

Holbrook Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Regular Session of
Wednesday, March 22, 2017

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

In attendance: Luke McFadden, Fire Chief
William Smith, Chief of Police
Stephan Hooke, Communications Director
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator

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.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Watertown Firefighter Joseph A. Toscano, who died recently while on duty.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Lee, to accept the minutes of the regular session of February 8, 2017, as printed

VOTE: 4:0:1 (Mr. Moore abstained)

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to accept the minutes of the executive session of February 8, 2017, as printed

VOTE: 2:0:3 (Mr. Moore, Mr. McGaughey, and Mr. Lee abstained)

Mr. Chuck Greely of Weymouth Street and Mr. Edward O’Keefe of Loud Road expressed concerns about 32 acres of land abutting the Town Forest, which the Town took through the tax title process. Mr. Moore explained that it will be sold at a public auction, and that the majority of the land will be kept as open space under the terms of the sale.

It was announced that:

- Norfolk County Register of Deeds, William P. O’Donnell will be visiting the Council on Aging on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.
- Sunday, April 30th, from 1 – 4 pm, the Last Chance Walk-Through Event will be held at Holbrook Junior-Senior High School. 60 years’ worth of students are invited to tour the building before it is demolished this summer.
- Fuel assistance applications are available at the Community Development Office and the Town Clerk’s office, as well as the Public Library and Council on Aging.
- The Cultural Council is presenting “Curtains Up!”, a one-day theatre workshop for children and teens on Saturday, April 22, 2017. Those who wish to participate must be pre-registered.

The Town is working with Mr. George Woodbury, a consultant, and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) in order to inventory, purchase and retrofit the streetlights with LED bulbs. Chapter

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90 money can be used for this purpose. A grant has also been approved through MAPC. The Braintree Electric Light Department (BELD) will maintain the lights.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Chairman to execute a Memorandum of Understanding By and Between the Metropolitan Area Planning Council and the Town of Holbrook, which has been named a “Participating Community” in the LED Streetlight Retrofit grant program in the amount of \$77,404.88

VOTE: 5:0

Chief Smith explained that Director Hooke received a 9-1-1 Regional Center Development Grant, which includes the purchase and installation of laptops and printers in the Police cruisers. The purchase has gone out to bid, and he recommends that the Board award the bid to the one responsive qualified bidder.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen award the bid for the purchase and installation of ten computer laptops for the Police Department’s cruiser fleet to Advanced Electronics Design, Inc. (AKA PC Patrol), in the amount of \$69,400.00

VOTE: 5:0

HEARING – Common Victualler’s License for Karline, Inc. dba Corner Pizza, 2 South Franklin Street
Present: Mrs. Amin was present, on behalf of her husband, Maged

MOTION: Made and seconded, to open the hearing for a Common Victualler’s License application for Karline, Inc. dba Corner Pizza, 2 South Franklin Street

VOTE: 5:0

Mrs. Amin introduced herself and explained that they own another restaurant in Lynn. They will be purchasing Corner Grill & Pizza, contingent on receiving this license. No one present had any comments.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen approve the application of Karline, Inc. dba Corner Pizza, for a Common Victualler’s License at 2 South Franklin Street

VOTE: 5:0

Police Update:

Chief Smith said Holbrook PD was involved in a drug raid where some guns were also recovered in Randolph. There was an armed robbery at 169 North Franklin Street, and the perpetrator was arrested. The senior citizen Police academy is going well. Officers Martins and MacGregor are receiving an award for their work in April 2016 when they talked a distraught man out of doing harm to himself or anyone else. There is a fundraiser for the K9 fund at The Brook Kitchen & Tap on April 8th.

EVERSOURCE ENERGY HEARING:

MOTION: At 7:20 pm, by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen re-open the hearing on the Eversource Energy – Walpole to Holbrook 115-kV Reliability Project

VOTE: 5:0

Representatives of Eversource Energy were unable to attend this meeting.

Elaine Hyland, a resident of Damon Ave., presented information she has gathered from other towns about the Walpole to Holbrook Project passing through their town. There have been various issues raised, including landscaping, traffic flow, etc. She attended a meeting in Stoughton recently, and Stoughton continued the hearing because the company has been non-responsive to the residents. Mr. Moriarty was interested in finding out whether they can be required to post a bond.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen vote to continue the public hearing on the Eversource Energy – Walpole to Holbrook 115-kV Reliability Project until Wednesday, April 12, 2017, at 7:20 pm, in the Selectmen Noel C. King Meeting Room at the Holbrook Town Hall

VOTE: 5:0

Discussion took place about the question on the Annual Town Election ballot on April 4th, asking if the Town should change the Treasurer/Collector's position from an elected position to an appointed position, and what that would do to the current Treasurer/Collector who is on the same ballot seeking another term.

Superintendent Ecord will be asked to have the A-frame election signs put out for the election and have the electronic sign in the square indicate that there is a town election on April 4th.

Department Updates:

Director Hooke said all of the old 9-1-1 equipment has been removed. Services for Canton Fire are moving forward. There was an apartment fire in Abington, a fire in Rockland and an armed robbery in Holbrook.

Chief McFadden went to the fires in Abington and Rockland. Holbrook Fire provided assistance to Randolph Fire during the wake for FF Joseph Toscano in Randolph. Engine 2 is out for its first service. The Office of Emergency Medical Services performed its annual inspection, and Holbrook received a good report.

MOTION: At 7:50 pm, made by Mr. Moriarty, and seconded by Mr. Lee, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 5:0

Clerk

Documents:

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MAPC MOU

Bid award request from Chief

Karline, Inc. CV application

Documents about Eversource project in other communities