

A regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, August 24, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

No one present.

Open Forum closed by the Chairman

Appointment

Veteran's Agent, Robert Charles, was present for the signing of a three year employment contract between himself and the Town.

Mr. Charles introduced himself to the residents that do not know him and explained what services his job provides. Mr. Charles thanked the town for the opportunity to serve the community and stated the state reimburses the town 75% for the services.

David Sheedy stated how fortunate the town is and how much they appreciate the work Mr. Charles does.

William Dowling also thanked Mr. Charles for his services and is appreciated by the veterans in town. Mr. Dowling made note that the number of clients has increased significantly since Mr. Charles has started.

Mr. Sheedy stated that Mr. Charles is has also taken on the additional responsibility of processing passport requests.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the minutes of August 10, 2015 meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, the authorization of \$3,926,000 General Obligation Bond and \$3,551,000 Bond Authorization Note as provided.

George Samia explained the bonding issuance in the amount of \$3,926,00 is for a number of capital projects within the past few years which are not related to the high school project. The \$3,551,000 is the last portion of the High School but is not being done yet; they are waiting for the final audit to be done by the state to find out the actual amount that is needed to be borrowed.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Rose Culp from the East Bridgewater Business Association for the use of the Town Common on Saturday, September 12, 2015 from 7:00 am through 4:00 pm for a Business Expo & Family Fun Day.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from Donald Bailey, Jr. for the use of the outside of Sachem Rock Farm for a birthday party on Saturday, September 19, 2015 from 1:00 pm through 4:00 pm.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the change of appointment of Thomas Livingston as a member of the Recreation Commission to alternate member of the Recreation Commission effective immediately through June 30, 2018.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve, with regret, the resignation from Jennifer Huss as a member of the Recreation Commission effective immediately.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Diane Carey as a member of the Recreation Commission effective immediately through June 30, 2016.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Beverly Chartier as an alternate member of the Recreation Commission effective immediately through June 30, 2018.

Mr. Sheedy requested to have the Recreation Commission come in for the next Selectmen's Meeting for the Selectmen to speak to them regarding what they have accomplished this year and what their plans are for next year. Mr. Sheedy stated the Selectmen will continue this practice of bringing in other boards/committees to get some updates.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve to change the date for the East Bridgewater HOPE to place purple flags on the Town Common from September 12, 2015 through September 17, 2015 to August 31, 2015 through September 17, 2015.

David Sheedy explained the date is being changed to August 31, 2015 because that is international overdoes awareness day and is an epidemic in this area. Mr. Sheedy encouraged everyone to bring their families to the EB HOPE vigil on September 17, 2015.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the request from the Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer, Ed Gardner to accept the attached Agreement of Mutual Aid for Assistant Building Inspector Between the Towns of West Bridgewater and East Bridgewater, MA.

Mr. Sheedy explained it is an agreement between Ed Gardner and the town of West Bridgewater to back each other up as the Assistant Building Inspector.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, approve the appointment of Gloria Mitchell as the Town of East Bridgewater Associate Public Purchasing Officer effective immediately.

Town Administrator Report

George Samia brought up the idea of having a Fall Special Town Meeting. Mr. Samia informed the Selectmen that he sent out an email to all department heads regarding any capital requests they may have.

Mr. Sheedy stated that a town meeting will be needed by the end of September or beginning of October since many items were put off due to the uncertainty of what was going to happen at the last town meeting.

Board Discussion

David Sheedy mentioned a preliminary request for a request that was received for a pow wow at Sachem Rock next summer. Mr. Sheedy requested to have the information forwarded to the Police Chief and Fire Chief to get their thoughts on the request.

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.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR TRASH & RECYCLING!

Next holiday for trash & recycling is Labor Day on Monday, September 7, 2015.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, motion to adjourn.
VOTE: Yes – Sheedy, Dowling; a unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm



Board of Selectmen Clerk