

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 6:30 pm.

Present: John Margie, Chairman; David Sheedy, Vice Chairman; William Dowling, Clerk; George Samia, and Rebecca Johnson, Administrative Assistant.

Pledge of Allegiance

Open Forum

Assistant Town Clerk, Susan Gillpatrick was present to remind the residents of East Bridgewater to return their census forms. Drop Box spots are located at the Center at Sachem Rock, East Bridgewater Library and East Bridgewater Town Hall.

Appointment

Eagle Scout candidate, AJ Lyons and Reverend James Conley of the East Bridgewater Community Church were present to give an update to the Selectmen regarding the labyrinth behind the Sachem Rock Community Center. Reverend Conley stated with the help of donations and hard work the construction of the labyrinth was almost complete. He thanked the Selectmen for their support.

AJ Lyons stated that the project is now in its final stages. They'd like to finish the project by defining the pathway and would like to install signs. Ideas for signs include, explanation about what a labyrinth is and possible prayer signs or a peace pole. They asked for approval to install these signs/peace pole along the labyrinth.

Mr. Margie stated that before giving permission to install the signs the Board of Selectmen should check with Town Counsel to see if there might be any issues with posting these signs. They would be in touch with AJ Lyons and Reverend James Conley after speaking with them.

Building Commissioner / Zoning Enforcement Officer, Patrick Franey presented the existing fee schedule and the proposed fee schedule for the Town of East Bridgewater Planning & Building Department. He stated what fees were increasing and what would be staying the same. He mentioned that he had researched fees within surrounding towns and most are considerable higher.

Mr. Franey presented the Board of Selectmen a proposal for the implementation of web-based Building Permits based on the town's current PeopleForms platform (also provided by PeopleGIS). He stated that currently the department is using a different software that's very limited and not very user friendly. Mr. Franey explained that PeopleGIS is already existing in the town. Moving forward with the PeopleGIS within the Planning and Building department system streamlines with the IT Review suggestions. This program would allow residents to go online, pay the fees, and integrate with other departments using the program.

Mr. Franey explained the cost of the program, annual fees and the training available for the program. He also stated that this program is very user friendly.

There was a discussion and everyone agreed that implementing the PeopleGIS within the Planning and Building department would benefit the department and the Town. It was mentioned that in order to implement this program it will need to be formatted into an article and added to the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting.

M/Sheedy, s/Dowling, a unanimous vote, to move forward and implement the PeopleGIS program.

Action Items

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve to rescind the vote to appoint Sandra DiIillo to the Board of Registrars.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the appointment, of Jonathan A. White to the Board of Registrars effective 2/5/2018 through 06/30/2018.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018 6:30 pm meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve, the minutes of the January 9, 2018 1:00 pm Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve, the minutes of the January 22, 2018 6:00 pm Executive Session meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve, the minutes of the January 22, 2018 6:30 pm meeting.

M/Dowling, s/Sheedy, a unanimous vote, to approve, the following Annual and Special Town Meeting Schedule for the May 7, 2018 Annual and Special Town Meeting.

TIME FRAMES FOR ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 6, 2018	Notification to all departments
March 26, 2018	Deadline to submit articles to Selectmen
April 9, 2018	Articles reviewed by Finance Committee, Treasurer, Town Counsel, Accountant, Town Administrator and Selectmen
	Warrant closed and approved by Selectmen
April 23, 2018	Deadline to submit Warrant to Town Clerk
April 23, 2018	Last date to post warrant
April 24, 2018	Copy of articles available for distribution
April 30, 2018	Meet with Town Clerk, Moderator, etc. to go over Warrant
May 7, 2018	Annual Town Meeting

Town Administrator Report

Mr. Samia gave an update on the Public Auction that was held at East Bridgewater Town Hall January 31, 2018. He mentioned that the Town yielded \$395,000 from the sale of the various properties sold. Mr. Samia stated that this is an opportunity get these properties on the tax rolls and will benefit the town. He recognized Paula Wolfe, Assessor; Erica Flemming, Treasurer; Clifford & Kenny, Town Counsel and Sullivan & Sullivan Auctioneers for their hard work and dedication with the Hanson Land project.

Staff Reports

Library Director, Virginia Johnson would like the residents to know there will be an open forum regarding the Library expansion project on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:30 pm and Thursday, March 1, 2018 at 3:30 pm. Flyers will be available at Town Hall by the Selectmen's office.

Town Hall will be closed Monday, February 19, 2018 in observance of the Presidents Day Holiday. Trash Pickup will remain on its regular schedule.

Board Discussions

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

VOTE: Yes – Margie, Sheedy, Dowling a unanimous vote in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm


Clerk
Board of Selectmen