

Holbrook Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, April 26, 2017

Present: Daniel R. Lee, Chairman  
Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Vice-Chairman  
Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk  
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate  
Matthew V. Moore, Associate (arrived at 7:02 pm)

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator  
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator  
Paul Digirolamo, Town Treasurer/Collector  
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief  
William Smith, Chief of Police  
Stephan Hooke, Communications Director  
Benjamin Ecord, Superintendent of Public Works

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.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, March 8, 2017, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, March 22, 2017, as printed

VOTE: 5:0

It was announced that:

- Fire History Day will be celebrated by the Fire Department and the Historical Society at the Roberts School on April 29, 2017
- The Historical Society will present “Sacco-Vanzetti Revisited” at the Town Hall on Sunday, May 7, 2017
- There will be a Yard Waste Curbside Collection on Saturday, May 13, 2017
- The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds will hold office hours at the Town Hall on May 18, 2017
- There is a vacancy for an Associate Member of the Planning Board

Town Administrator Gordon reported that:

- There is a “Last Chance” walk thru of Holbrook Junior-Senior High School on Sunday, April 30, 2017. The school will be demolished after June 15<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the opening of the new PreK – 12 school.
- Voting on the purchase of the streetlights is being delayed, due to an issue with the insurance. There are 969 overhead lights, 57 from underground, and 5 wood poles with lights, but no other utility, at a cost of \$103,000. Using Braintree Electric Light Department (BELD) for the maintenance will give Holbrook a savings of 50% with the LEDs.
- The tax title property auction is scheduled for May 17, 2017.
- BETA Engineering will be doing an updated street survey within the next week.

- The Public Works Department has created a water project aging report.
- Masonry work is going to be done on the northeast corner of the Town Hall.
- The School Committee will be meeting at the Town Hall until the new school opens in the fall.

Dave Dingley, Chairman of the SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE was present and recommended the appointment of Mr. William Kirtz to the Committee. Mr. Kirtz was present and was introduced.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen appoint Mr. William Kirtz to the Town Scholarship Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2019

VOTE: 5:0

Conservation Commission members, Timothy Stinson, Chairman, and William Forte were present about an ongoing issue at 2 PHILLIPS ROAD. Mr. Forte explained that there have been conservation issues for nearly two years since the property was developed without a permit in a riverfront area. Since the owner has been unresponsive, the Conservation Commission voted to place \$300 per day fines on the property, and are now before the Selectmen for approval. A 3-day process will be followed, including a warning, \$200 fine, then \$300 per day. The placement of the fines can be appealed.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to the Town of Holbrook General Town By-Laws, Section 11-7 Wetlands Protection By-Laws, Section 12 Enforcement, to approve the placement of fines at 2 Phillips Road for the violations of the Wetlands Protection By-Laws

VOTE: 5:0

CONTINUATION of the PUBLIC HEARING on the EVERSOURCE ENERGY – WALPOLE to HOLBROOK 115-kV RELIABILITY PROJECT:

Present: Karis North, Esq., Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane – Town Counsel  
Jack Lopes, from Eversource Energy

MOTION: At 7:29 pm, by Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Sheehan, to open the hearing on the Walpole to Holbrook 115-kV Reliability Project

VOTE: 5:0

This hearing is about a grant of location petition to install a third 115-kV line within the existing right-of-way on existing line towers, crossing Centre St., Scott St., Westdale Rd., Damon Ave., Pine St., and N. Franklin St. (MassDOT jurisdiction).

Atty. North said she received the plans and made the recommended modifications to the order. Mr. Lopes agreed that Eversource will reinstall a Cranberry Pond Conservation Area sign that was removed, was left on the property, and should be reinstalled.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen approve the petition of NSTAR Electric dba Eversource to locate and construct a single line, with four (4) component parts, and the necessary wires and cables therein, for five (5) crossings of the following streets: Centre Street; Scott Street; Westdale Road; Damon Avenue; and Pine Street, located substantially as shown on the plans dated October 20, 2016 (Sheets 1-7),

which were filed with the petition, and sign the requested Order and Certificate, as revised and updated by counsel

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Moriarty, to close the hearing

VOTE: 5:0

Appointments were made to the PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE:

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen authorize Selectman Matthew Moore, as the Chief Executive Officer's representative on the Permanent School Building Committee until June 30, 2018, to sign all contracts and contract amendments pertaining to the school building project, on behalf of the Board of Selectmen

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen appoint Barbara Davis to the position on the Permanent School Building Committee, recently vacated by Elizabeth Tolson, for a "Member knowledgeable in the educational mission and function of the facility", with a term to expire on June 30, 2019

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen appoint School Committee member Beth Tolson as the School Committee Member on the Permanent School Building Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2019

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Gordon explained that the approximately 32 acre parcel of land at 320R WEYMOUTH STREET, which is owned by the Town, was acquired through the tax title process. It is the opinion of Town Counsel that tax title foreclosed property is the Treasurer's responsibility. However, if there is going to be a building built by a developer, if the property is auctioned off, the building is a decision of the Selectmen, not the Treasurer. Mr. Digirolamo explained that the intention is to designate 26.2 acres of the property as open space/conservation land. If the abutter who is interested in the property is the successful bidder, he is willing to build a parking area on lower property to provide access. The Board discussed whether to require a building to be built as a condition of the sale of the property. If there were a building built, the utilities and maintenance would be the Town's responsibility. Board members indicated that the Town should try to get the most money for the property, and not require a big building.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, that the Board of Selectmen add a stipulation on the sale of 320R Weymouth Street, that a parking lot and small shed type building be built for the use of the Town Forest Committee for their tools and equipment

VOTE: 5:0

Supt. Ecord explained that the water main project on CRESCENT DRIVE was approved for emergency procurement by the Massachusetts Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM).

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize Celco Construction Corporation to complete the Water Main Replacement Project on Crescent Drive, at the estimated cost of \$109,700.00, as per the proposal submitted

VOTE: 5:0

Chief McFadden explained that the Fire Department was given a \$140,000.00 Assistance to Firefighters Grant award that, with a \$6,607.00 match from the Town, will pay for the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Fire Department.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen approve the purchase of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus and related equipment, pursuant to the 2015 Assistance to Firefighters Grant that was accepted at the Board of Selectmen's meeting on July 13, 2016, and authorize the Fire Chief to complete the procurement through the Massachusetts COMMBUYS system and execute any other related documents on behalf of the Town of Holbrook Fire Department

VOTE: 5:0

The warrant for the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING on May 10, 2017 was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen approve the warrant for the annual town meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, as printed

VOTE: 5:0

Chief Smith, Chief McFadden, Director Hooke, Supt. Ecord, and Treasurer/Collector Digirolamo provided updates on their respective departments. The County has hired a helicopter company to drop pellets to control the mosquitos. The Dispatchers will soon be taking wireless 911 calls directly. At the request of Director Hooke, the Board indicated support for State 911 funding for one full-time additional person, including salary and benefits. May 1<sup>st</sup> is real estate tax day.

MOTION: At 8:17 pm, to adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy as it relates to litigation (Norfolk County Agricultural School), conduct strategy sessions and conduct collective bargaining with union employees (Public Works), and not return to open session

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. McGaughey – Yes  
Mr. Sheehan – Yes  
Mr. Lee – Yes  
Mr. Moriarty – Yes  
Mr. Moore – Yes

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Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents:

Minutes; PSBC appointment requests; ATM warrant; SCBA purchase request; Eversource petition; Celco Construction proposal; Scholarship Committee appointment request