

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, March 12, 2014

Present: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman
Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate

Absent: Matthew V. Moore, 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. Sheehan, second by Mr. McGaughey, to accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, January 8, 2014, as printed

VOTE: 3:0

Mr. Gordon announced that the Town of Avon has scheduled a special town meeting at 7:30 pm on Monday, March 24, 2014, in order to vote on forming a REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PLANNING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Phelan reported that:

- The Capital Improvement Planning Committee met recently. The funding of the Plan came from free cash last year, and that line item was zeroed out for 2014, which has created an issue for this year. Hopefully, the Finance Committee will restore the \$200,000 in funding.
- The Town Hall project is coming along, and should be done by early May. The departments that are upstairs in the Town Hall will be moved down to the first floor in the garage area of the former Fire Station 1.
- The sewer project on Spring Street continued longer than anticipated into the cold weather, and will resume when the weather breaks.
- The water main projects to be addressed in the spring of 2014 include the Juniper and Dale Road flooding and the part of Quincy Street that has not received sewer and water mains.
- The Weymouth, Pine and Sycamore Street intersection renovation is listed on the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP), but not expected to be funded for years. The Metropolitan Area Planning Council will lobby for the project.
- The Union Street project is not scheduled to be funded yet, but is also on the TIP.

ONE DAY SPECIAL LICENSES:

Mr. Bill Farrell explained that he was present asking for a One Day Special License for a fundraiser for a 27 year old resident of Norfolk Road, Ms. Marielle Livesey, who is waiting for a lung transplant.

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MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Sheehan, to approve a One Day Special Alcohol License for St. Joseph Parish for a fundraiser on March 22, 2014

VOTE: 3:0

It was explained that Father John Currie of St. Joseph Parish requested a One Day Special Alcohol License for an annual fundraiser, which will be held on April 12th of this year.

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Sheehan, to approve a One Day Special Alcohol License for St. Joseph Parish for a fundraiser on April 12, 2014

VOTE: 3:0

CHIEF OF POLICE:

Present: Paul Porter, retired Chief of Police for Town of Randolph

Mr. Phelan explained that it has been determined that it is appropriate to appoint Chief Porter until such time as a new permanent chief is selected. A question has been placed on the annual town election warrant asking the voters whether the Chief of Police position should be removed from Civil Service.

Mr. Phelan discussed the advantages of removing the position from Civil Service.

MOTION: By Mr. Gordon, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen appoint Chief Paul Porter as a provisional police chief for the Town of Holbrook

VOTE: 3:0

Chief Porter indicated that he is a strong advocate for removing the Chief's position from Civil Service, and advised that many other towns have already done so. He noted that the Civil Service Chief's exam is scheduled in May, with the results available in August or September.

Mr. Gordon thanked him for his service.

The Board scheduled a SPECIAL TOWN MEETING within the annual town meeting on May 7, 2014.

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen schedule a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 8:15 pm, in the gymnasium of Holbrook Junior-Senior High School, 245 South Franklin Street, and that the warrant for said meeting open immediately and close at 12:00 pm on Friday, April 4, 2014

VOTE: 3:0

MOTION: At 7:30 pm, by Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Sheehan, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 3:0

Clerk

Documents: Agenda, minutes, One Day License applications