

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, September 9, 2015

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

In attendance: Edward J. O'Brien, Interim Town Administrator
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator
William Smith, Chief of Police
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief
Benjamin Ecord, Superintendent of Public Works
Paul Digirolamo, Town Treasurer/Collector

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Moore, in the Selectman Noel C. King Meeting Room, Holbrook Town Hall, Floor 3R, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was reported that:

- The Building Department has placed a cease and desist order on a property on Technical Park Drive where dumping has occurred.
- The owner of the property at 115 Union Street is being pursued in court by the Building Department for zoning violations.
- The Friends of the Holbrook Public Library are holding their Annual Book Sale on September 25th & 26th.
- The Norfolk County Sheriff, Michael G. Bellotti, contacted the Town about the drug and alcohol addiction epidemic currently affecting all communities. Sheriff Bellotti would like to address the Board at a future meeting.

The Permanent Cable Television Advisory Committee (PCTAC) members were present. The members include: Zack Gorman, Keith O'Brien and Fred White. It was discussed that the COMCAST LICENSE AGREEMENT expires on March 24, 2018. The Massachusetts Department of Telecommunications and Cable has notified the Town that the ascertainment process should be started to determine the Town's cable-related needs and a review of Comcast's performance.

Mr. O'Brien explained that the Committee will need to work with an attorney to complete the process. After considering the options, he would recommend that the Board engage the services of William August, Esq. Mr. August has worked with the Committee in the past, on both the Comcast and the Verizon agreements. It was announced that the PCTAC is in need of two more members.

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen accept William August, Esq. as the attorney of record to work with the Permanent Cable Television Advisory Committee on the renewal of the Comcast License

VOTE: 4:0

Mr. McGaughey reported that a meeting to organize the dedication ceremonies for the new meeting room is expected to be held on Thursday, September 17th.

Ms. Ylma Damiron, representing EARLY HEADSTART, was present to update the Board on the efforts to keep Early Headstart services available in Holbrook for Holbrook children, which was discussed at the last meeting. Ms. Damiron said that they attended a very positive meeting with the decision makers on the subject, and she wanted to thank the Board for issuing a letter of support. Mr. Moore thanked them for fighting for the children of Holbrook.

Treasurer/Collector Paul Digirolamo reviewed information on the financing of the new PREK – 12 SCHOOL PROJECT. He explained that the bonding procedure takes six weeks, and will occur about November 25th. \$6.3 million is on a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) already. He will now do permanent borrowing of \$38.5 million for a term of 25 years. The current interest rate is 3.163%, which may fluctuate up or down between now and November. He provided information on the effect on the assessment of an average house valued at \$250,000. At an interest rate of 3.5%, the average home would see an increase of \$620 on their annual real estate tax bill.

The articles on the draft SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT for the meeting on September 30, 2015 were reviewed and explained. Funding sources still need to be identified.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to approve the Special Town Meeting Warrant of September 30, 2015, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to close the Special Town Meeting Warrant

VOTE: 4:0

Chief Smith thanked the Public Works Department for the work they did securing the dog kennel for one of the K-9s. The new fingerprint scanning system is nearing completion so that the Department will be live with the state.

Chief McFadden said that the Firefighter Paramedic candidate has passed another requirement, with one more test to come. The Fire Department radio repeater is fully installed.

Chairman Moore said that one more benefit of the new PreK – 12 school is that it will also be able to serve as a shelter and a cooling center when needed.

Mr. Ecord explained that the completion of the Weymouth Street intersection is delayed because Verizon still needs to move a pole. The intersection should be paved and the lights should be functioning within a couple of weeks. The pavement on 139 will be fixed and Quincy Street will be paved in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Moore asked whether the Public Works employees have uniforms. Mr. Ecord said they are allowed to wear dungarees and they have tee-shirts.

The TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH COMMITTEE met earlier tonight. They will be interviewing five finalists on the 15th, and will develop a list and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the Selectmen's meeting on the 23rd. The finalists will be invited to that meeting.

MOTION: At 7:55 pm, by Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 4:0

Documents: STM warrant, Sheriff Bellotti's letter,
School financing info from Treasurer