

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Police Chief, John Cowan, was present to thank all of the following officers that volunteered their time to help with the Veteran's Day Parade: Sgt. Michael McLaughlin; Ptl. Ryan Cramer; Ptl. A.J Voisine; Ptl. Michael Curtain; Spc. Officer Mike Kennedy, Spc. Officer Joel Thomas; Spc. Officer John Smith; Spc. Officer Bill Revolto; Spc. Officer David Leighton; Spc. Officer Jim Newall; Constable Bob DiFazio; and Crossing Guard Paul Hallinan. Chief Cowan also thanks all of the residents who came to honor the veterans and residents on both sides of Route 18 for their patience.

David Sheedy mentioned there were Boy Scouts present. Mr. Hamilton stated they were from Troop 32 from East Bridgewater and the Scouts were working on their Citizenship in Community Merit Badge.

Open Forum closed by the Chairman.

Appointment

TOWN OF EAST BRIDGEWATER

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the requirements of M.G.L. Chap. 138, a Public Hearing will be held relative to the Application for a Restaurant – Wine & Malt License, as follows:

Ridder Farm, Inc. dba Ridder Farm Learning Center and Golf Course
Janelle Rotondi, Manager

Premises: 322 Oak Street

Premises consists of a 29 X 68 ft. structure and portions of the golf course contained in the Town of East Bridgewater.

A Public Hearing will be held at the Town Hall, First Floor Conference Room, 175 Central Street, East Bridgewater on Monday, November 16, 2015 at 6:40 p.m.

Attorney Allen McCarthy was in attendance with Janelle Rotondi, the President of Ridder Farm, Inc. Ms. Rotondi explained the changes that have been made to the golf course and what their future plans are. Attorney McCarthy explained the statute change and that only certain holes would be allowed to have alcohol due to five of the holes actually being located in Whitman. Ms. Rotondi explained that there are not any plans, at this time, to sell alcohol from a beer cart and the wording on the application is a requirement from the ABCC. Mr. McCarthy explained there would be very specific signage informing golfers that alcohol cannot be brought to the holes that are located in Whitman, in the future they may go to Whitman for approval to include the holes in Whitman.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, unanimous vote, to close public hearing.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, unanimous vote, to approve the Application for a Restaurant – Wine & Malt License to Ridder Farm dba Ridder Farm Learning Center and Golf Course with Janelle Rotondi as the Manager.

David Sheedy explained that this is the first step of the license and now has to be approved by the ABCC.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of November 2, 2015 meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of November 2, 2015 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of October 19, 2015 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the Board of Selectmen Meeting Scheduled for 2016 as listed:

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE 2016

Monday, January 11 Monday, January 25	Monday, May 9 Monday, May 23	Monday, September 12 Monday, September 26
Monday, February 8 Monday, February 22	Monday, June 6 Monday, June 20	Monday, October 17
Monday, March 7 Monday, March 21	Monday, July 11 Monday, July 25	Monday, November 14 Monday, November 28
Monday, April 4 Monday, April 11 Monday, April 25	Monday, August 8 Monday, August 22	Monday, December 12

David Sheedy explained the scheduled is used as a guideline and is subject to change. Meetings will be added or deleted as needed.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the Declaration of Support of Mosquito Funding for FY 2016 from Plymouth County Mosquito Control.

George Samia explained that the Town supports this every year and the funding comes out of the Cherry Sheet from the state.

Appointment

Senator Brian A. Joyce, representing Precinct 4 of East Bridgewater, gave a budget presentation which included the: State House Update; State Spending and Tax Revenue by Fiscal Year; FY16 Final Budget; FY16 Budget Tax Revenue Breakdown; FY16 Budget Spending Breakdown; FY16 East Bridgewater Local Aid Total; FY16 Chapter 70 Funding; Unrestricted General Government Aid; Chapter 90-Local Roads & Bridges; WRAP-Winter Recovery Assistance Program; and State Economic Outlook. Senator Joyce stated they are trying to give as much as possible back to the towns with the help of Mike Brady and Jeff Diehl.

Mr. Sheedy asked what is happening with the Opioid Bill. Senator Joyce stated there is more funding available for drug treatment but the main focus is on education, intervention and limitations on the dispensing of drugs. Mr. Sheedy asked if there is any movement on the bill concerning an increase in staffing and beds available for treatment. Senator Joyce explained that the needs are not being addressed and long term care is not covered by insurance. Creating more beds is being done incremental.

William Dowling stated concern of the percentage of the budget that is spent on Mass Health and was wondering how much of that is actually spent on mental health. Senator Joyce was not sure of the actual dollar amount and does realize the amount spent on Mass Health is very high. Martin Crowley stated that local aid has been fairly consistent and helps with budgeting.

Town Administrator Report

George Samia stated the numbers were being inputted from the Special Town Meeting and will be starting to work on next budget very shortly.

Board Discussion

David Sheedy stated the Selectmen met at 5:30 pm today and made appointments to the Operational Review Committee. William Dowling listed the members as: Martin Crowley – Selectmen's Member; Aimee McAlpine – School Committee's Member; Timothy Armand – Finance Committee's Member; Gary Saccoccia and David Foley – At-Large Members. Mr. Sheedy stated all members need to be sworn in by the Town Clerk and the first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

Martin Crowley commended the Patriotic Activities Committee for all of their work on the Veteran's Day Celebration that was well attended. Mr. Crowley also gave an update of the East Bridgewater sport teams that are going on to finals/semi-finals along with other team standings.

Reminders

David Sheedy stated that due to a request from a few residents to open the Recycling Center for yard waste, the Selectmen have volunteered to work at the Recycling Center on Saturday, November 28, 2015 from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm to give residents an additional day to dispose of leaves and yard debris.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk