

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:35 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chairman; William Dowling, Clerk pro-tem; George Samia, Town Administrator; Cathy Johnson, Administrative Assistant
Not Present: David Sheedy, Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance

M/Crowley, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the pro-tem appointment of William Dowling as Clerk for the evening.

Open Forum

Open Forum opened by the Chairman.

Dina Livingston, Town Clerk, was present to report on the State Election held on November 4, 2014 at the Jr/Sr High School. Mrs. Livingston stated that there was an issue for a time with the machine for Precinct 2 not accepting ballots, but she reassured all that the issue was resolved and all ballots were counted. Mrs. Livingston stated that there was still a little confusion as to where the election was being held and announced that all elections will be held at the Jr/Sr High School. Mrs. Livingston further reported that the turnout for this election was 56% of the registered voters in town.

Robert Charles, Veterans Services Officer, was present to thank all who participated in and donated to the Field of Flags event in town and explained that 50% of the proceeds will go to the Fisher House in Boston for families of veterans receiving care to stay near their loved one, and 50% will go to the East Bridgewater Kiwanis for local donations.

Open Forum closed by the Chairman.

Appointment

John Haines, DPW Director was present to report on a plan for snow operations for the upcoming winter season, as well to update the Board on the near completion of the Plymouth Street sidewalk project.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the November 3, 2014 meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the August 19, 2014 Executive Session.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the October 6, 2014 Executive Session.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the Memorandum of Understanding dated November 3, 2014 between the E. B. Department of Public Works and the Town of East Bridgewater Board of Selectmen.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the Comparison of In-House Custodial Labor Versus Contracted Custodial Services for the Sachem Rock Community Center, the Library, and the Town Hall/Police Dept. financial impact statement and competitive quote sheet.

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

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the sending of the letter to the dog owner of 451 Elm Street with the Hearing decision.

Town Administrator Report

Town Administrator George Samia updated the Board on the success of the new TAP Program for setting the tax rate and stated that the Town received a letter from the State in recognition of being the first community in the Commonwealth to have our tax rate approved. Town Administrator George Samia stated that it is a testament to the finance team in Town to have reached this status.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk