

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, July 10, 2013

Present: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman
Brinsley A. Fuller, Vice-Chairman
Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Matthew V. Moore, Associate

In attendance: Benjamin Ecord, Superintendent of Public Works
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Gordon, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Holbrook Town Hall, 1st Floor, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Fuller, second by Mr. Sheehan, to accept the minutes of the regular session of May 22, 2013, as printed

VOTE: 4:0:1 (Mr. Moore abstained)

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Fuller, to accept the minutes of the executive session of May 22, 2013, as printed

VOTE: 4:0:1 (Mr. Moore abstained)

It was announced that there will be a YARD WASTE DROP-OFF collection at the former landfill on Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27, 2013, for Holbrook residents only.

Animal Control Officer Laurice Hedges received a check for a generous donation, in the amount of \$5,000.00, for the Animal Shelter from the COPELAND FAMILY FOUNDATION, INC.

MOTION: By Mr. Fuller, second by Mr. Sheehan, to accept the generous monetary donation, in the amount of \$5,000.00, from the Copeland Family Foundation, Inc., to be used for the Animal Shelter

VOTE: 5:0

At the special town meeting on January 16, 2013, a new by-law, "REGISTRATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ABANDONED OR FORECLOSED BUILDINGS, STRUCTURES AND PROPERTIES" was passed, and subsequently approved by the Attorney General. The Building Inspector has requested that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish the amount of the Registration Fee under the by-law.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen establish the Registration Fee pursuant to MGL c. 40 §22F, and that the Registration Fee be set at \$100 per application

VOTE: 5:0

Fire Chief Edward J. O'Brien requested that the Board consider an APPROPRIATION TRANSFER in the amount of \$3,009.18 for the Fire Department.

MOTION: By Mr. Fuller, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board grant the request for the transfer of \$3,009.18 from EMT Salaries 01-230-5113-000 to EMT Expenses 01-230-5421-000, in order to pay for mechanical repairs to an ambulance, and the final oxygen bills for FY13

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Ecord reported that:

The work at the SUMNER FIELD is continuing. The repairs to the fence are complete. Preparations for the concrete patio have been done. Anchors will be put in the concrete for the tables to be installed. Mr. Gordon asked that six tables be placed in the middle of the patio. Discussion took place about replacing the storage container. Mr. Ecord advised that a trucking concern would have to be contacted to remove the one that is on site now. The current one will be pushed into the woods, and the area will be filled in to level it. The well head will be buried, and more lights will be installed. There will be further discussion about the trees and the swing sets to be installed.

There is a bid opening on July 11th for the repaving and sidewalks on WEYMOUTH STREET and the paving of BEACH AND NORTH SHORE ROADS.

The water main project on LINWOOD STREET will be started the end of July or the beginning of August.

Two-thirds of QUINCY STREET is already sewerred and has new water mains. The Sportsmen's Club wants to tie in to the sewer system.

The addition of sidewalks on SOUTH STREET is still being considered.

QUINCY STREET has been known as a County way. Mr. Phelan will be asked to contact the County about paving Quincy Street. Mr. Sheehan said that Quincy Street was on the list to be repaved by the town, but work on Weymouth Street has replaced it.

PHASE 5 SEWERS will be bid next week, and the construction in the area including Dorian Way, Crescent Drive, Spring Lane and High Street, is expected to begin in August.

A price to repave PLYMOUTH STREET in the area of Hallamore is expected soon.

Mr. Sheehan asked Mr. Ecord about cleaning up the power boxes for the lights in the square by removing the flyers and/or painting the boxes.

In response to a question about the post lights in the square that need replacement, Mr. Ecord said they are \$8,000.00 each. Mr. Gordon asked that a less expensive alternative be found.

Mr. Gordon asked that the Public Works Department trim some VEGETATION overhanging the sidewalk in the area of the Kingdom Hall on N. Franklin Street and near the Sumner Field on S. Franklin Street.

There are six young people working as SUMMER HELP through the Public Works Department. The Board requested that they be assigned to walk the main streets picking up trash weekly.

Mr. Gordon suggested that the DPW look into the possibility of utilizing a device that will KILL WEEDS using steam.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: At 7:25 pm, to discuss strategy and conduct contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Fire Chief and Police Chief), discuss strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with Union personnel (Clerical), and not return to open session

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ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Fuller – Yes
 Mr. Sheehan – Yes
 Mr. McGaughey – Yes
 Mr. Moore – Yes
 Mr. Gordon – Yes

Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents:

Agenda

Draft minutes

Copeland Foundation letter

AG's letter re: new by-laws

Transfer request from Fire Chief