

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

Present: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman  
Matthew V. Moore, Vice-Chairman  
Brinsley A. Fuller, Clerk  
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate  
Kevin J. Sheehan, Associate

In attendance: William J. Phelan, Interim Town Administrator  
Thomas R. Cummings, Superintendent of Public Works  
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Selectmen's Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Gordon, in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Resident Mrs. Patricia Greely expressed a concern about a LIGHT POLE on the corner of North Franklin and Plymouth Streets that has been damaged and is missing its top. Mr. Cummings advised that there is another damaged one in front of Dunkin Donuts that is being replaced by a resident. Mr. Gordon said that either the repair of the lights should be pursued legally or they should be fixed, and he requested a report on the resolution.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

Mr. Phelan announced that:

- o A complaint was received about the dead trees along the West Division Street perimeter of the new CVS Pharmacy on N. Franklin Street. Mr. Cummings will speak to the project manager.
- o Student Government Day will be held on May 26, 2011.
- o A Lawn and Yard Waste collection day is scheduled for Saturday, May 7, 2011.
- o He met with Braintree Mayor Joseph Sullivan and Randolph Town Manager David Murphy to discuss the Tri Town Water Treatment Plant project and the cost to each community. He also met with Camp Dresser & McKee (CDM) about extending the cost of the project out to 40 years. CDM indicated they were not confident in the cost of dredging. Mr. Phelan met with Mr. Fred Laskey of the MWRA, and information is being exchanged with a financial person at the MWRA. Mr. Phelan said that Mayor Sullivan is still negotiating, and he has been told that Holbrook will only pay its proportionate share. Mr. Cummings said that a pipeline will have to be laid around the reservoir for the Tri Town plant. Mr. Phelan will contact Mayor Sullivan again.
- o He spoke with Town Counsel about the lease of 227 Plymouth Street. A request for proposals for a 2 – 3 year lease could be drafted to comply with Chapter 30B.

**RANDOLPH/HOLBROOK POP WARNER FOOTBALL & CHEERLEADING:**

Pop Warner representatives present included Mr. Jamall Griffin, President, and Ms. Julie White, Coordinator and Fundraiser. Mr. Griffin explained that there are 197 boys and girls from the two towns involved in Pop Warner, and approximately 30% are from Holbrook. Pop Warner was described as a way of helping children learn life lessons through sports. In an effort to attract more children from Holbrook, a registration will be conducted at the Dalton Post on Saturday, April 30, 2011. Online

registration will remain open until late July. Cheerleading is open to young people ages 5 – 16 years old. Those 16 and older can volunteer.

**PLANNING BOARD VACANCY:**

Mr. Gordon explained that he has resigned from his position on the Planning Board. In order to fill the vacant elected position until the next town election, the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen must meet in joint session and vote by roll call. The Planning Board has recommended that Mr. Christopher Golden, the current Associate Member, be appointed. If that happens, the Associate's position will then be vacant.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Fuller, to schedule a joint meeting with the Planning Board for the next Selectmen's meeting

**VOTE:** 5:0

Chairman Gordon discussed a joint meeting held on April 14, 2011 regarding the options available for the HOLBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT going forward. At the meeting of the Permanent School Building Committee, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, and Capital Improvement Planning Committee, Superintendent Joseph Baeta presented the options: A new school for grades 6 – 12, regionalization, or tuitioning students out. When a new school for grades kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade was suggested, there was increased support. The boards that attended that meeting have been asked to take a formal vote and send a letter of support for a K – 12 project.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Gordon, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Holbrook Board of Selectmen support the concept of a K – 12 school building project

**VOTE:** 5:0

**CHAPTER 90 PROJECTS:**

Mr. Cummings explained that the Town does not appropriate money for the roads, and the Chapter 90 fund balance was used in 2002 to complete the Holbrook Square Project. At this time, there is approximately \$1.3 million available, not including the funds for FY2012. Mr. Cummings presented and reviewed a list of upcoming projects under MassDOT Chapter 90. He advised that Plymouth Street (Route 139) from Belcher Street to Abington Avenue has only had repairs for the past 30 years, and the area from William Road to Kingsley Street is subject to serious flooding. Other streets that need to be addressed include Weymouth, Quincy, and Linwood. Discussion took place regarding Union Street being on the Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), and the need to replace curbing when roadways are paved.

**CLEANUP OF TOWN STREETS:**

Mr. David Reilly, a Holbrook resident who works for Sheriff Bellotti, was present and thanked the Sheriff for providing a community service group to clean up the streets in Holbrook. Additionally, he suggested organizing a community pride day during mid-May. Mr. Cummings thanked Stop & Shop for cleaning the playground in Brookville, and Sheriff Bellotti for assisting the town. Mr. Phelan discussed making a clean-up day an annual event and including a cookout.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. McGaughey, to designate May 21, 2011 as Holbrook Pride Day, with a rain date of May 28<sup>th</sup>

**VOTE:** 5:0

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MOTION: By Mr. Fuller, second by Mr. McGaughey, to designate Mrs. Patricia Greely and Mr. Dave Reilly as co-chairs of Holbrook Pride Day 2011

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Phelan said that he recently toured the third floor of the TOWN HALL and that the restoration of that area as a public meeting area has merit. Federal and state money could be utilized also to renovate the former Fire Station, located next to the Town Hall. He suggested that the Capital Improvement Plan could consider funding a study to replace the upstairs offices or other renovations to the buildings. When possible, Holbrook's legislators will be given a tour of the upper floors of the Town Hall.

Mr. Phelan said that Town Counsel, the Moderator, the Chairmen of the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee, and Mr. Phelan will be meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup> to prepare for Town Meeting on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Town Counsel has indicated that he will be available to attend the Town Meeting.

Chairman Gordon asked for information on the access keys for Town Hall, and said that a discussion about a written policy on building access will be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: At 8:13 pm, to adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy as it relates to collective bargaining with union personnel (Police and Fire) and to conduct bargaining with union personnel (Fire and Police), and not return to open session

ROLL CALL VOTE: Mr. Sheehan – Yes  
Mr. Fuller – Yes  
Mr. McGaughey – Yes  
Mr. Moore – Yes  
Mr. Gordon – Yes

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Brinsley A. Fuller, Clerk