

Holbrook Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the Regular Session of  
Wednesday, April 12, 2017

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

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator  
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator  
Paul Digirolamo, Town Treasurer/Collector  
Jeanmarie Tarara, Town Clerk  
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief  
William Smith, Chief of Police  
Stephan Hooke, Communications Director  
Bethiny Moseley, Town Accountant  
Donald Colon, Director, Public Library  
Eryc Cormac, Public Library Trustee  
William Buckley, School Committee member

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.

Selectmen Lee and Moore were each re-elected for 3-year terms at the Annual Town Election on April 4, 2017. The Town Clerk swore them both in at this meeting.

Selectman Moriarty spoke about SOLICITORS coming to his door at this home. There are NO permits issued to anyone to go door-to-door to sell anything in Holbrook. Residents were urged to contact the Police when someone is soliciting in their neighborhood.

It was announced that the TOWN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE is in need of donations and new members.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Lee, to accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, February 22, 2017, as printed

VOTE: 3:0:2 (Mr. Moore and Mr. Sheehan abstained)

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Moore, to accept the executive session minutes of Wednesday, February 22, 2017, as printed

VOTE: 3:0:2 (Mr. Lee and Mr. Sheehan abstained)

Mr. Gordon presented his report, and announced that:

- There will be re-zoning hearings on April 18<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- A tax title property auction by a professional consultant is scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>
- Blue Hills School is proposing a renovation project, and will be presenting information to the Board on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

- TLA is submitting a new application to DEP for the transfer station project. The Certificate of Site Suitability requires the Chairman's signature.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Mass. DEP Certificate of Site Suitability Report  
VOTE: 5:0

Tri-Town WATER USE is now in Phase 1 – no automatic watering devices or soaker hoses. Hand held hoses with shutoff only are allowed.

ANNUAL REORGANIZATION:

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Moore, to keep the Board the same  
VOTE: 2:3 (Mr. Lee, Mr. McGaughey, and Mr. Sheehan against)

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Sheehan, to nominate Mr. Lee as the Chairman  
VOTE: 3:0:2 (Mr. Moore and Mr. Moriarty abstained)

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Lee, to nominate Mr. Moriarty as the Vice-Chairman  
VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Lee, to nominate Mr. Sheehan as the Clerk  
VOTE: 5:0

Mr. John Smith, a former resident who grew up in Holbrook, spoke about Mr. LONNY MCGAUGHEY who recently passed away. Mr. Smith suggested that a ball field at the Sumner Field be named in memory of Mr. McGaughey and his dedication to sports in Holbrook. Selectman McGaughey said his brother was very humble and probably would not want this honor. Different athletic fields were discussed. It was suggested that the Board find out about a field at the new school, or a farm or softball field.

Stephan Hooke, Director of the Public Safety Communications Department, spoke about the unseen first responders in an emergency – the Dispatchers – and thanked them for their work. Several of the Dispatchers were present. A proclamation was read recognizing NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATOR WEEK.

Ms. Denise Hinckley, representing four churches that make up the HOLBROOK COMMUNITY OF CHURCHES, requested the use of the Sumner Field for a movie night on July 1, 2017. Mr. Lee asked that the time of the event be changed to 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm, instead of 4:00 – 9:00. Ms. Hinkley indicated that they could make the change. There are no lights available at that field.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to grant the permit to the Holbrook Community of Churches to use the Sumner Field on July 1, 2017 from 4:00 – 9:00 pm, with the time subject to change, and a certificate of insurance from one of the churches  
Discussion: Ms. Hinckley indicated she has been in touch with the Police Chief about a detail  
VOTE: 5:0

**PUBLIC HEARING CONTINUED:** Eversource Energy Walpole to Holbrook 115-kV Reliability Project (originally opened on March 8, 2017. Project proposes to add a new transmission line on the vacant side of existing towers between Centre Street and the existing Holbrook Substation on Pine Street. Requires the aerial crossing of N. Franklin St., Centre St., Scott St., Westdale Rd., Damon Ave. and Pine St.

**Present:** Karis North, Esq., Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane – Town Counsel  
Jack Lopes, Representative of Eversource Energy  
Elaine Hyland, Resident of Holbrook

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Sheehan, to re-open the hearing on the Eversource Energy Walpole to Holbrook 115-kV Reliability Project

**VOTE:** 5:0

Mr. Lopes explained that the company is waiting for a grant of location and final approval, with a deadline in 2018.

Atty. North said there is an ongoing petition pending under Chapter 156 Section 22, because of the need to go over public ways in Holbrook. She advised that there are several known details about the project that have not been included in the draft documents, such as the kind of lines, the number of cables, the height it may run, a plan reference, etc. If the Town grants it, there is no authority to revoke it. However, if the Board does not grant it, the Board of Selectmen can be overridden. Atty. North explained that any environmental areas of concern and the buffer zone are addressed by the Conservation Commission, which has issued an order of conditions.

A brief discussion took place about the issues raised in other towns the project is going through, particularly Stoughton where there are resident concerns about the mitigation and landscaping. Mr. Lopes said all of the 2006 mitigation has been taken care of in Stoughton except the installation of a traffic signal at Rte. 138 and York Street, which cannot be completed because it is a state highway. Walpole, Canton and Randolph have all signed.

Mr. Lopes said that the project is to install 3 lines, top to bottom, with a minimum clearance of 25 feet to the ground. The work will be completed Monday – Friday, and they will work with the Police on the crossings. Mr. Lopes' colleague said work would be done Saturday & Sunday where they can, and during off peak hours, usually 9 am – 3 pm, Monday through Friday. No detours are planned. Work is only done in the daytime if a bucket truck is needed. Atty. North said this known information should be added to the revised order before the Selectmen approve it.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Lee, to allow the additions to be made to the existing draft order, and that the Board vote on the final document at the next meeting

**VOTE:** 5:0

**MOTION:** By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen continue the public hearing until the next meeting (April 26<sup>th</sup>)

**VOTE:** 5:0

**FY2018 Budget Proposal for Town Meeting:**

**Present:** Kevin Costa, Chairman, Finance Committee

The proposed FY2018 budget was compared to the FY2017 budget. The budget for FY2018 is much tighter and more difficult. There has been a jump in school transportation, and Mr. Costa suggested that our legislators be asked to rework the Chapter 70 formula. The gasoline expense has been broken up by department for FY2018, instead of one line item in the Public Works budget. Mr. Costa asked Town employees to think about choosing a less expensive health insurance plan. The property insurance will see an increase due to the new school building and the vacant elementary schools.

The Police Department will be receiving TABLETS FOR THE POLICE CRUISERS AND PRINTERS, funded through a grant. The low bidder has been identified and is recommended.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Chairman to execute a contract between the Town of Holbrook and Advanced Electronics Design, Inc. AKA Patrol PC for the purchase and installation of 10 tablets and 5 mobile printers for the Holbrook Police Department, at an amount not to exceed \$68,616.00

VOTE: 5:0

The RENOVATION OF UNION STREET is on the Traffic Improvement Program (TIP) for 2020. If it is ready to go earlier, there is a possibility it could be moved up on the plan. BETA Engineering will be bringing the project up to 75% design.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Chairman to execute an Agreement for Professional Services between the Town of Holbrook and BETA Group, Inc. for the 75% Design of the Union Street Roadway Improvements Project for a Total Fee of \$139,500.00

VOTE: 5:0

The Police Chief, Fire Chief and Director of Communications have been reimbursed for their monthly CELL PHONE costs. However, their contracts do not refer to cell phone reimbursement. Voting on it now will provide the Town Accountant with the legal authority to reimburse them.

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen approve the reimbursement of monthly cell phone costs for the Police Chief, Fire Chief and the Director of Communications for the period of their respective contracts. Reimbursements will be based on actual cell phone costs, not to exceed \$90 per month; and will require submittal of the cell phone bill to the Town Accountant

VOTE: 5:0

The articles on the May 10, 2017 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT were reviewed and briefly discussed.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen accept the special town meeting warrant as printed

VOTE: 5:0

BOWLING ALLEY & POOL TABLE LICENSES renew on May 1 of each year. Union Street Lanes has met all requirements for renewal.

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MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen approve the renewal of the following Bowling Alley and Pool Table Licenses, effective May 1, 2017, provided that all taxes, fees, assessments, betterments, and any other municipal charges are paid to date:

Union Street Lanes, LLC, 231 Union Street – 16 Bowling Alleys & 2 Pool Tables

VOTE: 5:0

Updates:

Treasurer/Collector Digirolamo – There is a tax title auction scheduled on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Superintendent Ecord – Water main project to be completed on Crescent Drive

Police Chief Smith – It is Distracted Driving month, the PD is conducting a Senior Police Academy, officers are receiving suicide training, and radar has been successful on Weymouth Street

Fire Chief McFadden – Lt. Collins offered a CPR course at the Council on Aging, and open burning ends on May 1<sup>st</sup>

Communications Director Hooke – New equipment has been installed, and the department is hiring

Library Director Colon – The basement of the Library has been flooded, thanks to the Fire Dept. and Public Works Dept., major damage to the Library was avoided

Selectman Moriarty read a letter received from the Rockland Fire Department in appreciation of the mutual aid received from the Holbrook Fire Department for a recent fire near downtown Rockland.

The owner of Skewers Steakhouse, which has never opened at 73-77 Union Street after being approved for licenses, will be contacted for an update on the situation.

It was noted that the Interim Council on Aging Director's appointment ends on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

MOTION: At 9:02 pm, made and seconded, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 5:0

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Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents:

Patrol PC agreement

Minutes

Proclamation

Request for use of Sumner Field

Beta Group, Inc. agreement