

Select Board Minutes- Approved
Holland Town Hall
Thursday, October 15th, 2019 @ 6:00 PM
Executive Session @ 6:30 PM & 6:35 PM
Community Room, 1st Floor
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521

Present: Chair: Ernie Fancy & Select Board Member: Bettina Schmidt & Select Board Member: Larry Mandell

Town Administrator: Janine Drake

Others present: Highway Surveyor: Brian Johnson & Chris McCooe

Mr. Fancy will be taking the agenda items out of order.

Minutes:

Motion 101519-1: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to approve the 9-17-19 Meeting Minutes. **2nd Mr. Fancy. So. Voted Motion**

101519-2: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to approve the 10-1-19 Meeting Minutes. **2nd Mr. Fancy. So. Voted**

Old Business:

☼ Open Space Add Additional Vacancy for Citizen at Large:

Motion 101519-3: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to approve and accept the Open Space recommendation for the additional vacancy for (2) Citizens at Large for the Open Space Committee. **2nd Mr. Mandell. So Voted**

☼ Sichol's Update:

Mr. Mandell reports that the Title Report for Land Court has been filed. The appraisal for most of the parcels are finished. We are working on the back acreage, currently. The original submission to Land Court extends out over Blodgett Road. This submission will not affect us in terms of finalizing the transaction with Mr. Sichol. We would need Mr. Sichol to gift some of the land to the town that extends out, including the Blodgett Road piece for frontage. This land extension has a minimal impact to the process and is immaterial to our moving forward with the sale.

New Business:

☼ What's New in Municipal Law:

Mr. Fancy explains to the Select Board that we are now approved by the State for short term over-night stays for AirBnB's and such, are now an assessed tax rate of 5.7% if the town decides to adopt the Tax.

☼ Secure Energy Discussion:

Janine was visited by Jenna Richardson, Energy Specialist for Secure Energy and would like to access our Electric Invoices to see if there was another way to save money on our National Grid bill. Ms. Richardson would assist with finding out current rates and percentages we could save. Janine explained to Jenna that we currently have NexAmp as our liaison for energy credits and savings. She would like work with us in the future. Ms. Richardson is also a resident in Holland and would like to help us in any way. The Select Board is interested in a further discussion.

☼ 21st Century Municipalities: Challenges & Opportunities:

Lieutenant Governor Polito announced that mass.gov will be hosting a link for a search for ALL Grants. We should be on the look out for this link.

☼ Special Permits FY 20 & FY 21 from Office of Fishing and Boating for:

a)Nebassin W Ma Kayak. b) Brooks Brothers. c) Basseekers. d) Size Matters:

Motion 101519-4: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to approve the Special Permit for Size Matters. 2nd Mr. Mandell. **So Voted.**

Motion 101519-5: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to grant the Special Permit for Basseekers. 2nd Mr. Mandell. **So Voted.**

Motion 101519-6: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to grant the Special Permit for Nebassin W Ma Kayak.
2nd Mr. Mandell. **So Voted.**

Motion 101519-7: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to grant the Special Permit for Brooks Brothers.
2nd Mr. Mandell. **So Voted.**

☼ **Town Administrator Vacation Time Extension:**

Motion 101519-8: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to extend Janine Drake's vacation time until April 2020.
2nd Mr. Fancy. **So Voted.**

☼ **LOC Appointment for Lyn Johnson:**

Motion 101519-9: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to appoint Lyn Johnson as a member to the Lake Oversight Committee.
2nd Mr. Mandell. **So Voted.**

Warrants Approved Payroll: \$ Accounts Payable: \$ 146,006.11

☼ **16 Island Road and Barney Road Discussion with Brian Johnson:**

Island Road: We need to figure out a cost with Mr. Johnson and notify Chris Dunphy with the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) once we know the cost. **We will be utilizing CDGB funds for the demo on 16 Island Rd.**

Barney Road: A Wales resident is in violation of a parking bylaw (9.2.4.3) with a tractor trailer container parked in the road on town property. The Select Board would like to ask town counsel what our options would be in this situation and would like to inquire on how to proceed.

Motion 101519-10: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to have Janine contact Town Counsel to discuss the tractor trailer container on the side of Barney Road. 2nd Mr. Mandell. **So Voted.**

Public Access: Chris McCooe stated that the HRA and LOC feel it's too much of a liability to volunteer to help clean up below the dam by the spillway and by the tall weeds. Ms. McCooe suggested that we hire someone to weed whack that area.

Executive Session for 6:30 PM for Reason #5 and Executive Session for 6:35 for Reason #1.

Motion 101519-11: Mr. Fancy made a motion to go into Executive Session for reason # 5: To investigate charges of criminal misconduct or to consider the filing of criminal complaints.

2nd Ms. Schmidt. **Roll Call Vote: Mr. Fancy (YES); Ms. Schmidt (YES); Larry Mandell (YES)**

Motion 101519-12: Mr. Fancy made a motion to go into Executive Session for reasons # 1: To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

2nd Ms. Schmidt. **Roll Call Vote: Mr. Fancy (YES); Ms. Schmidt (YES); Larry Mandell (YES).**

Motion 101519-13: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to not reopen in the meeting at the conclusion of the executive session.
2nd Mr. Mandell. **Roll Call Vote: Mr. Fancy (YES); Ms. Schmidt (YES); Larry Mandell (YES).**

Meeting closed at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted, Janine C. Drake, Town Administrator, Town of Holland