Select Board Minutes-Approved
Holland Town Hall
February 5th, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA

Present: Chair: Bettina Schmidt; Select Board Member: Larry Mandell; Select Board Member: Ernie Fancy
Janine C. Drake, Town Administrator

Others present: PVPC: Chris Dunphy & John O'Leary; Trails Committee Dick Haller; Finance Board, Chair: Joe Yiznitski; Ocapum Trust: Ed Hood and Jen Ohop; Outreach Worker: Jen Mott; Wales Select Board: James Whalen

Meeting called to order by Ms. Schmidt at 6:02 PM
Bettina Schmidt will be taking agenda items out of order.

***6:00 PM PVPC-Community Development Block Grant (PVPC) Hearing Opened**
Chris Dunphy & John O'Leary

The Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) is a Federal program that offers programs and services for low to moderate income persons. The program starts with Housing and Urban Development (HUD) who provides funding to larger cities and state government based on a formula. The state government, in this case the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), offers small cities and towns an opportunity to apply for grant assistance through an annual competitive application process. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) has been working with the Tri-Town communities for well over 20 plus years and are assisting with the FY2019 grant application. Projects recommended by the PVPC and the Tri-Town committee for grant are Housing Rehabilitation, Brimfield Senior Center Planning Study, Food Pantry assistance and assistance for the Tri-Task force /Stop Abuse in collaboration with Behavioral Health Network. PVPC identified the need for this grant through surveys, data and community input from residents and officials in all three communities. There has been an ongoing Tri-Town group that also regularly meets with PVPC staff who evaluated all the projects and recommended that they be included in the application. For the housing activity, the average cost of each project is estimated to be approximately 20,000 and that there hopefully will be funding available for approximately 8 projects per community. The food pantry and domestic violence programs will also be made available for residents in all three towns. Holland will serve as the lead community for this grant for approximately $560,000 that is due March 8, 2019. Several forms are required as part of the submission including an original copy of the budget sheet sign by the Select board Chair.

Holland Select Board Chair: Bettina Schmidt; Wales Select Board Vice Chair: James Whalen and Brimfield Select Board Member: Ryan Olsztra support this initiative.

۞ **PVPC-Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) FY2019:**

Motion 020519-1: Mr. Mandell made a motion to authorized Ms. Schmidt, Holland Select Board Chair to work with PVPC with the finalizing of the application process for March 8th.
2nd Mr. Fancy. So Voted.

Closed the Hearing at 6:17 **PM**

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Minutes:

Motion 020519-2: Mr. Mandell made a motion to approve the January 15th, 2018 Minutes, as written.
2nd Mr. Fancy. So voted.

۞ **Opacum Discussion Land Grant/Sichol's Project with Opacum's Ed Hood & Jen Ohop:**
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Mr. Mandell would like to arrive at a number that would work for the town regarding the sale price. Mr. Mandell would like to negotiate terms to bring to the Select Board.

Motion 020519-3: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to authorize Mr. Mandell to negotiate a final purchase price on the Sichol's Property with Ed Hood.
2nd Mr. Fancy. So Voted **Discussion:** Mr. Mandell with Ed Hood need to look at the appraisals and set up another meeting with Mr. Mandell, perhaps next week. Ed Hood and Mr. Mandell would like to know Sichol's acknowledged the 2nd appraisal.

Mr. Mandell would like to form an Ad Hoc Marking Committee to deliver a consistent message to the community and beyond, regarding the project. Jen Ohop is open to help communicate in short order with who would be the right people to participate in the Dd Hoc Marketing Committee.

Motion 020519-4: Mr. Mandell made a motion to have Jen Ohop help organize the Ad Hoc Marketing Committee for the Open Space project. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So Voted. **Discussion:** Fundraiser for the Open Space Scheduling: March 30th Pancake Breakfast and walk on the Sichol's property.

Chairmanship of the Select Board:

Motion 020519-5: Mr. Mandell made a motion to appoint Ernest Fancy as Chair of the Select Board.
2nd Ms. Schmidt. So Voted.

Selectmen Liaison to the Finance Board:

Motion 020519-6: Mr. Mandell made a motion to assign and appoint Mr. Fancy to act as the Selectmen Liaison to the Finance Board.
2nd Ms. Schmidt. So Voted.

Reginal Human Resource Partnership Grant:
Announcement that a letter was signed by the Select Board and sent to Catherine Welker the Marketing and Communications for Hampshire Council of Government, seeking regionalization for a Human Resource Partnership connection.

Appointments:

Cable Commission Appointment Anne Hall:

Motion 020519-7: Mr. Mandell made a motion to appoint Anne Hall to the Cable Commission.
2nd Mr. Fancy. So Voted.

COA Appointment Pam Sweeney:

Motion 020519-8: Mr. Fancy made a motion to appoint Pam Sweeney to Council on Aging (COA).
2nd Mr. Mandell. So Voted.

COA Appointment Karen Horton:

Motion 020519-9: Mr. Mandell made a motion to appoint Karen Horton to Council on Aging (COA).
2nd Mr. Fancy. So Voted.

Announcements:

The Town of Holland would like to thank Norcross' for their generous Donation to the Town of Holland.

P: $ 38,091.86 A/P: $ 78,011.69

Motion 020519-10: Mr. Fancy made a motion to adjourn. **2nd** Mr. Mandell. So voted.
Meeting closed at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Janine C. Drake
Town Administrator
Town of Holland