

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Monday, August 4, 2014

Present: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman  
Matthew V. Moore, Vice-Chairman  
Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk  
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate  
Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Associate

In attendance: William J. Phelan, Town Administrator  
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator

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

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, to accept the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, June 25, 2014, as printed

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

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to accept the minutes of the Executive Session of Wednesday, June 25, 2014, as printed

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

Mrs. Karen Santorelli noted that it is exciting that the school building project has reached the point where the Selectmen will be voting tonight to place the DEBT EXCLUSION QUESTION on a November election ballot.

Town Administrator Phelan reported that:

- The contractor on a sewer project has been put on notice by the Resident Engineers because they have not constructed and put a pump station in place, or completed the punch list. The Town is entitled to liquidated damages, if necessary.
- The next water main project has been awarded, and Stevens Drive will be added to the project.
- The intersection improvements project at Weymouth, Pine and Sycamore Streets is going out to bid. The improvements, with the exception of the installation of the lights, should be done before winter.
- That Verizon was given permission by the Board last year to go door-to-door to their own customers.
- The doors and windows are ready to be installed in the former fire station, the ceiling is going up on the first floor, and the carpet is due to be installed. A ribbon cutting ceremony with the Sheriff's Department will be scheduled for a meeting in September.
- The NSTAR project is continuing through the regulatory process.

A special town meeting will be scheduled at the next meeting. The School Department, Moderator and Town Clerk will be contacted about the week of October 20, 2014.

**DEBT EXCLUSION BALLOT QUESTION:**

A Proposition Two and One-Half debt exclusion question for the SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECT must be sent to the Secretary of State's office requesting approval to place it on the State Election Ballot of November 4, 2014, or the Town will need to schedule a special election to put this question before the voters. Mr. Gordon thanked those who have worked hard to get this project to this point.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen approve the following Proposition 2 ½ Debt Exclusion Ballot Question, and that it be submitted to the Secretary of State's office in order to be included on the November 2014 State Election Ballot:

Shall the Town of Holbrook be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds to be issued in order to finance the construction of a building or buildings and to acquire equipment and furnishings related thereto for a pre-kindergarten to grade twelve school and all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_

No \_\_\_\_\_

**VOTE:** 5:0

Representatives of MASSMEDICUM CORP., including Dr. James Kurnick and Atty. Phil Silverman, were present to discuss cultivating MEDICAL MARIJUANA at 1 Mear Road. Massmedicum had an agreement to dispense medical marijuana in Holbrook, but was not selected for a state license in Norfolk County. The state has indicated that they are eligible for a license in a county where a license has not been given for dispensing, and they can cultivate it in Norfolk County also. Mr. Silverman explained that they need a lease at 1 Mear Road and a letter of local support by August 29<sup>th</sup>. They had an agreement with the Town for a Dispensary, and instead, are now looking for an agreement as a Cultivation Facility. Dr. Kurnick was introduced, and his credentials were explained. He said that Massmedicum's approach is different from other medical marijuana facilities because they will have a pharmacist overseeing the operation, and Dr. Kurnick believes in extracting from the plant what is needed for a particular patient depending on their particular symptoms or disease. There will be no patients coming or going from the Holbrook facility. They will provide a template for the letter they are required to get from the Town. Mr. Silverman indicated that the Town's compensation would be based on the gross revenue, and money would be given to the Town in advance and earned back by Massmedicum. The discussion will continue at the next Selectmen's meeting.

The AMBULANCE ABATEMENT list from New England Medical Billing was submitted by Fire Chief Luke McFadden for consideration by the Board.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen take Chief McFadden's suggestion and abate the amount of one hundred five thousand five hundred dollars and 82 cents for the quarter including April 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014

**VOTE:** 5:0

Mr. Gordon said he has spoken to the Business Manager at the NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL about the tuition bill the Town has received in the amount of \$38,000. He said the legislation giving Agricultural School authority to charge the tuition was not well written, but nineteen communities are paying the bill. The School is looking for \$2,000 per student, in addition to

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the County Tax charged on the cherry sheet. The total tuition per student is under \$5,000. These bills would need to be appropriated at town meeting for fiscal years 2014 and 2015.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen support an article at the special town meeting to pay the back tuition for the Norfolk County Agricultural School

VOTE: 5:0

Treasurer/Collector Paul Digirolamo will be asked to report on the status of the foreclosed properties. Superintendent of Public Works Ben Ecord will be asked to treat the weeds along the sidewalk from the square to the playground.

School Committee Chairperson Barbara Davis thanked the members of the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator for their work on the Permanent School Building Committee.

The Town has been notified by Ms. Jen Hohl of HOLBROOK CARES that the Town has been awarded a planning grant that will be used to educate the residents and work toward a solution for the increase in illegal drug use and overdoses in Holbrook. The Town, as the fiscal agent for the grant, will have internal control and oversight over the grant. It was announced that an Opioid Overdose education night will be held on Tuesday, August 19, 2014, from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm, in St. Joseph's Church Hall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: At 7:55 pm, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 5:0

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Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents:

Agenda

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Ambulance Abatement request

Marijuana Host Community Agreements