

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Present: Timothy J. Gordon, Chairman (Arrived at 8:00 pm)
Matthew V. Moore, Vice-Chairman (Arrived at 8:00 pm)
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
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief
William Smith, Acting Chief of Police
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator

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

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy as it relates to litigation (Gioioso), recess if time permits, and return to open session at 8:00 pm

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

Mr. Phelan explained the Board's motion to those in attendance. Everyone who was not attending the executive session left the room.

The OPEN MEETING was called BACK TO ORDER at 8:00 pm by Chairman Gordon.

MINUTES: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to accept the minutes of the regular session of Monday, August 4, 2014, as printed

VOTE: 5:0

CITIZEN CONCERNS:

Present: Acting Police Chief William Smith and Health Agent Arthur Boyle

It was explained that residents in the area of 7 ARNOLD STREET have complained about the presence of rats at that property. This property was taken by the Town for taxes, and was purchased at auction by someone who could not get the financing. With no second offer at the auction, the Treasurer allowed the one year redemption to run, allowing the buyer time to get the funding. The rodent issue, which was being addressed by the Town prior to the auction of the property, will again be addressed by the Town.

Chief Smith said there have been 17 complaints about the nuisance created by parties at 46 RINDONE STREET since 2010. The matter is being pursued in court. Neighbors all around 46 Rindone spoke

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about the noise from the parties being so loud that the walls vibrate, that they are unable to get into their driveway because of parked vehicles, that their properties and the area are littered with debris after the parties, that public safety vehicles could not make it down the street if necessary, that there is drinking in the street, and that halogen lights are set up late at night that shine into the nearby homes, etc. They described the parties as “escalating”. The female owner of 46 Rindone Street said there are parties at that location, but there is no alcohol, no blocking of driveways, no trash, and no money exchange. Mr. Phelan advised that the homeowner cannot rent out the house for others to have parties, there are noise issues, and there can be no alcohol in public places. The police will address the issues and be stringent. Mr. Gordon asked that the Police and the Board of Health monitor the situation, and said that the neighbors should still call the Police if there are issues to be dealt with.

Mr. Phelan said that 33 MAPLEWOOD AVE. is a vacant home that is an eyesore and in danger of collapsing. The Building Inspector has advised that the building is due to be taken down on September 29th, per the attorney representing the owner. Mr. Phelan notified the Building Inspector not to stop the process of the Town taking it down.

The JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL PROJECT is in the Project Scope and Budget Agreement (PSBA) phase with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). The budget is defined and the overall scope of the project is now identified. Several documents need to be signed at this point in the project.

Treasurer/Collector Paul Digirolamo explained that the Town can borrow up to \$47 million, but would then have to go to the State Oversight Board for approval. No Town debt falls off the tax rate until 2022, and the Town is just within the borrowing capacity.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Moriarty, that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Town to enter into and be bound by the Project Scope and Budget Agreement (PSBA) between the Town and the Massachusetts School Building Authority

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to authorize Chairman Timothy Gordon to execute the Project scope and Budget Agreement (PSBA)

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to authorize Chairman Timothy Gordon to execute Exhibit A, the total Project Budget

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to authorize Chairman Timothy Gordon to execute Exhibit A, the Proposed Schedule of Alternates

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to authorize Chairman Timothy Gordon to execute Exhibit H, the Reimbursement Rate Certification

VOTE: 5:0

The TOWN MEETING ARTICLE that has been prepared by Town Counsel for the October 22nd special town meeting warrant for the school project funding was read.

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MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen place the article on the October 22, 2014 special town meeting warrant for the funding of the Junior/Senior High School Project

VOTE: 5:0

At previous meetings, the Board has discussed establishing an ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY BOARD to explore opportunities to create economic growth within the Town and serve as an advisory board to the Board of Selectmen. Chairman Gordon suggested that the board include seven members, instead of the previously discussed five, and that the following people be appointed:

William O'Brien	Richard McGaughey
Michael Mihalow	Fermin Goitia
James Crowley	Michael Yunits
Paul Currie	

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to increase the number of members of the Economic Development Advisory Board from five (5) to seven (7)

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to accept the names suggested by the Chairman for the Economic Development Advisory Board

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Phelan will set up the first meeting date of the Board and provide guidance.

Health Agent Arthur Boyle announced that a new ANONYMOUS TIP LINE has been established for residents to report illegal activity. It was stressed that this a monitored line, but it is not answered. Emergency calls should continue to go to 9-1-1. The tip line is a non-emergency hot line in the detectives' office. The Rotary Club was recognized for providing one-third of the annual cost of the line. The number to call to report illegal activity anonymously is 781-767-COPS.

Town Clerk Jeanmarie Tarara notified the Board that she has received the resignation of Charles M. Dance from the BOARD OF REGISTRARS. She provided the names of three qualified candidates for the position of Democratic Registrar.

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Moore, to appoint Ellen Doherty Walsh to fill the vacancy on the Board of Registrars, with a term to expire on June 30, 2017

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

The Board reviewed a prepared letter to the MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCE AUTHORITY (MWRA) and indicated that they will sign the letter of interest in discussing a connection to the MWRA water system after a couple of edits have been made.

At the previous meeting, it was discussed that Selectmen Sheehan can no longer serve as the Town's representative to the RANDOLPH/HOLBROOK JOINT WATER BOARD or the TRI TOWN WATER BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

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MOTION: By Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, that Town Administrator William Phelan serve as the Representative of the Town of Holbrook on both the Randolph/Holbrook Joint Water Board and the Tri Town Water Board

VOTE: 5:0

School Principal Vincent Hayward has resigned from his position as Principal at Holbrook Junior/Senior High School. Superintendent Patricia Lally requested that the new Principal, Robert O'Brien, be appointed to fill the vacancy in the Principal's position on the PERMANENT SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE.

MOTION: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moriarty, to appoint Robert O'Brien to the School Principal's position on the Permanent School Building Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2015, in order to fill the vacancy created when Vincent Hayward resigned his position

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Phelan advised that an attorney will serve as special counsel to the Town to put the issue of the EDGEWOOD PARK area properties to rest. The title search will begin soon on the valuable property. Treasurer/Collector Paul Digirolamo will check on the status of the taxes on the property at 29 CHANDLER STREET, which is vacant and in a dangerous condition.

SUPERINTENDENT ECORD was commended for contacting Mr. Donald Young who took quick action during a recent shut down of the electrical power to the Town Hall.

Mr. Ecord advised that the roadway paving in the GROVE is continuing, along with line and crosswalk painting, street sweeping, and other road repairs.

The bids will be opened on September 10, 2014 for the reconstruction of the WEYMOUTH, PINE, and SYCAMORE STREETS INTERSECTION project.

Mr. Moore mentioned seeing shell-patterned CROSSWALKS in the Willard Street area of West Quincy, which are longer lasting than the crosswalk paint used in Holbrook. Public Works will look into it.

It was explained that Verizon owns the UTILITY POLES in Holbrook. When a new pole is put up, each company with wires on the pole has to remove their own and attach them to the new pole. The companies will be asked to move their wires over in an effort to have the double poles in town removed, prioritizing Linwood Street.

MOTION: At 9:15 pm, by Mr. Moriarty, second by Mr. McGaughey, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 5:0

Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents: Agenda, minutes, request to appoint member of Board of Registrars, letters of interest in Economic Development, requests for appointment to Board of Registrars, Permanent School Building, and a Constable, and MSBA documents