

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

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

Absent: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman

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

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

The SPRING STREET AREA SEWER PROJECT is nearing completion. Supt. Ecord and Environmental Partners will be overseeing the end of the job.

Another Request for Qualifications (RFQ) will be issued soon for a SOLAR FARM on the site of the former landfill. Due to a change in the legislation, the Town was advised to wait to issue the RFQ.

A notice from the Randolph-Holbrook Joint Water Board was read relative to RUSTY WATER being experienced in Holbrook due to a water main replacement project in Randolph. Residents were encouraged to run their cold water until the water runs clear. Mr. Sheehan reported that the bearings also went in the main pump in Randolph, and a secondary pump is currently being used.

Animal Control Officer Laurice Hedges has been awarded the 2014 NEW ENGLAND ANIMAL CONTROL/HUMANE ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP, which provides her with full tuition to the Academy at the University of New Hampshire.

The TAX BILLS, due August 1<sup>st</sup>, are all set to be mailed.

Communications Director Steve Hooke, will be presented with the JEFF GROSSMAN AWARD at a ceremony on July 15, 2014, for his commitment to excellence in dispatch and public safety communications.

APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS:

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to approve the transfer of \$424.88 from Police 01-210-5422-S14, to be transferred to Police 01-210-5121-000, to fund overtime salaries

VOTE: 4:0

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MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to approve the transfer of \$4,500.00 from Police 01-210-5421-000, to be transferred to Police 01-210-5121-000, to fund overtime salaries

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to approve the transfer of \$12,500.00 from Employee Health Insurance 01-914-5173-019, to be transferred to Retirement Reimbursement 01-911-5175-001, to pay the City of Taunton Retirement Board for a former employee, according to a settlement agreement with the Town of Holbrook and the City of Taunton

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to approve the transfer of \$200.02 from Selectmen 01-122-5421-000, to be transferred to Sealer of Weights & Measures 01-244-5421-000 to pay for mileage and meeting registration reimbursements

VOTE: 4:0

The COPELAND FAMILY FOUNDATION, INC. recently made a donation to be used for the Animal Shelter.

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept, with appreciation, the generous donation of the Copeland Family Foundation, Inc., in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars, said sum to be used for the Holbrook Animal Shelter

VOTE: 4:0

HEARING ON THE TRANSFER OF THE ALL ALCOHOL PACKAGE STORE LICENSE AT 4 SOUTH FRANKLIN STREET, FROM HAI DANG & HA NGUYEN DBA HOLBROOK LIQUORS, TO HAHAI LIQUOR, INC. DBA HOLBROOK LIQUORS (HAI DANG, MANAGER):

Present: Hai Dang and Ha Nguyen, with counsel, Atty. Hang Nina Nguyen  
Attorney Nguyen explained that the licensees have been operating individually, but their accountant has recommended that they incorporate. The request is to transfer the license to HaHai Liquor, Inc. with Hai Dang as the manager. There are no other changes.

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to approve the application for the transfer of the All Alcohol Package Store License from Hai Dang & Ha Nguyen dba Holbrook Liquors to HaHai Liquor, Inc. dba Holbrook Liquors (Hai Dang, Manager) at 4 South Franklin Street

VOTE: 3:0:1 (Mr. McGaughey abstained)

Fire Chief Luke McFadden introduced Nancy Dolgan, President, and Patricia Packard, Vice-President, representatives of New England Medical Billing, to discuss the AMBULANCE BILLING RATES and the services they provide to the town. They have had a contract with the town since 1996, work with both the Police and Fire Departments, and have a good relationship with area hospitals. They presented information on the current rates in Holbrook, at Medicare plus 50%. The statewide average in

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Massachusetts is Medicare plus 150%. Mr. McGaughey indicated he would like to see the rates raised closer to the state average.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to increase the Town of Holbrook's ambulance rates to Medicare plus 100%, with the fees as recommended by New England Medical Billing

VOTE: 3:1 (Mr. McGaughey against)

Acting Police Chief William Smith explained that the department is down one Sergeant while he is serving as the Acting Chief. One Officer, Thomas Gainey, has passed the Sergeant's exam, and Chief Smith recommended that the Board support the appointment of Officer Gainey as an ACTING POLICE SERGEANT.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, to accept Chief Smith's recommendation to place Officer Thomas Gainey in the position of Acting Police Sergeant

VOTE: 4:0

The town has been in the process of preparing to hire two new Patrolmen, possibly three, but the CIVIL SERVICE PATROLMAN'S list is expiring. The Board of Selectmen, as the appointing authority, needs to vote to continue that list. There is also one person who may have been left off the list of candidates to be considered for appointment in Holbrook through an error. If Civil Service made the error, they will amend the list. The appointing authority can also vote for Civil Service to add the Holbrook resident to the list. He took the same test at the same time, but did it while serving in the military in Afghanistan. Chief Porter explained the Civil Service process of hiring.

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. Sheehan, to extend the Civil Service Patrolman's list for an additional two months

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to petition Civil Service to add the Veteran in question to the Patrolman's list

VOTE: 4:0

Public Works update:

- o The Juniper Road drainage project is complete. The neighbors sent a nice note of gratitude.
- o The roadway in the Spring Street sewer project is being paved.
- o The flower boxes at Centre and Union Streets will be painted to match the fence behind them.

ADJOURN:

MOTION: At 7:55 pm, to adjourn to executive session to discuss the reputation, physical condition or mental health, rather than the professional competence of an individual, and not return to open session

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ROLL CALL VOTE:           Mr. Moore – Yes  
                                  Mr. Moriarty – Yes  
                                  Mr. Sheehan – Yes  
                                  Mr. McGaughey – Yes

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Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents:

Agenda

Appropriation transfer requests

Alcohol license application information

Ambulance billing information