

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, August 10, 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

The Council on Aging Director, Nancy Hill was present to inform the Selectmen that the COA held its Annual Volunteer Appreciation day in May. The total volunteer hours were 5,493 which is 1,200 more hours than last year. The value of each hour is \$27.82 therefore giving a total of \$151,312.98 which was represented in the form of a large check. Ms. Hill stated even though the hours have increased they are always looking for volunteers.

David Sheedy asked about the type of teachers that have also been volunteering their time. Ms. Hill stated some of the classes they offer are: crocheting/knitting; water colors; computers; and etc. They are looking for anyone with a talent to teach a class.

Ms. Hill also mentioned they have several trips on the calendar which are already sold out. Mr. Sheedy thanked all the volunteers for everything they do for the Council on Aging.

Open Forum closed by the Chairman

Appointment

Reverend Jim Conley from the Union Congregational Church in East Bridgewater presented information regarding a labyrinth and what it actually is. Reverend Conley proposed a project at Sachem Rock Farm to build a labyrinth as a community project. He spoke with a parishioner from his congregation regarding the garden the Girl Scouts had planned and they are unable to maintain the garden. Reverend Conley stated this is a good location for the labyrinth. Reverend Conley would like permission to move forward with the project.

David Sheedy stated that he had previously spoken with Reverend Conley and actually visited the labyrinth in Hanover and looked at the Girl Scouts Garden at Sachem Rock Farm and agrees the size would be about the same as in Hanover. Mr. Sheedy asked who would be responsible for building the labyrinth. Reverend Conley stated that the local churches are looking for projects and the Boy Scouts Troop 29 along with many other people are interested in helping.

William Dowling stated he was in Chatham and had seen the stone labyrinth there and asked Reverend Conley if that was his intent. Reverend Conley stated that something similar would be nice but he would leave it up to the planners to make that decision that is low cost and low maintenance.

Mr. Sheedy had concern that in a few years when interest is down who would be responsible for maintaining the labyrinth going forward. Reverend Conley offered himself to be responsible and the people in his church would be willing to take responsibility.

Martin Crowley stated it would be a great thing to have in town and Sachem Rock is the perfect place for it. Reverend Conley stated that it is already a beautiful place and this would make it better. Reverend Conley also stated that all would be welcome.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the have a labyrinth built at Sachem Rock Farms contingent on seeing the final plans.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of July 27, 2015 Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of July 27, 2015 meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, the request from Stacey Coyne of the Massachusetts Vest-A-Dog for the use of Sachem Rock for an outside event, 20th Annual Dog Fest, on Sunday, November 1, 2015 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm, the event will take place from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve to disband the Land Use Committee due to inactivity effective immediately.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the Contract for Design Services East Bridgewater Public Library Project by and between Lerner/Ladds + Bartels, Inc. and the Town of East Bridgewater.

The Library Director, Manuel Leite and a Library Trustees Member, Jim Weidenfeller spoke regarding the contract to inform residents that this is only a feasibility study. There will be no construction or torn down, for more information go to www.eblibrary.org and there is a link with information. The Library Director is also available by phone at (508)378-1616 Ext. 101. Mr. Weidenfeller stated that there was a discussion on social media regarding this contract. The Trustees are not looking to move the location they are looking to expand on it.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the agreement by and between the Town of East Bridgewater and Vareika Construction, Inc. for the Town Hall Window Replacement Project.

The Facilities Manager, Brian Kiely was present for questions. David Sheedy asked if it was correct that the price was brought down by \$37,000.00. Mr. Kiely stated that was true, the original bid was for \$313,300.00 the price is \$276,300.00. Mr. Sheedy asked how many total windows would be replaced, Mr. Kiely stated 82 which includes the exterior trim around the windows. William Dowling asked what type of window they will be, Mr. Kiely stated they would be Harvey type windows. Martin Crowley asked if that includes all windows in the town hall to be replaced, Mr. Kiely stated all except the big round window in the stairwell. Mr. Dowling asked what the time frame of the installation is, Mr. Kiely stated they would like to get started at the end of this month and should be done by the end of November.

Mr. Crowley asked if there was anything else going on in the building, Mr. Kiely stated that: he has started getting quotes on new doors; they started painting the interior of the building; and the structural repairs were finished in the spring.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the request from April Drake for the use of the Town Common on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 4:00 pm for a wedding.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the request from East Bridgewater HOPE for the use of the Town Common on Thursday, September 17, 2015 from 6 pm-9 pm for a Candlelight Vigil.

M/Dowling, s/Crowley, a unanimous vote, approve the request from East Bridgewater HOPE to place purple flags on the Town Common September 12, 2015 through September 17, 2015.

David Sheedy spoke about the vigil and how the opiate problem is in this town and other towns.

Town Administrator Report

George Samia spoke about there is some contractual things going on and also the bonding from Town Meeting has been done and the town has maintained the same rating, the Selectmen need to have a meeting in the near future to sign the bonding. David Sheedy thanked the financial team for continuing to maintain this.

Board Discussion

William Dowling wanted to remind people that parts of some streets are closed in the evenings for road repairs.

Reminders

REMINDER FROM TOWN CLERK

Dog licenses are now due, any dog license after September 1st will be issued a late fee. If the dogs rabies are up to date you can renew you license on line at www.eastbridgewaterma.org. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Town Clerk's Office at 508-378-1606.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm


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Board of Selectmen