

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, August 8, 2018

Present: Joshua Reilly, Vice-Chairman
Lindsay Vayda, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Daniel R. Lee, Associate

Absent: Pamela E. Campanella, Chairman

In attendance: Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief
William J. Smith, Chief of Police
Christopher Pellitteri, Superintendent of Public Works

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Acting Chairman Reilly 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, and a moment of silence in honor of Harold Boothby, the Town's former Sealer of Weights & Measures, and Carol McDonald, a member of the Historical Commission, who passed away during the past week.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular session of June 27, 2018, as printed

VOTE: 3:0:1 (Ms. Vayda abstained)

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the regular session of July 11, 2018, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

Announcements:

- Volunteers are needed to take over the HOLBROOK SANTA program, if it is to continue. The work to organize and run this program is entirely done by volunteers, and all funding is through donations. It is not a Town program. Anyone interested is asked to send an email to holbrooksanta@gmail.com
- The final summer concert sponsored by the Holbrook Cultural Council will be on Sunday, August 19th, from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.
- There is a free Bone Density Screening for Holbrook Seniors on Thursday, August 16, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am at the Avon Civic Center.
- The Holbrook Scholarship Committee is in urgent need of donations for the 2019 scholarships. No donation is too small. Please contact Barbara Davis at barbarapdavis@gmail.com

It was explained that the new school at 245 South Franklin Street needs school zone speed limit signs installed. The funding is in the school project budget and the plans have been drawn. They will be located 400 feet from the driveway.

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MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board vote to authorize the location of the school zone speed limit signs and flashing lights for the new PreK-12 School Complex at 245 South Franklin Street, as presented, contingent on the funding from the new school project

VOTE: 4:0

Supt. Pellitteri submitted a memo asking that Ms. Agnieszka Sadowski, a member of the Clerical Union, be reclassified from a Grade 1 Principal Clerk to the position of Grade 2 Secretary. Mr. Lee explained the process that is being followed.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen vote to re-classify the Grade 1 Principal Clerk in the Public Works Department, Agnieszka Sadowski, to the position of Grade 2 Secretary, effective Monday, August 13, 2018, per the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town and the Union of International Public Employees, Local 151, as requested by the Superintendent of Public Works

VOTE: 2:1:1 (Ms. Vayda against; Mr. Reilly abstained)

COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE hearing continuation:

Present: Mr. Peter Papagelis was present from Sparta Foodservices, Inc. dba Holbrook House of Pizza, 31 North Franklin Street.

MOTION: At 7:18 pm, by Mr. Lee, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board of Selectmen re-open the hearing on a Common Victualler's License for Sparta Foodservices, Inc. dba Holbrook House of Pizza

VOTE: 4:0

It was discussed that the business has been at that location for 25 years, and they have been quite generous in supporting the community, including the Police, Fire and School Departments. There were no abutters or anyone else who wished to speak.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board of Selectmen grant the request of Mr. Peter Papagelis for a Common Victualler's License in the name of Sparta Foodservices, Inc. dba Holbrook House of Pizza, 31 North Franklin Street

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: At 7:22 pm, by Mr. Lee, second by Ms. Vayda, to close the hearing

VOTE: 4:0

The request for a SPECIAL ALCOHOL LICENSE for a function at Canine College was postponed at the request of the applicant, Mr. Aviron Shemtov.

The vote on Amendment 1 on the contract with BETA Group, Inc. the UNION STREET Roadway Improvement project was postponed at the request of Supt. Pellitteri.

Chief Smith asked that the Board amend the prior vote to schedule an Assessment Center with In-Title Experience in order to create a list for promotion to Sergeant. He asked that the scoring be changed to 80% on the Assessment and 20% on Education and Experience.

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MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen vote to amend the vote taken on July 25, 2018, in order to change the scoring of the Civil Service Sergeant's exam from a Sole Assessment Center with In-Title Experience to a Sole Assessment Center with 80% on the Assessment and 20% on Education and Experience, as recommended by Chief Smith

VOTE: 4:0

The Chief reported that the two weeks of the Junior Police Academy are complete, 1 new cruiser has arrived, the portables are being changed, and the newest pull-over campaign runs from August 10 – 28. He recognized Officers Michael Eshner, Justin Murphy, Casey Surprenant, and Det. Daniel Ford for their work on the Junior Police Academy.

Chief McFadden explained that the latest AMBULANCE ABATEMENTS are routine write offs due to hardships, insurance companies, etc.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board of Selectmen grant the Ambulance Abatements, totaling Two Hundred Seventy-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Thirteen Dollars and seventy-seven cents (\$277,513.77) for the quarter including April 1 through June 30, 2018, as recommended by Chief McFadden

VOTE: 4:0

The Chief reported that the Annual Car Show Fundraiser held by the Firefighters had over 100 cars this year, and raised money that will primarily be donated to support Weymouth Police Sergeant Michael Chesna's family following his recent death, and various other charities. Smoke was recently reported in an apartment at Ramblewood, and the Fire Department had it under control in less than 10 minutes after arrival.

Supt. Pellitteri said that debris has been found in the pipes in Revere Acres. Water & sewer connections are being completed to the new houses being built on Sycamore Street. A new front-end loader and Capital Improvement equipment is being delivered. Flushing of the pipes is continuing on West Street. There is a preconstruction meeting for the Richard Road project on September 20th.

CITIZEN CONCERNS:

Ms. Tiffany Sheehan, 37 Dale Road, spoke to the Board about the ongoing issues at 4 INDIAN ROAD, where the abutter at 429 SOUTH STREET is having the property cleared. Ms. Sheehan said that excavation is going on, and work is being done on Sundays. Mr. Lee explained that he contacted the Dispatch Supervisor about the work not being allowed on Sundays under the by-laws, and the work was stopped. The Assistant Building Inspector has been there, but nothing was going on at the time. Deane Associates, the owner of the property, needs to be located and notified. The letter from the Building Inspector telling the contractor what type of work is allowed was reviewed.

Mr. Lee explained that the Town needs a Director of Inspectional Services so that the Board of Selectmen is informed and there is accountability. The owner at 429 South Street has been given 21 days to remove all but 3 adult dogs and any puppies under the age of 6 months from her property.

Ms. Diana DiMartino, 33 Dale Road, reported that a retaining wall has been broken up during the work at 4 INDIAN ROAD, and she is tired of them in her back yard.

A gentleman who is also a resident of Dale Road, reported that things are getting out of control, and that he will not allow his mother to be intimidated while she is on his property.

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Ms. Lisa DeMarco-Topping of Avon wants to be on the Planning Board's agenda about 46 Spring St.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: At 8:20 pm, made and seconded, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss strategy and conduct negotiations with non-union personnel (Fire Chief), and not return to open session

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Lee – Yes
Mr. Reilly – Yes
Mr. McGaughey – Yes
Ms. Vayda – Yes

Lindsay Vayda, Clerk

Documents:

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Memo – Reclassify PWD Clerk

Common Vic application

Assessment Center letter from Chief

Ambulance Abatements