clarification on a possible conflict of interest concern regarding Mr. Miksch taking part in the appointment process of a family member.

Mr. Samia explained that Mr. Miksch filled out a Disclosure of Appearance of Conflict of Interest as required by G.L.C. 268A S. 23 (b) (3) as instructed by the Ethics Commission.

Action Items

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes from the October 17, 2011 meeting.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes from the October 24, 2011 meeting.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer Edward Gardner to grant an extension of the Common Victualer/All Alcoholic License for Johnny Macaroni's, 572 West Street, effective immediately through December 31, 2011.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the request of Peter A. Engstrom for use of the Town Common for a Commemorative Ceremony honoring Francis Davis Millet, an East Bridgewater resident and artist who perished in the Titanic disaster, on the occasion of the centennial of his death, on Sunday, April 15, 2011 at 3 pm.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of John Shea to the Recreation Commission effective immediately through June 30, 2014.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve In accordance with M.G.L. Ch 32 B, Section 3, the creation of the Insurance Advisory Committee.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of the following persons to the Insurance Advisory Committee, representing their respective unions or professional organizations, effective immediately with no designated term:

Denise Robertson, East Bridgewater Education Association
Donald Alger, East Bridgewater Custodian's Association
Matthew Foster, East Bridgewater Professional Firefighter's Association
Paul O'Brien, East Bridgewater Police Association
Jeanne Bennett, Non-Union Personnel
Margaret Alexander, Retirees

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the following persons to the Finance Committee, one member effective immediately through June 30, 2013 and two members effective immediately through June 30, 2014:

Names are listed in order by date letter of interest received:

Myles Heger – VOTE: Yes – Connors, Miksch; No - Condon
Stacey Coyne – VOTE: Yes – Connors, Miksch, Condon; a unanimous vote in favor
Tim Cramer – VOTE: Yes – Connors, Miksch, Condon; a unanimous vote in favor

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Kimberly Eldredge to the Insurance Advisory Committee, representing SEIU Local 888 effective immediately with no designated term.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Amiee Stevens to the Insurance Advisory Committee, representing the E.B. Professional Education Secretaries Assoc., effective immediately, with no designated term.

M/Condon, s/Miksch, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Robert Curtin to the Insurance Advisory Committee, representing SEIU (DPW), effective immediately with no designated term.

Mailbag

Mr. Condon congratulated Kaylee Smith, Girl Scout on her recognition as a leader in the Girl Scouts leadership institute National Convention.

Reminders

Town Hall will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day.

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.

Tri-Town Veterans Day Ceremonies – November 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Bridgewater

Mr. Condon inquired about a one time payment, referred to in the Beacon, from the state for local aid. Mr. Samia explained it appears the state will add the one time payment to the cherry sheet for 2012, put into estimated receipts and go in to next years free cash.

Mr. Connors gave a “thank you” to all veterans and wished them a happy Veteran's Day

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 pm

Clerk
Board of Selectmen