Select Board Minutes
Holland Town Hall
December 18th, 2018 @ 6:00 PM

Joint Select Board & LOC Minutes
December 18th, 2018 @ 6:30 PM
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA

Present: Bettina Schmidt, Chair; Lawrence Mandell, Member & Ernie Fancy, Member
Janine C. Drake, Town Administrator

Others present: Treasurer; Linda Blodgett: Insurance Advisory Committee; Peggy Lowell and others; Milone & MacBroom; PWS Manager of Natural Resources Planning, Matthew J. Sanford & Kelly Kerrigon, Environmental Scientist; & LOC Committee

Meeting called to order by Ms. Schmidt at 6:00 PM
Bettina Schmidt will be taking agenda items out of order.

Minutes:

Motion 121818-1: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to approve the minutes of December 4th, 2018 Minutes, as written. 2nd Mr. Mandell. So voted.

Adoption of 32B § § 21-23 for Changes in Procedure in Negotiations with Health Insurance:

The Town of Holland's Treasurer; Linda Blodgett explained about the changes that could be happening with Hampshire County Group Insurance Trust (HCGIT). Mrs. Blodgett explained that our premiums have not gone up in some years. HCGIT may want to change the benefits, so we must adopt 32B SS 21-23 in order to implement this change. HCGIT voted to change benefits and told each town they must adopt 32B SS 21 & 23. IAC asked for quotes from other venders last Spring, if we went with another vender it would have an increased cost 30-40% in premiums. HCGIT dropped their proposal for increased benefits last Spring. We will not know until end of January if there will be benefit changes for July 1st, 2019. Adopting the 32B SS 21-23 would change the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) to a Public Employees Committee (PEC). There is a calendar showing all the notices that need to go out. Mr. Mandell would like to know what the ramifications are to the town if we adopt this change? If we have to leave the trust, it will cost everyone a lot more. The board wants to know what the best solution would be for the Teachers and the Town. The deadline will be January 1st, 2019.

***Peggy Lowell, joined by the members of the Insurance Advisory Committee (IAC) spoke about her concerns.**

Motion 121818-2: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to table at this time as more information is needed.
2nd Mr. Mandell. So Voted.

Motion 121818-3: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to have a special meeting on Saturday, December 29th, 2018 to discuss this change in procedure in negotiations with health insurance. 2nd Mr. Fancy. So Voted. **Discussion:** Ms. Schmidt will be calling Tantasqua's Associate Superintendent, Deb Boyd to inquire about the deadline and a possible special meeting on Saturday, December 29th, 2019 regarding a time.

Solar Conversation:

More information is required to find out if the Select Board is interested in any Solar projects at this time.

Special Use Permits from the Office of Fishing & Boating:

Boating permits for the upcoming year.

Motion 121818-4: Mr. Mandell made a motion to approve the Special Use Permit Approval Form on Hamilton Reservoir for the following: on 5-18-2019 for Tri-county Bassmasters; on 06-02-2019 for Slay Nation Tournament Fishing; on 06-22-2019 for Mebassin W.ma Kayak; on 06-25-2019 for Size Matters; and on 09-08-2019 for Slay Nation Tournament Fishing. 2nd Mr. Fancy. So Voted.

Driveway Permit Application :

Ms. Schmidt tabled signing the permit until next meeting, either 12-29-18 or 1-15-19, as not signed by the Highway Surveyor.

Summons In A Civil Action:

Our attorneys have advised that the Town of Holland will be unable to discuss this matter at this time.

Tree Warden Letter:

Tabled the signing of the letter until next meeting, either 12-29-18 or 1-15-19.

Announcements:

P: $97,146.24 A/P: $130,833.86

Motion 121818-5: Mr. Fancy made a motion to adjourn. 2nd Mr. Mandell. So voted.

Meeting closed at 6: 19 PM.

Joint Meeting with Milone & MacBroom, LOC & Select Board for the Dredging Feasibility Study Draft at 6:30pm

Meeting called to order by Ms. Schmidt at 630 PM.

Dredging Feasibility Study with Milone & MacBroom's Matt Sanford, PWS Manager of Natural Resources Planning, & Environmental Scientist, Kelly Kerrigon:

We are discussing the Dredging Feasibility Study Draft along with a Power Point presentation. A most excellent presentation given by Mr. Sanford and Ms. Kerrigon. They both answered all questions asked by a large number of attendees. Mr. Sanford suggested we fix some of the issues with the roads that are causing extra debris filtering into the lake. We also need to change a couple of swales that are filled with sand and should be filled with vegetation. We are also faced with fixing the causeway due to the age and current condition of the culvert. Mr. Sanford explained that the causeway and the dredging could be handled simultaneously. Mr. Sanford recommended that we fix the road issues and the swales prior to a dredging project due to the fact that if we dredge without fixing the roads the problem with the lake debris will continue.

Motion 121818-1-LOC: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to adjourn. 2nd Mr. Mandell. So voted.

Meeting closed at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine C. Drake
Town Administrator
Town of Holland