

A weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, February 10, 2014 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Brian Connors, Chairman; Martin Crowley, Clerk; David Sheedy; George Samia, Town Administrator and Cathy Johnson, Adm. Asst.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Open Forum opened by the Chairman.

Mr. Jonathan White, Candidate for School Committee, was present to request information on the process of the Town's Appointments to Committees/Boards. Chairman Connors informed Mr. White that that subject would be discussed in the Board Discussion part of the meeting in the near future. Mr. White specifically requested information on the Finance Committee meetings. Mr. Crowley informed Mr. White that all Finance Committee meetings were open meetings and therefore, open to the public.

Appointment

Dina Livingston, Town Clerk, was present to inform the Board and the public of the following events:

1. Annual Town Election – held on Saturday April 12th
2. Nomination papers now available for the following officers:
 - A. Board of Selectmen – 1 seat for a 3 year term
 - B. Moderator – 1 seat for a 3 year term
 - C. Assessor – 1 seat for a 3 year term
 - D. School Committee – 2 seats with 3 year terms
 - E. Housing Authority – 1 seat with a 5 year term
 - F. Trustees of the Public Library – 2 seats for 3 year terms and 1 seat for a 1 year term to fill a vacancy
 - G. Board of Health – 1 seat for a 3 year term
 - H. Planning Board – 3 seats for 3 year terms
3. The last date to obtain nomination papers is Thursday, February 20th at 5 p.m.
4. Last date to register to vote is Friday, February 21st until 8 p.m.
5. Census papers – Town Clerk urged residents to return due to additional costs to the town to send reminders

Chairman Connors requested signage for "voting parking only" for polling location in Town.

Mr. Sheedy asked for an update on Early Registration. The Town Clerk stated that there are some issues and expressed hope that all kinks are worked out by 2016.

Appointment

NEW COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE REQUEST AS FOLLOWS:

Old Country Pizzeria
225 Bedford Street
Hours: Daily 11 am – 10 pm

Sakhr Massoud, Mgr.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the Common Victualer License for Old Country Pizzeria, 225 Bedford Street, Hours: Daily 11 a.m. – 10 p.m., pending approval from the Fire Chief.

Appointment

Fire Chief Timothy Harhen was present to propose to change ambulance billing companies as well as an ambulance rate and fee increase.

Chief Harhen requested to increase ambulance billing beginning July 1, 2014 to Medicare + 100% and beginning July 1, 2015 to Medicare + 200 % which is funded through insurance billing with no fee to the residents.

Mr. Samia stated, by way of explanation, bills or receivable get generated when ambulance is required, the bill is paid or sent to a collection agency and if not paid becomes uncollected funds.

Chairman Connors explained the rules and regulations for ambulance services.

Chief Harden explained that with new billing company all monies would be sent to billing company and the possibility of significant increases, by way of receivables, would increase.

Chairman Connors suggested the Bid Process be referred to Town Counsel for advice.

M/Sheedy, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve to accept the new fees for Medicare +100% effective July 1, 2014 and Medicare +200% on July 1, 2015 as proposed by the Fire Chief.

M/Sheedy, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve to accept Request for Proposals for ambulance billing and collection services to be advertised and set up to begin picking up at 8:30 a.m. on March 3, 2014 and every business day thereafter from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Proposals to be submitted no later than 12 p.m. on 3/17/14 at the East Bridgewater Fire Department at 268 Bedford Street, East Bridgewater; subject to the review of Town Counsel

Chairman Connors expressed the need for Town Counsel to review the procurement process.

Action Items

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the January 6, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the January 27, 2014 Board of Selectmen Meeting.
Abstain: Sheedy

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the February 3, 2014 Board of Selectmen Executive Session Meeting.
Abstain: Connors

Chairman Connors invited Mr. Ellis up to give the Board and the Public information on his business in Town.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the Applications for License to Sell Second Hand Articles and Junk Dealers License from Benjamin Ellis for transfer of ownership for Land of Electronics, 687 Bedford Street, Hours: 8:00 am – 8:00 pm.

M/Crowley, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Dale Julius for use of the Town Common starting Friday, May 2, 2014 at noon through noon on Sunday May 4, 2014 for the 10th Annual Frank Harlow Day and Civil War Living History and Encampment.

M/Crowley, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve to accept the use of the Remote Participation Policy, which was accepted on September 17, 2012, for Board of Selectmen Meetings effective immediately.

M/Crowley, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the renewal of the following licenses effective immediately:

CLASS II LICENSE #18

All Foreign Auto Sales & Service, Inc.

300 Thatcher Street

Restriction: 1. Thirty six cars maximum designated "for sale"
2. Lighting to be maintained

Hours: Monday - Saturday 8 am – 6 pm

CLASS III LICENSE #2

John Ferri dba All Foreign Auto Salvage, Inc.

300 Thatcher Street

E. Bridgewater, MA 02333

Restrictions: 1. All dismantling of parts/cars to be done within a building or on a concrete slab with oil, gas and other fluids being put in barrels
2. A solid fence 8' in height on the front of the property and 100' back from street on both sides; entire property to be suitably fenced; all vehicles and parts to be stored within fenced area.
3. A 16' wide unobstructed access road shall be maintained 24 hours per day and shall also run from the rear of the building extending to the most southerly portion of the property. No vehicles to be stored or displayed within 10' of the building.

Hours: Monday - Saturday 8 am – 5 pm

M/Crowley, s/Connors, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes for the January 13, 2014 Board of Water Commissioners Meeting

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia reported on the Town entering into an agreement with the East Bridgewater Housing Authority for use of the Town's gas tank facility.

Mr. Samia explained that the Town was moving into the Budget Season; was two weeks from receiving budgets from Department Heads and explained that at that time he will then set up joint meetings with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee to go over the budgets.

Board Discussions

Mr. Sheedy reported on a Birthday Party for the Sachus Rock Center, with staff and volunteers of the Council on Aging. Mr. Sheedy encouraged residents to stop by the Center; that they would be amazed at what goes on in the building.

Mr. Crowley expressed interest in having potential candidates to Boards and Committees in to give explanation of requirements to such Board or Committee.

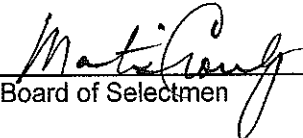
Mr. Sheedy expressed interest in reviewing the Board's Appointment Policy to Boards and Committees.

Mr. Sheedy expressed the need for a Committee to study the emergency shelter in Town with Chief Harhen and that he would volunteer to represent the Board of Selectmen on the Emergency Management Team.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm


Board of Selectmen Clerk