

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, March 24, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Brian Connors, Chairman; Martin Crowley, Clerk; David Sheedy; George Samia, Town Administrator and Cathy Johnson, Administrative Assistant

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Open Forum**

Open Forum opened by the Chairman.  
No Participants or requests  
Open Forum Closed.

**Appointment**

Nancy Hill, C.O.A. Director was present to sign an employment contract with the Town for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016.

Chairman Connors and the Board thanked Ms. Hill for signing on with the Town for another three years.

Mr. Sheedy reported on the volunteers for the Council on Aging putting in 3,816 hours and thanked Ms. Hill for her role in the process of the recruiting of volunteers.

**Appointment**

Paula Wolfe, Director of Assessing was present to sign an employment contract with the Town for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015.

Chairman Connors stated that the Town was fortunate to have Ms. Wolfe as a member of the Financial Team of the Town.

Town Administrator Samia informed the Board and the Public of Ms. Wolfe receiving certification of which only 75 members of the Commonwealth have ever achieved.

**Appointment**

Attorney Jaime Kenney, Town Counsel and Detective John Grillo of the East Bridgewater Patrolman's Association were present to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the East Bridgewater Patrolman's Association.

Chairman Connors stated that thanks to the Police Association, the Town was in good financial standing and thanked the Association for their good faith compromises.

**Action Items**

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the February 24, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the March 10, 2014 Board of Selectmen Executive Session Meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the renewal of the 2014 Seasonal Wine and Malt Liquor License for F1 Outdoor Kart Racing Complex, 798 North Bedford Street.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Lynn Lundberg as an alternate member of the Agricultural Commission effective immediately through June 30, 2016.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the recommendation of the Conservation Commission to not purchase the property located at Marlin Lane, parcel 89-6-15, owner Mary Perkins.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve to consent to the request from Joyce L. King to refinance her property located at 1015 Washington Street, in compliance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Law chapter 40B.

DPW Director John Haines and Water Superintendent Jason Tranpier were present to report on the updating and revising of the Town's Water Division Rules, Regulations and Guidelines.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from the Department of Public Works Director, John Haines, to update and revise the Town of East Bridgewater Water Division Rules, Regulations and Guidelines as written.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve, with regret, the resignation of Edward Sklut from the Registrar of Voters effective immediately.

**Town Administrator Report**

Town Administrator Samia reported on the scheduling of the upcoming Department Head Budget Presentations with the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Samia informed the Board of the Capital Needs requests being received from Town Departments and that such requests have been sent along to the Capital Improvement Committee.

Mr. Samia reported on the preliminary numbers from the State. Stated there was good news, as the State was not cutting the budget and that the Town would be expecting approximately \$91,000.00.

**Reminders**

**Kiwanis Annual Pancake Breakfast & Charity Food Drive**

Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup> from 7 am – Noon at the East Bridgewater G.W. Mitchell Middle School with proceeds to benefit Kiwanis scholarships and charities – "Bring can goods... Help a Family.

**Board Discussion**

Mr. Sheedy requested information from Clerk Martin Crowley, a former member of the Finance Committee, with regards to the Finance Committee sitting down with Department Heads and the Board of Selectmen to negotiate employment contracts. Mr. Crowley stated that past practice was that the Finance Committee was not involved in contract negotiations with Town employees.

Mr. Sheedy expressed concern and requested information from Chairman Connors on a vote of the School Committee to internalize Special Education Transportation and the financial impact to the Town. Chairman Connors stated that the School Committee also voted to cancel private services of the cafeteria staff.

Chairman Connors explained what he understood to be the facts of the vote of the School Committee to internalize Special Education Transportation and questioned the availability of Town gasoline, as well as impacts on health care expenses, due to the hiring of new staff.

Chairman Connors suggested Mr. Sheedy contact the School Committee with his questions and concerns.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm

  
Clerk  
Board of Selectmen