

Holbrook Board of Selectmen

Minutes of the Regular Session of

Wednesday, May 28, 2014

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

Absent: Daniel F. Moriarty, III, Associate

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 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: By Mr. Sheehan, second by Mr. Moore, to accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, April 23, 2014, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

Mr. Moore commented on the PANHANDLING that has been happening recently in Town. Police Commissioner Paul Porter is monitoring the situation.

Mr. Sheehan thanked those who volunteered and participated in HOLBROOK PRIDE DAY this year. They did a good job cleaning up the streets. A committee will be formed to start planning the day earlier.

Mr. Gordon said that MEMORIAL DAY went extremely well, and everyone involved did a great job to make it an outstanding day.

Mr. Phelan recognized Public Works employee CHUCK NASHAWATY for the great job he did preparing Mary Wales Holbrook Park for Memorial Day, and the street sweeping and line painting he does.

Holbrook Community Access and Media (HCAM) was recognized for their work and assistance in making Memorial Day a success.

Jennifer Hohl, a resident of Holbrook and member of a citizen group named HOLBROOK CARES was before the Selectmen to discuss writing an application to the Brockton Community Health Network Area (CHNA) for a planning grant for drug education efforts. Holbrook Cares was formed due to a concern about substance abuse and an increase in overdoses in Holbrook. This would be a planning grant to get a coalition started. The group is new, and is not yet a non-profit. Ms. Hohl asked that the Town act as the fiscal agent to receive the funds, which will allow her to submit the application. A letter of interest is due May 30th, and the grant application is due June 30th. Mr. Gordon indicated the Town would be applying and would be the fiscal agent. Ms. Hohl said 10% of the grant funds would be allocated to administrative costs. Holbrook Cares has a Facebook page and meets the first Tuesday of the month from 7 – 8:30 pm in St. Joseph's Church hall.

YEAR END APPROPRIATION TRANSFERS:

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Sheehan, to grant the request for the transfer of \$3,895.00 from Life Insurance 01-915-5172-019 to Treasurer/Collector Foreclosure 01-145-5302, to cover the cost of the recent foreclosure auction

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Sheehan, to grant the request for the transfer of \$1,562.00 from Life Insurance 01-915-5172-019 to Treasurer/Collector General Expense 01-145-5421 in order to reimburse for the expenditure of the Treasurer/Collector Bond (\$1,362.00) and the Assistant Treasurer Bond (\$200.00)

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Sheehan, to grant the request for the transfer of \$6,000.00 from Assessors/Salaries 141-5113-000 to Assessors/Expenses 141-5303-000 in order to cover the cost of an interim Assessor until the end of the fiscal year due to unforeseen illness, and for the FY14 mapping updates

VOTE: 4:0

David Dingley, Chairman of the TOWN SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE discussed the application and selection process the members of the Committee used for selecting the recipients of the three \$1,000.00 scholarships being awarded, and thanked those who donated to the Scholarship Fund and made the scholarships possible this year. Twenty-four applications were submitted by Holbrook residents for consideration. The winners were Angela Krim, who graduated from Norfolk County Agricultural School, and will be attending Salem State University; Katelyn Long, who attended Cardinal Spellman High School, and will be attending Stonehill College; and Samantha Smith, who graduated from Holbrook Junior-Senior High, and will be attending Lesley University. All were congratulated on their accomplishments.

Mr. Carl Crosland from VIVINT SOLAR was before the Board for a permit to SOLICIT DOOR-TO-DOOR. He explained that he chooses homes that appear to meet the criteria necessary for solar panels on the roof and approaches them. The company pays the customer 10.5 cents per kilowatt hour. Some members of the Board indicated that they are opposed to door-to-door sales, and explained that the company should find an alternative way to contact homes that appear to qualify, and set up an appointment with the homeowner. Mr. Crosland left the room.

The Board considered setting the minimum value of the Town-owned property at 18 NEWTON AVE. in preparation for a tax title auction. The property was taken in 2006. Treasurer/Collector Paul Digirolamo indicated \$4,233.09 would not affect free cash.

MOTION: By Mr. Moore, second by Mr. Sheehan, to set the minimum sale price for the auction of the property at 18 Newton Ave. at \$4,233.09

VOTE: 4:0

The tuition for the Norfolk County Agricultural School will be discussed at another meeting.

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It was announced that the 2013 DRINKING WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT is available online on the Town's website, or in hardcopy by calling the Department of Public Works or the Tax Collector's office.

Mr. Digirolamo said he is working on the May cash reconciliation.

Mr. Ecord reported that:

- Linwood Street has been paved.
- The paving will begin on June 9th at Spring Street and High Street.
- The drainage project on Juniper Road is three-quarters complete.
- The water project bids for the new phases are due the end of June, including Hillsdale, Belcher and the completion of Weymouth Street.

Mr. Phelan met with NSTAR about the power line project through Town. They filed with the state, and there have been public meetings going on. The three towns most impacted are Sharon, Walpole and Holbrook. A representative of NSTAR requested a letter of support from the Town. They are willing to provide a funding source for improvements for those closest to the project. They could be asked to fund a community project in the \$10,000 - \$50,000 range.

A new flower planter has been placed at Beach and South Streets. Mr. Ecord will look at Spring and South Streets and under the new sign on the corner of Centre Street by the T Station for improvements.

Mr. Phelan said there was an inquiry from a resident about a rumor that a junk yard was going to be located at the former Brooks Lumber property. The company that may move in there sells auto parts.

The Board would like information on the status of the Industrial Development Commission.

Police Chief Paul Porter thanked the PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT for the quick early-morning cleanup of a fatal accident scene recently.

MOTION: At 8:25 pm, to adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy related to collective bargaining with Union personnel (Police) and not return to open session

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

Kevin J. Sheehan, Clerk

Documents: Agenda, Minutes, Transfer Requests, grant application info, application for permit to solicit, Drinking Water Report