

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Brian Connors, Chairman; Martin Crowley, Clerk; George Samia, Cathy Johnson, Adm. Asst.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

No one present

Appointment

Fire Chief Harhen and Police Chief John Cowan were present to update the Board and the public on the Town's emergency shelter.

Chief Harhen gave a history of the operations in Town when an emergency shelter is needed.

Chief Harhen proposed the Town consider using the Center at Sachem Rock Farm, however, stated a generator would be needed for this use.

Chief Harhen proposed the Town establish an Emergency Management Team made up of essential Town personnel to include himself; the Director of Emergency Management, the Police Chief, the DPW Director, the Facilities Maintenance Manager, the Council on Aging Director, the Building Inspector and a member of the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator.

Chief Harhen expressed the need for volunteers to run the Emergency Shelter; that the Town does presently have a Citizens Emergency Response Team (CERT), however not fully staffed. Chief Harhen further expressed a need to regionalize with other Town's to utilize shared shelters and volunteers.

Chief Harhen urged the public to use their tax paying services in town, such as Fire and Police Departments during emergencies.

Action Items

M/Crowley, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Hester Reid as a member of the East Bridgewater Historical Commission effective January 27, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

M/Crowley, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Linscott Snow for the use of the Center at Sachem Rock on Saturday, July 26, 2014 from 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm for a Family Reunion with catered food and non-alcoholic beverage.

M/Crowley, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the Application for Renewal of License to Sell Second Hand Articles for Earle's Antiques, Earle Beaubien, Mgr., 16 West Union Street, Hours: Various, no weekends

Town Administrator Report

Dog Hearing Update - scheduled with a Clerk Magistrate on the 20th of February

MMA Legislative Breakfast – Town will host on March 7, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the Center at Sachem Rock Farm

Budget Kickoff- held Tuesday January 21st; with all departments represented and looking towards February 28th for returns on budgets that are currently out there. Level funded and changes to contracts is being requested at present; due to savings made in the previous year.

Board Discussion

A Year in Review

- The hiring of the Town's first Facilities Maintenance Manager
- Moody's Town Bond Rating AA3 Credit Rating
- The Town going with the GIC Health Insurance Group
- The improvement of the Town's infrastructure
- The construction of an archival room in Town Hall
- The completion of the Town Hall roof
- The replacement of the Town Hall Chiller
- Road work completion of numerous roads in Town
- The completion of the Jr/Sr. High School
- The completion of the Center at Sachem Rock Farm
- The completion of the Solar Project in Town
- The hiring of a permanent Fire Chief; Chief Harhen
- The hiring of Erica Flemming as Treasurer/Collector

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk