

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Present: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman
Matthew V. Moore, Vice-Chairman
Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Associate

In attendance: William J. Phelan, Town Administrator
Benjamin Ecord, Superintendent of Public Works
William Smith, Acting Chief of Police
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator

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

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, August 13, 2014, as printed

VOTE: 5:0

It was announced that:

- State Senator John F. Keenan will resume his Town Hall office hours from 10:00 – 11:00 am on the second Friday of the month beginning on September 12, 2014.
- The Local Cultural Council is sponsoring another free Family Concert Night at Castle Canyon Playground from 5:00 – 7:00 pm on Saturday, September 13, 2014.
- The Town is now under Phase 3 of the Water Restrictions. Outside watering is now limited to the hours of 6:00 – 9:00 pm, and must be done with the use of a hand-held hose with automatic shutoff only.

Mr. Phelan reported that:

- The space in the former fire station adjacent to the Town Hall is ready to be occupied, and the Inspectional Services Department will be moved to the first floor in that building by the end of September. The ribbon cutting ceremony with the Norfolk County Sheriff's Department will be scheduled on or about October 1st.
- The bids have been opened for the reconstruction of the Weymouth, Pine and Sycamore Streets intersection. The project totals a little over the amount appropriated for the project, so the bid award will not be made until the next meeting when the funding has been identified.

HALFWAY CAFE CHANGE OF DBA ONLY:

Present: John Grasso, President of Halfway Cafe, Inc.

Mr. Grasso explained that the Halfway Cafe location in Holbrook is going in a new direction. It will remain under the corporate umbrella, but they are requesting approval of a change of the DBA name on their All Alcohol Restaurant License from Halfway Cafe to Lucky Lou Lou's. They plan to be closed

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for 2 ½ to 3 weeks to give the property a facelift inside and out. Because it is a change of DBA only, the other licenses they hold will be amended at the same time.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, to grant the request to change the DBA only from Halfway Cafe to Lucky Lou Lou's on the All Alcohol Restaurant, Common Victualler, Automatic Amusement and Entertainment Licenses in the name of Halfway Cafe, Inc., 200 South Franklin Street

VOTE: 5:0

Representatives of Marty's Cat Rescue, 46 East High Street, Avon, were present asking to be granted a ONE DAY SPECIAL LICENSE in order to sell Wine & Malt Beverages at a fundraising event to be held at Cochato Nursery, 373 North Franklin Street from 2:00 – 5:00 pm on Sunday, September 14, 2014. It was explained that the property owners have liability insurance. The Cat Rescue entraps, neuters/spays, and returns feral cats.

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. McGaughey, to grant the request for a One Day Special License for Wine and Malt Beverages for a Fundraising Event for the benefit of Marty's Cat Rescue, from 2:00 – 5:00 pm on September 14, 2014, at Cochato Nursery, 373 North Franklin Street

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Moore, acting as the Chairman, explained that the Board had before them an application for a ONE DAY SPECIAL LICENSE for Timothy Gordon, representing St. Joseph's Parish, for all alcohol, for an anniversary party for a retired priest on October 18, 2014.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to grant the request for a One Day Special License for Timothy Gordon, representing St. Joseph's Parish, for a the sale of all alcohol at an anniversary party for a retired priest at St. Joseph's School, from 6:00 pm until midnight on October 18, 2014

VOTE: 4:0:1 (Mr. Gordon abstained)

James Crowley of HOLBROOK INSURANCE CENTER, INC. explained that the Town is still in a look-back window of several years with an elevated number of claims. Therefore, the insurance premiums for the Town have not returned to the lower premiums the Town received a few years ago. The Town is now trending in the right direction, but the modification factor is calculated based on experience. Mr. Crowley advised that MEGA, the Town's workers' compensation company, will be offering training for employees that will give the Town extra credit toward reducing the premium. Things like policies and procedures and self-inspections on Town properties have been used in a similar way. At this time, it is estimated that the special town meeting in October will be asked to provide an additional \$30,000 to cover the expense of the Town's insurance this fiscal year.

Mr. Bruce Stanas, the Senior Area Municipal Services Manager for REPUBLIC SERVICES (ALLIED WASTE), sent a donation of \$1,000.00 to be used toward the Town's Memorial Day Parade fund.

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MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen accept the generous donation of Republic Services, in the amount of one thousand dollars, to be used toward the Memorial Day Parade fund

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Phelan explained that PUBLIC WORKS Superintendent Benjamin Ecord has been working with no SUPERVISOR in the department for a year and a half now. The position is necessary, and the salary is in the budget. This is a non-union position, under the Salary Administration Plan.

Mr. Ecord recommended DANIEL DALY, who was described as a 39 year employee, who is dedicated and a great asset to the department. Since the position is non-union, Mr. Daly is concerned about job security. Mr. Phelan will check with town counsel about entering into an agreement with Mr. Daly. Mr. Moore suggested that perhaps there could be an agreement between the Board and Mr. Daly that he could return to his union job with no loss of benefits if that became necessary.

MOTION: By Mr. Gordon, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen appoint Daniel Daly to the position of Supervisor in the Public Works Department

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Ecord said that the top layer paving is about to start in the WALSH ROAD area and the LINFIELD STREET area, the WATER MAIN PROJECT in the Hillsdale Road area will begin during the Columbus Day holiday week, and Celco may also start the paving of WEYMOUTH AND QUINCY STREETS this year.

Mr. Phelan will contact Verizon about the DOUBLE TELEPHONE POLES in Town.

Chief Smith said the Police Department has looked at the TRAFFIC PATTERN in the area of the Junior-Senior High School to identify something that could be done to alleviate the traffic backup that occurs in that area. It was determined that the traffic lights at the Public Safety Building/King Road add to the backup. It appears that it may be beneficial if the cross walk at the exit from the school was used, instead of the one at the entrance.

An anonymous complaint was received from a neighbor at the dog day care business on North Franklin Street that the DOGS BARK all day long. The Animal Control Officer will be contacted for an update on the situation.

The next agenda will include an update on filling the position of CHIEF OF POLICE with a permanent appointment.

Mr. Phelan reported that he met with Fire Chief Luke McFadden, Communications Director Stephan Hooke, and representatives of the CANTON FIRE DEPARTMENT about 9-1-1 regional dispatch services for fire and medical services. The vision for the future is that the regional dispatch will provide better service, be a separate entity, perhaps through the county, and qualify for a grant to build a REGIONAL DISPATCH CENTER.

Negotiations with Mr. Phelan for a successor employment agreement will be placed on the next agenda.

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ADJOURN:

MOTION: At 7:45 pm, by Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, to adjourn the meeting
VOTE: 5:0

Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents:

Agenda

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Notices read

Halfway Cafe dba change application

One Day Special License applications

Donation letter from Republic Services