

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, June 4, 2015

Present: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman
Matthew V. Moore, Vice-Chairman
Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk and Acting Chairman
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Associate (arrived at 7:07 pm)

In attendance: Paul Digirolamo, Treasurer/Collector
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief
William Smith, Acting Chief of Police
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, Floor 3R, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. McGaughey, to approve the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, April 29, 2015, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. McGaughey, to approve the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, May 6, 2015, as printed and as amended

Discussion: Mr. Sheehan noted that the date printed on the top of the draft minutes needs to be corrected from "Wednesday, May 6, 2014" to read "Wednesday, May 6, 2015".

VOTE: 3:0:1 (Mr. Moore abstained)

Resident DEBBIE RICHMOND of Border Road, expressed a concern about a recent notice from the Building Inspector that there is an overweight vehicle parked at her home. The weight limit in that zone is 10,000 lbs. The vehicle is registered for 12,000 lbs. Inspector Daniel Moriarty will be asked to attend the next Selectmen's meeting if the issue cannot be explained satisfactorily to Ms. Richmond prior to the meeting.

Chief Smith provided information on a recent incident involving a POLICE K9. Unfortunately, a boy swinging a baseball bat was bitten by the dog. Preventative measures have been taken so that this very unfortunate event will not occur again.

Eric Michael LaFerriere, of Boy Scout Troop #153, was congratulated on attaining the rank of EAGLE SCOUT. A certificate acknowledging this accomplishment will be issued by the Board.

Notification has been received from the Mass. Dept. of Environmental Protection (DEP) that the TRANSFER STATION to be built on Phillips Road is moving forward, and will be before the Board of Health soon.

Chief McFadden reported that the Town and Fire Department will be receiving \$25,858 of Federal reimbursement because of participation in the AMBULANCE CERTIFIED PUBLIC EXPENDITURE PROGRAM (CPE), which supplements the Medicare and Medicaid receipts for ambulance services in order to help offset the Town's cost of the ambulance.

The process of choosing the next permanent POLICE CHIEF is moving along. The sole assessment testing is scheduled to take place on Friday, June 9th.

Attorney Jonathan Silverstein of Kopelman and Paige, PC, discussed the proposed new CASINO IN BROCKTON, his experience with representing communities surrounding a community with a proposed casino and other related gaming matters. It was explained that Brockton's final Phase II application is due to the Gaming Commission sometime mid-July to late summer, and must include the surrounding community agreements or a list of communities, or the communities must submit a petition to the Gaming Commission with information to support themselves. Communities that are likely to experience significant adverse impact from such things as traffic, housing impacts, public safety, or shared utilities, etc., are included. The first step in this process by Mr. Silverstein will be to send a letter to the developer of the project requesting designation as a SURROUNDING COMMUNITY. Mr. Silverstein explained that if Holbrook is successful in getting surrounding community status, the developer will pay his legal fees. If unsuccessful, the Town of Holbrook will pay a reduced fee for his services.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, to accept Kopelman and Paige, PC as the Town of Holbrook's representative for Holbrook's Surrounding Community status for the new casino in Brockton

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Silverstein advised that a member of the Board should be chosen to serve on the NEGOTIATING TEAM, along with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Superintendent of Public Works.

Firefighter Brian Macauley provided details about a MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY "FILL THE BOOT" FUNDRAISER the Firefighters would like to hold from 10 am – 3 pm on August 15, 2015. The Firefighters requested use of the Sumner Field for a family friendly event to include a car show, jump houses, a dunk tank, games for the children, and hamburgers, hot dogs and soft drinks. The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) covers the liability insurance and will oversee the event. The Board indicated they were in support of the event.

Discussion took place about establishing a SOLID WASTE DROP OFF FACILITY, which was suggested by resident Michael Yunits. The solid waste contract is up June 30th. Republic, the current provider, wants a 2 year agreement. Troupe is also interested. This drop off facility would have to be incorporated into a new agreement. Mr. Ecord will obtain rate information on drop offs.

The Board reviewed a renewal agreement with the Massachusetts Education and Government Association (MEGA) for the Town's WORKERS' COMPENSATION insurance renewal for FY16. The Board asked that other companies be contacted for a quote.

Mr. Edward J. O'Brien, the recently retired Fire Chief, was introduced as the Board's choice to fill the position of INTERIM TOWN ADMINISTRATOR.

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MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen appoint Edward J. O'Brien as the Interim Town Administrator, with a job description and length of contract to be worked out at the next meeting

VOTE: 5:0

VACATION CARRY-OVER:

Employees under the Salary Administration Plan, and certain employment agreements, must get Board of Selectmen approval to carry vacation time from FY15 into FY16. Members of the Clerical Union with more than 10 days to carry over must also get approval from the Board of Selectmen.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, to approve the carryover of vacation time from FY15 into FY16 for the following list of employees:

Laurice Hedges – 8 days (56 hrs.)
Marjorie Godfrey – 10 days (70 hrs.)
Arthur Boyle – 10 days (70 hrs.)
Chief Luke McFadden – 7 days

VOTE: 5:0

Chief Smith reported that OFFICER JOSEPH SALVUCCI will be receiving a letter of commendation following his actions in locating and reviving a suicidal resident who had hung himself.

Chief McFadden reported that over \$80,000 will be received by the Town for a 9-1-1 regional development grant for improvements to the public safety COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS. The process of hiring a new firefighter has begun to replace Firefighter Joe McKinnon who has joined the Massport Fire Department.

Superintendent Ecord reported that the Weymouth, Pine and Sycamore Streets intersection is expected to be completed in 2 to 3 months. M E Smith, the contractor on the Spring Street sewer project is back on the project to complete the Spring Street pump station. Gioioso is starting the sewer extension project on Plymouth Street by Hallamore. The sidewalks on Quincy Street will be done in a couple of weeks. The Stevens Drive, Baker Road, and Quincy Street water mains are done.

Mr. Moriarty said there is only one stop sign at the intersection of Weymouth, Pine and Sycamore, and asked that a second one be re-installed.

Mr. Gordon asked about the traffic backup in Brookville square as it relates to the timing of the lights.

It was announced that the GROUNDBREAKING for the new school project will be held at 11 am on June 23rd. All are invited.

MOTION: At 8:10 pm, to adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy as it relates to litigation (Norfolk County Agricultural School), and to discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of or complaints or charges brought against a public officer, employee, staff member or individual, and not return to open session

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Sheehan – Yes
Mr. McGaughey – Yes

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Mr. Moriarty – Yes
Mr. Moore – Yes
Mr. Gordon – Yes

Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents:

Agenda

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Eagle Scout notification

DEP – Administrative Completeness Notice

CPE letter

Email from Firefighters re: Use of Sumner Field

MEGA agreement & bind order

Vacation carry-over requests