

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BRISTOL SS

At a meeting of the Bristol County Commissioners holden in person and remotely via Go-To-Meeting within and for the County of Bristol on the fifteenth of December A.D., 2020, by successive adjournments from the September term of the same year.

Present: Commissioner Paul B. Kitchen, Commissioner John R. Mitchell and Commissioner John T. Saunders.
Also in attendance: Benefits Coordinator Peter Carreiro and Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar. County Administrator Maria Gomes was in attendance on Go-to-Meeting.

Commissioner Kitchen called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

An attendance Roll Call was taken.

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Received a notice from the Bristol County Agricultural High School regarding the following employment matters:

1. Sarah Couto	Term. Long Term Sub Teacher	Effective 12/14/20
2. Sarah Couto	Appt. Science Teacher	Effective 12/14/20

The following Warrants were reviewed:

AP Warrant	12/15/20	#21047	\$194,309.16
AP Warrant	12/15/20	#21048	\$4,774,477.88
AP Warrant	12/15/20	#21052	\$455,412.60
AP Warrant	12/15/20	#21053	\$750.00
Payroll Warrant	12/17/20	#21054	\$156,699.44

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the Warrants as presented.

On the motion, Roll Call vote:

Mr. Mitchell	yes
Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to approve the minutes of December 2, 2020.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Mitchell	Yes
Mr. Saunders	Yes
Mr. Kitchen	Yes

Motion carries.

A communication had been received from the Bristol County Agricultural High School regarding a requested easement approval for the on-going construction project.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, representing the Bristol County Agricultural High School and Bristol County, it was voted to grant a perpetual right and easements with quitclaim covenants, in consideration of \$10.00, to the **EVERSOURCE GAS COMPANY of MASSACHUSETTS ,247 Station Drive, Westwood MA 02090** to enter upon from time to time, make necessary excavations, locate, relocate, erect, construct, reconstruct, add to, extend, repair, replace, maintain, operate, inspect or remove gas mains and/or distribution systems for gas, together with all fittings, pipes, valves, equipment and other fixtures and appurtenances necessary or useful in connection therewith, for the transmission and/or distribution of natural gas on, over, under and across that certain parcel of Grantor's land located at 108 Center Street in Dighton Massachusetts.

Fully executed Easement is attached to this vote.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders, it was voted to approve and place on file the PERAC Fiscal Year 2022 Retirement Appropriation notice in the amount of \$49,347,485.00. The appropriate notifications would be mailed to all members in early January.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes

Motion carries.

Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the tentative Meeting Schedule for calendar year 2021.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes

Motion carries.

2021 Bristol County Commissioner's Meeting Schedule

January 06, 2021- -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor
Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

January 12, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor [Election of Chairman]

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

January 26, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

February 9, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

February 23, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

March 9, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

March 23, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor [Statutory Meeting]**

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

April 6, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

April 20, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

May 4, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

May 18, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

June 1, 2021-4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

June 15, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

June 29, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

July 9, 2021-4 p.m. County Board Room- 2nd Floor (Year End Transfers)*

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

July 13, 2021 – 4 PM County Board Room – 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

July 27, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

August 10, 2021-4:00 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

August 24, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

September 7, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

September 21, 2021-4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

September 28, 2021-4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor [Statutory Meeting]**

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

October 5, 2021-4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse

9 Court Street

Taunton, MA 02780

October 19, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse
 9 Court Street
 Taunton, MA 02780

November 2, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse
 9 Court Street
 Taunton, MA 02780

November 16, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse
 9 Court Street
 Taunton, MA 02780

November 30, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse
 9 Court Street
 Taunton, MA 02780

December 14, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse
 9 Court Street
 Taunton, MA 02780

December 28, 2021 -4 PM County Board Room- 2nd Floor

Taunton Superior Courthouse
 9 Court Street
 Taunton, MA 02780

**** Statutory Meetings**

County Administrator Gomes stated that she had received a phone call from Alex Stylos of “The District” , 15 Court Street. He wished to schedule a meeting with the County Commissioners to discuss outside function for the upcoming summer season. Commissioner Kitchen asked that he be placed on the Agenda for the first meeting in February 2021.

Mrs. Gomes also reported that she had been receiving emails regarding the impending discontinuance of Channel 5, WCVB service to the Bristol County area.

Joining the meeting remotely, Jerry Gibbs, a Raynham resident and member of that town’s Cable Advisory Board addressed the Commissioners about the potential change in line-up for Comcast services in Bristol County. He informed the commissioners that the cable network had reversed its decision to stop WCVB service just in the last couple of days. However, he would request that the Commissioner’s hold a public hearing to discuss the importance of Bristol County potentially changing its viewing market with the FCC. Currently, Bristol County is designated in the Providence viewing market. The FCC allows counties to petition the FCC to change its viewing market.

Commissioner Kitchen asked Mr. Gibbs to provide the information to Ms. Gomes. The information from the state of Georgia FCC ruling would provide the County Commissioners with some information on what the FCC looks for prior to making viewing market changes. Mr. Gibbs suggested maybe a public hearing in early spring regarding the Boston market and the potential of losing certain network affiliates. Bristol County has lost the NBC and FOX affiliates and potentially are about to lose the ABC affiliate in Boston. Eliminating the Boston affiliates is a huge concern to Bristol County residents.

Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar recommended that Shirley Oliver be promoted to Senior Building Custodian at the Taunton Superior Court. Eduardo Martins would also be transferred to the Taunton Superior Court. Upon motion of Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Commissioner Mitchell, it was voted to approve the recommendation of Facilities Superintendent Scott Aguiar to promote Shirley Oliver to Senior Building Custodian.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes

Motion carries.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mitchell, seconded by Commissioner Saunders to adjourn at 4:23 pm.

On the motion, Roll Call:

Mr. Saunders	yes
Mr. Kitchen	yes
Mr. Mitchell	yes

Motion carries.

APPROVED
DATE

1/6/2021
[Signature]
John J. Saunders
BRISTOL COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS