

Holbrook Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Regular Session of
Wednesday, February 10, 2016

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

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator
William Smith, Chief of Police
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief
Benjamin Ecord, Superintendent of Public Works
Stephan Hooke, Director, Communications Department
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.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, January 27, 2016, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

Mr. Gordon reported that:

- The contract for the State Earmark Grant has been received. Work on improvements at the Town Hall and Library will begin soon. Rep. Ronald Mariano was thanked for his assistance.
- The Board of Selectmen's FY17 draft budget is nearly complete.
- All documentation has been completed for the Community Development Block Grant application.
- Clean Earth is working with the Dept. of Environmental Protection on permitting for the use of the landfill.
- The closing date for the sale of 227 Plymouth Street has been changed to February 24, 2016.
- The Dept. of Revenue-Division of Local Services technical assistance visit to identify improvements that could be made to the Town's financial areas is anticipated for March.
- The Mass. Gaming Commission public hearing on the Brockton casino was uneventful, with the majority speaking in favor of the project. Many attendees were Brockton residents.
- The draft School budget for FY17 is being reviewed by the School Budget Subcommittee.
- The Union Street Renovation Project has been reviewed with the engineers, and a meeting with Mass. Dept. of Transportation is scheduled for February 18th.
- The Historical Commission is working on the details of the Town's Birthday Celebration on February 28th. The Board asked that the \$10 admission charge be a "suggested donation".
- Collective bargaining is continuing with the Joint Water employees.
- Resident Elaine Hyland was recognized for coordinating the presentation of a Town of Holbrook flag to be hung in the Hall of Flags at the Statehouse. The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 1:00 pm.
- Pastor Shawn Keener, the new pastor of the Brookville Bible Church was introduced.

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- Holbrook Cares will be meeting next week with the Police Chief from Gloucester where a program has been put in place to decriminalize drug use and get help for the drug user.

Chief McFadden presented the AMBULANCE ABATEMENT list from New England Medical Billing for the quarter ending December 31, 2015.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to grant the ambulance abatements in the amount of One Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Two Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars and ten cents (\$175,295.10) for the quarter including October 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015

VOTE: 4:0

SCHEDULE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING:

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen schedule a Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, at 8:15 pm, in the Gymnasium at Holbrook Junior-Senior High School, 245 South Franklin Street

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen open the warrant for the Special Town Meeting at 8:00 am on Thursday, February 11, 2016, and close it at noon on Friday, April 1, 2016

VOTE: 4:0

SALE OF 227 PLYMOUTH STREET:

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to sell the property located at 227 Plymouth Street shown on Holbrook Assessor's Map 22 as Parcel 212 containing 13,760 square feet of land and buildings for an amount of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$250,000.00) to Thomas F. Culhane and Bonnie K. Culhane as authorized by Article 15 of the February 2, 2010 Special Town Meeting and Article 30 of the May 3, 2011 Annual Town Meeting.

VOTE: 4:0

WORLD PEACE DAY – September 21, 2016:

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen designate September 21, 2016 as WORLD PEACE DAY in the Town of Holbrook, as requested by the sixth grade South School Civics Club

VOTE: 4:0

Mr. Gordon advised that before improvements can be addressed at the Lake Holbrook Dam, the standpipe, or the water mains, a source of revenue must be found.

Department updates:

- The Fire Department responded to 50 calls in 48 hours during the recent snowstorm. The Firefighters have been training on using "Safety Net" equipment to locate people with conditions such as Alzheimer's or dementia.

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- The Police Department will have a request for a lateral transfer on the next Selectmen's agenda. The background checks are being completed on the candidates being considered for two new recruits.
- The Public Works Department reported that limbs were knocked down, streets were closed, and there were water main breaks related to the recent snowstorms. There will be a request for deficit spending on Snow and Ice on the next agenda.
- The Communications Department reported that Whitman Fire's dispatching went full-time on the day before the snowstorm, and apparatus or a cruiser were dispatched 160 times in 8 hours the next day.
- The Treasurer/Tax Collector reported that real estate payments are coming in, and excise bills are going out. The company handling the Town's tax title issues will be coming in to speak about a receivership program and provide an update on tax title, probably in April.

Mr. Gordon advised that an article will be included on the next town meeting warrant to allow unpaid fines from citations issued by the Building Department to become a lien on the property. Collective bargaining is in process with the Dispatchers, Clerical and Public Works employees.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 4:0

Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Clerk

Documents: Agenda, Minutes, Ambulance Abatements