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**Holland  
Board of Selectmen  
Minutes  
December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014**

Present: Lynn Arnold, Michael Kennedy, Larry Mandell

Arnold called meeting to order at 7:02pm

**MINUTES-**

**MOTION 12022014-1:** Approved October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2014 and November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Minutes. Motion made by Mandell, seconded by Kennedy.

**Discussion:** -NONE-

**VOTE:** ALL in favor

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

-NONE-

**APPOINTMENTS**

- 7:05 PM Chris McClure, McClure Engineering cancelled presenting the Dam Report

**OLD BUSINESS**

- 7:30 PM CDBGrant public meeting on Community Development Strategy

Chris Dunphy, Principal Planner/Manager with PvPc briefs the Board and the public on the process for applying for and describes what the CDBGrant entails. Tonight's meeting is 1 of 2 meetings. Our strategy document length is 6 pages out of a maximum length of 7 pages to apply. Chris breaks down what each page consists of describing the details of the plan, action statement, housing concerns by the PvPc. Kennedy puts forth this Strategy statement needs to be brought before town departments requesting input or updates before submitting.

Arnold informs The Planning Board is in the process of updating the Master Plan. The Master Plan would be incorporated into the Strategy statement. Mandell expresses he would like to make sure that every department works in harmony on the Strategy statement. Chris reminds PvPc needs to have the Strategy Statement endorsed long before February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015, offering to join the next Board meeting to support and answer all questions.

Dana Manning raised a question about senior services and vaccination clinics in town. Dana brought up Dick Haller asking BOH (Board of Health) about sponsoring Porta-Potty on the trail. Dana would also like to know if the grant would cover the causeway flooding issues.

Chris defines the Grant funding and how the Grant will be used. The CDBG Grant is a very competitive grant and was designed to address the needs of low to moderate income. 3 main objectives: 1. Low to moderate income, 2. Slum and blight, 3. Catastrophic incident (ex. Hurricane Katrina). Urban project battles what budget will be funded established by congress. Entitlement cities automatically get funding according to a formula. What monies are left over goes to the State and the State decides where the remaining funds go. Chris identifies who qualifies for the grant: 1. Entitlement Community – needs are so great the funds are almost immediate. 2. CDF-1 Community – demographics, cost of housing, employee rates, housing stock and how affordable is housing. 3. CDF-2 Community – Holland qualifies as a CDF-2. We do not qualify alone for the CDBG Grant, however partnering with Wales we can apply for a regional CDBG Grant. If we were to apply for this grant alone, without partnering with any other towns, we could only apply every other year with our scoring, however being invited to partner up with Wales would increase our chances for obtaining this grant. We are looking to get the best project score possible to obtain the grant. Kennedy expresses concerns that this grant is nil. Chris explains applying for this grant is worth it, even if we don't obtain it this year. We are setting forth in motion interest and laying the ground work for reapplying next year. This year marks the end of a 5 year cycle and next year would begin a new 5 year process. Chris is seeking information from our residents to inquire about how to better serve our community, what our needs are, and expressing need in community support. Arnold asks if there is a cost in pursuing this grant. Chris assures there is no capital cost, merely time and perhaps aggravation in obtaining facts and meetings and such.

A resident expressed concern about this grant and everything going "green," and people of Holland not being able to sell their homes. Chris conveys that this is not that kind of grant and in fact this grant would be in the department of housing: to update building codes, new roof, rehabbing lead paint issues, updating electrical, septic repair and plumbing.

Kennedy communicates major concern that last year there were problems with a PvPc program and how it was very poorly run. Chris satisfies the board by stating he is the best person for the job, he is good at what he does and will work with us to help obtain this grant for Holland in every way possible. He will pursue speaking with Holland residents, urging social projects and getting joint committees together regarding social service providers. Arnold uses Domestic Violence and Abuse organization as examples.

Chris leaves his direct phone and urges us to call with any questions or concerns.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Mass DOT Reimbursement amendment –**

A letter amending our agreement and reimburse for damages. Procurement Officer will sign. Kennedy offers that Holland has 5 State roads.

**MOTION 12022014-2:** To approve new Election location from the Holland Town Hall to Community Center. Motion made by Larry Mandell, seconded by Mike Kennedy.

**Discussion:** Town Clerk made a recommendation to hold the town elections at the Community Center for parking purposes and so that the Town Hall can stay open during elections and Department meetings can be held that same evening. Election boxes needs to be housed at the HTH. The Police Chief raised good points about security issues and parking.

**VOTE: ALL in favor**

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION 12022014-3:** To appoint Andrew            and Mathew            to the Cable Commission. Motion made by Mandell, seconded by Kennedy.

**Discussion:** -NONE-

**VOTE: ALL in favor**

**MOTION 12022014-4:** To appoint Kevin Berrman as the Plumbing and Heating alternate. Motion made by Arnold, seconded by Kennedy.

**Discussion:** Kevin would be called in case George Wolstencroft the Plumbing Inspector is unavailable.

**VOTE: ALL in favor**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Kim Hermanson has been appointed to the -Executive Secretary position. Kim will start on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Congratulations and Welcome to Holland Town Hall, Kim!

-Tantasqua Regional School Committee has an immediate opening.

-Poll Hearing Meeting on December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regarding National Grid and Verizon for North Wales Road and cornering road.

-CDBG Grant Public meeting was also advertised for part of December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 meeting. Residents encouraged to attend and participate.

- Cookie Swap on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center

- Stuff the Cruiser. Fill the HPD and MASP Cruisers with as many toys as possible. Please donate non-violent toys also on December 8<sup>th</sup>.

- Wreaths Across America! Brenda and Bob Palmer help us remember deceased Veterans. December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 12:00 PM Ceremony and then going to the cemetery and placing wreaths on Veterans graves. Donations open and welcome. Donations were made by: HPD, Quaboag Sportsman's Club, some fundraising, Zoe's Pizza in Southbridge. 54 wreaths made so far. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will be attending and Tantasqua Band will perform. All are Welcome!

Larry Mandell wanted to thank Lt. Ray Morehouse and his wife Karie, Pat Swain and his wife Johanna, Bryan and Tony for a fabulous job for serving the seniors lunch, excellent community policing.

## **WARRANTS**

Warrants in the amount of \$22,258.35 - Payroll. Vendor Warrant in the amount of \$4,432.24 were signed and delivered to the Treasurer.

**MOTION 12022014-5:** To adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM. Motion made by Kennedy, seconded by Larry Mandell

**VOTE: ALL in favor**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine Drake

All Boards Clerk

*Approved 1/6/15*

**SELECTMEN'S MINUTES FOR MEETING  
December 16, 2014 7:00 pm  
Holland Town Hall  
27 Sturbridge Road  
Holland, MA**

Present: Lynn Arnold, Larry Mandell and Michael Kennedy

Lynn called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Motion 12/16/2014-1 to accept minutes of November 18, 2014 made by Larry, seconded by Lynn. Both in favor, Mike Kennedy abstained.

Motion 12/16/2014-2 to accept minutes of December 2, 2014 made by Larry, seconded by Lynn. All in favor.

No committee reports and no appointments.

**New Business:**

Motion 12/16/2014-3 to open pole hearing and resume regular meeting after made by Lynn seconded by Larry. All in favor. Pole hearing opened at 7:10 also present -Mike and Marie Forand, Kevin Tighe and National Grid representative. Lynn read petition for joint pole locations from National Grid and Verizon on Wales Road. Questions were asked and answered as to pole location. Motion 12/16/2014-4 to accept and sign petition made by Lynn seconded by Larry. All in favor. Motion 12/16/2014-4 Motion made by Lynn seconded by Larry. All in favor to close pole hearing.

List of liquor licenses read by Lynn. Motion 12/16/2014-5 to approve and sign made by Lynn seconded by Larry. All in favor.

List of business licenses read by Lynn. Motion 12/16/2014-6 to approve and sign and allow Kim to distribute (as business license payments are made) by Lynn seconded by Larry. All in favor.

Senior Center Gift Account Fund less than \$1000.00 set up prior to the existence of the Community Center. The issue of control of funds by COA or Community

Center Director was discussed. Mike stated that the Selectboard had no standing or voice in the matter. It was decided that the COA should have ultimate control and in the future a Community Center Gift Fund should be set up and gifts should be directed to either COA gift account or the new Community Center gift account.

Motion 12/16/2014-7 made by Larry seconded by Mike to accept LIP Rippers Special use permit, August 9, 2015/twelve boats. All in favor.

Motion 12/16/2014-8 made by Lynn seconded by Larry to accept the resignation of Cindy Clark from the COA as Treasurer and member. All in favor.

Motion 12/16/2014-9 made by Lynn seconded by Larry to accept COA recommendation of Sue Sanders to COA. Lynn and Larry voted yes. Mike voted no. Motion passed.

The Board signed two (2) Chapter 90 reimbursement request by Highway Department. Projects on Barney Rd and Wales Rd.

Lynn read a recognition letter praising Officer Pat Swain for his actions during a recent encounter with an armed individual. Lynn, Larry and Mike expressed gratitude with the fact that Officer Swain is an officer in our town.

Lynn also mentioned that Lois Duprey our Senior Companion and Driver had been recognized at a lunch today by the Valley Opportunity Council. Lynn, Larry and Mike expressed appreciation too.

Motion 12/16/2014-10 made by Lynn seconded by Larry to release assignment of proceeds from PVPC Grant. All in favor.

Announcements: Blood Drive- Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2-7 Community Center. Tantasqua Regional School Committee. Opening - Closing 12/19/14. Tri-Town Public Meetings on CDB Grant in Holland Monday 12/22/14 at noon in Community Center.

WARRANTS: # 15-25 \$162,623.88 signed # 15-24p \$30,477.70 signed.

NEXT MEETING: January 6, 2015

Community Development Strategy Public Meeting .

Discussion- The Board reviewed a revised strategy. Lynn accepted suggestions from the floor to be incorporated into Holland's Community Development Strategy. Additions and suggestions were made by Howie Fife regarding the New Open Space plan that he is responsible for including new playing fields. Mike Kennedy expressed concern about the lack of and continued interest in affordable senior housing. Chris Haller, COA president, agreed and also asked that we add the unmet needs for senior transportation and food banks. The Planning Board is starting work on a revised Master Plan. They indicated that this strategy is consistent with the direction they are heading. Mike requested some items be removed. Motion 12/16/2014-11 made by Larry seconded by Lynn to accept amended strategy. All in favor. Lynn to send revised strategy to PVPC.

Motion 12/16/2014-12 made by Mike to adjourn Larry seconded. All in favor.