

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, January 12, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Present: Martin Crowley, Chairman; David Sheedy, Clerk; William Dowling; George Samia, Town Administrator; Cathy Johnson, Administrative Assistant

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Open Forum opened by the Chairman.

Dina Livingston, Town Clerk was present with a reminder to the Town of the upcoming Annual Town Election on Saturday, April 11th from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Jr/Sr High School with open seats as follows:

Town Clerk	1 seat	3 year term
Board of Selectmen	1 seat	3 year term
Assessor	1 seat	3 year term
Assessor	1 seat	1 year term (to fill a vacancy)
School Committee	2 seats	3 year terms
Board of Library Trustees	2 seats	3 year terms
Board of Health	1 seat	3 year term
Planning Board	2 seats	3 year terms

Nomination papers available; last day to obtain nomination papers is February 19th and must be returned by February 23rd.

Robert Charles, Veterans' Services Officer was present to warn the Veterans in Town of a phone scam in regards to Veteran's Choice Cards. Mr. Charles stated that the Veteran's Administration would never initiate contact over the phone to request personal information and warned the Veterans the scammers may be aggressive and to hang up and contact their primary care physician. Mr. Charles further stated to call his office with any questions or concerns Veterans may have with regard to this situation as well as any other.

Open Forum closed by the Chairman

Appointment

Change of Manager

**For: Jakes Bar & Grille dba South of Blues Depot
579 West Street
Gary Valanzola, Mgr.**

Mr. Gary Valanzola was present to request a Change of Manager for Jakes Bar & Grille dba South of Blues Depot.

Neighbors of Jakes Bar & Grille were present to air their concerns regarding noise in the past.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the request for a Change of Manager for Jakes Bar & Grille dba South of Blues Depot.

Action Items

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 meeting.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the December 15, 2014 Executive Session.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of the November 17, 2014 Executive Session.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve, with explanation by the Town Administrator, to award the Contract for the Town of East Bridgewater Original Town Hall Façade and Entry Structural Repairs to Vareika Construction, Inc.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Margaret Alexander and Robert Waterman as Associate Members to the Historical Commission effective immediately through June 30, 2017.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve, with explanation by the Town Administrator, the request of Fire Chief Timothy Harhen to have his benefits accrual date changed from his anniversary date with the Town of March 11 to July 1st.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve, in the Board's capacity as Water Commissioners, the request of the Treasurer/Collector to shut off water service taking effect January 13, 2015 for non-payment.

Town Administrator Report

Town Administrator George Samia updated the Board on the results of much time and effort spent to get the Solar Project implemented and fiscally advantageous for the Town.

Board Discussion

Mr. Dowling requested an explanation of the health care savings, specifically, an additional check the Town received recently.

Mr. Samia responded to specific questions about the GIC (Group Insurance Commission) and allegations that the amount of the true savings to the Town has not been made known to the Town and Town Departments. Mr. Samia explained the Town took advantage of the New Health Care Reform Act which was set up by the State of Massachusetts and gave a history of the Group Insurance Commission (GIC) and the implementation by the Town.

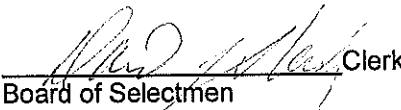
Discussion was held between the Board of Selectmen, Mr. Samia and members of the audience with regards to the Town's budget and the need for transparency between the Board of Selectmen and the School Committee.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, approve the cancelling of the Board of Selectmen meeting of December 29, 2014.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm


Clerk
Board of Selectmen