

Holbrook Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the Regular Session of  
Wednesday, February 27, 2019

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

Absent: Pamela E. Campanella, Chairman

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator  
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator  
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief  
William J. Smith, Chief of Police  
Stephan Hooke, Director of Communications  
Lauren Mielke, Deputy Director of Communications  
Christopher Pellitteri, Superintendent of Public Works  
Donald Colon, Director, Holbrook Public Library

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.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, January 23, 2019, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

Mr. Gordon reported that:

- The FY20 budget process is moving smoothly. The Finance Committee meets on Monday. He recommended that a joint meeting with the Finance Committee be scheduled on March 27<sup>th</sup>
- The Capital Improvement Committee has heard the department requests this year, which have been reasonable.
- The concern of Mr. Matt Horris, about the excessive outdoor lighting at On The Way General Store on Beach Road, is being addressed. There are just 2 lights left that need further adjusting.
- He and Supt. Pellitteri met with the MassDOT District 5 about the renovation of Union Street, Route 139, which is on the TIP. The engineering is 75% complete.
- Route 37, from the square to King Road is also on the TIP at 25% complete. An article will be drafted for town meeting for \$200,000 for engineering in order to move this \$4 million project along on the TIP.  
Discussion: Mr. McGaughey suggested that the project should go to Reeds Lane. The Square will not be included on the TIP project because it does not meet the DOT standards.
- Joseph Sullivan, a senior at Blue Hills Regional, completed his Eagle Scout project by creating a flag retirement box, which is beautiful and housed in the Heritage Room.
- He clarified misinformation circulating about the tax title property being sold by the Treasurer at public auction. The Town is not selling the Town Forest. Actually, the property is adjacent to the Town Forest, and Conservation land will be increased by 23+ acres, following the May 2017 vote of town meeting.

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Mr. Gordon left the meeting, to attend a Planning Board meeting.

Chief Smith explained that the Animal Control Officer needs to be on a list of the positions authorized to have a Town phone, and not be reimbursed for the use of her personal phone. The vote taken on October 10, 2018 needs to be amended.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen amend the vote taken on October 10, 2018, in order to add the Animal Control Officer's position to the list of Town Authorized Cell Phones

VOTE: 4:0

7:15 pm – Hearing on Class II Auto Dealers License

Present: The applicant, Mr. Michel Saade

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen open the hearing on the application of Michael Saade, Inc. dba Prime Auto Center (Michel Saade, President), for a Class II License for the Sale of Second-Hand Motor Vehicles at 334 North Franklin Street

VOTE: 4:0

Mr. Saade came forward. It was explained that the applicant did not complete the process of notifying the abutters about the hearing, and the hearing will be continued to allow him to make proper notification.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen continue the hearing on the application of Michael Saade, Inc. dba Prime Auto Center for a Class II Auto Dealers License until Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 7:20 pm, in the Selectman Noel C. King Meeting Room

VOTE: 4:0

Timothy Carey, District Councilor, and David Soares, Traffic Engineer, were present on behalf of Joseph C. Sullivan, the Mayor of the Town of Braintree, to ask that the Town of Holbrook agree to prohibit trash trucks going to the transfer station from using South Street in Braintree. It was suggested that a designated route utilize State numbered roads, only, be used. The Board will consider the request at future meeting.

Director Hooke explained that some of the Telecommunicator positions he is asking to be filled are per diem positions, but none of them are new positions. Twenty-two applicants were interviewed, and he spoke about the experience of those chosen.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Lee, that the Board of Selectmen accept the recommendation of the Communications Director to hire six part-time Telecommunicators for the Regional Emergency Communications Center, effective immediately, as follows: Joel Gray, Barbara Papile, Paul Bowler, Stephen Sweeny, Alexandria Rurycz, and Richard Blais

VOTE: 4:0

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Director Hooke's report: The Communications Center has been busy. He thanked PWD Supt. Pellitteri for his assistance with obtaining some soil samples for the new building project. The Development Grant application is due April 1<sup>st</sup>. Whitman had a 5-alarm fire, which was large scale and dispatched smoothly. The department has been invited to Canton to recognize Dispatcher Michael Salvi, who helped save the life of a 2-week old baby by instructing the father of the baby on CPR over the phone.

Chief McFadden explained that there was a recent bid opening for the purchase and installation of two power stretcher systems to be funded by an Assistance to Firefighters Grant. One response is disqualified because of numerous exceptions listed in the bid, along with missing information. He recommended that the award go to the bidder with no exceptions to the specifications. The Chief will be back with a contract.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Lee, to move that the Board of Selectmen award the bid for the purchase and installation of Power-Lift / Power-Load Stretcher Systems for the Holbrook Fire Department to Specialty Vehicles, Inc. at a bid price of One Hundred Ten Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars (\$110,894.00)

VOTE: 4:0

Department update: The Chief cautioned all residents that the ice is thin, and not safe at this time. He reported that the Department assisted the Town of Stoughton with a 3-alarm fire.

Supt. Pellitteri said he has people for snow plowing now, but he would like flexibility in being able to appoint them himself. It was discussed that the temporary position was added to the Wage & Salary Schedule at town meeting to allow the Superintendent to use former retirees to drive the Town's vehicles for snow plowing.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Lee, to move that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Superintendent of Public Works to do the hiring of all temporary snow plow drivers for the Town

VOTE: 4:0

Supt. Pellitteri update: There will be a meeting tomorrow about scheduling the water meter replacement project. Residents will be able to start scheduling the installations. The electronic sign will be posted in the Square letting residents know about the project soon. The recent wind storm brought down many branches. Residents can call if they have large branches and Public Works will bring the chipper. A new chandelier has been installed in the Town Hall foyer.

Chief Smith update: He is wrapping up the reports for FEMA 75% reimbursement of storms. The Assessment Centers for the position of Sergeant and Deputy Chief are done, and we are now waiting for the certified lists.

**CITIZEN CONCERNS:**

Resident Tom Benvie explained that at the Hall of Fame inductions, it was discussed that the three unnamed ball fields should be named for people who made significant contributions to baseball or sports in Holbrook. Mr. Benvie provided information on the accomplishments and contributions of each of the candidates he suggested: Lonny McGaughey, Paul Morrissey, and Lou Richards. The other two fields are named for Sean Joyce and Bertie Hobart. The Hall of Fame will pay the expenses of the dedications.

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The Hall of Fame dedication this year will be held in the fall, with nominations to be made about June.

Linda Topping of Avon said that there were trucks hauling pipes out from the T L Edwards property off High Street on Sunday. She contacted both Avon and Holbrook Police. Avon has told her that the property is in Holbrook, and Avon does not have a no-work-on-Sunday by-law. Ms. Vayda said the Police Chiefs of the two towns should talk to Barletta and Edwards and explain the situation to them. Ms. Topping reported that the noise from Old Castle is improving slowly.

MOTION: At 8:00 pm, by Mr. Reilly, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy as it relates to litigation (Library), and not return to open session

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

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Lindsay Vayda, Clerk

Documents:  
Minutes  
Request from Tom Benvie  
Letter from Mayor Sullivan  
Class II application