

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Thursday, April 29, 2010

Present: Robert A. Powilatis, Chairman  
Matthew V. Moore, Vice-Chairman  
Brinsley A. Fuller, Associate

Absent: Paul S. Currie, Clerk  
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Chairman Powilatis, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, and began with a request that all cell phones be turned off and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Mr. William Pritchard

The Chairman announced that there is a brief agenda tonight. Mr. William Pritchard, a former long time member of the Planning Board and the Industrial Development Commission, has always had an interest in the development of land in Holbrook, and will speak to the Board about his idea for a project to help the Town of Holbrook.

Mr. Pritchard explained that there has been a question for years about what the Town could do to attract more business to Holbrook. Business seems to come through the surrounding towns, but stops at the Holbrook line. Towns like Braintree, Brockton, Randolph and Avon have highway access and lower tax rates. Mr. Pritchard said the question is how Holbrook can get highway access. After looking at the towns that surround us, Mr. Pritchard saw that Harrison Boulevard in Avon is aimed at Holbrook's industrial area near the railroad tracks on Spring Street. He described a large tract of land, owned by many different owners that could be developed into an industrial area.

Mr. Pritchard said he has had the idea reviewed by professionals. He explained that his plan includes extending Harrison Boulevard into Holbrook, going to a rotary, and branching out into an industrial park. Avon would pick up frontage for its own industrial area, so the plan would be mutually beneficial to the two towns.

Mr. Powilatis said that initially, Holbrook should approach the Selectmen and Planning Board in Avon to ascertain whether they are interested in this idea.

**TOWN MEETING WARRANTS:**

Town meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2010. Board members will meet with the Finance Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup> to go over some changes to the proposed budget. The Selectmen will meet on May 4<sup>th</sup> to finalize the warrants.

**ADJOURN:**

**MOTION:** By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Fuller, to discuss strategy that may relate to litigation, and return to open session.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mr. Powilatis – Yes  
Mr. Fuller – Yes  
Mr. Moore – Yes

9:27 p.m.: Return to open session.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Fuller, to sign and agree to the Order to Vacate, September 4, 2009 judgment, contingent upon counsel – Murphy, Hesse, Toomey and Lehane – advising what was the best method for the Town (whether it be this or other options).

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Powilatis – Yes  
Mr. Fuller – Yes  
Mr. Moore – Yes

ADJOURN:

MOTION: At 9:29 p.m., by Mr. Fuller, second by Mr. Moore, to adjourn the open meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Powilatis – Yes  
Mr. Fuller – Yes  
Mr. Moore – Yes

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Paul S. Currie, Clerk