



**Select Board Minutes  
Wednesday February 6, 2017 - 7 pm  
Holland Town Hall  
27 Sturbridge Road  
Holland, MA**

Present: Elias Gillen, Chair  
Lawrence Mandell, Member  
Bettina Schmidt, Member  
Kelli A. Robbins, Esq., Executive Secretary

**Call to Order:**

Mr. Gillen called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Motion 020617-1 Mr. Mandell**, to waive reading of minutes Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and February 1, 2017 and approve as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Schmidt. So voted.

**Appointments to Address the Board:**

None

**Old Business:**

Hampshire Power –  
Discussion.

**Motion 020617-2 Ms. Schmidt**, To accept the 36 month rate of 9.85 cents per kWh beginning March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2020. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Mandell. So voted

**Motion 020617-3 Mr. Mandell**, for Ms. Schmidt to sign Hampshire Power contract for electrical supply. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Gillen. So voted.

Driveway permit for 65 Morse Road.

After inspection of document it was noted that the Highway Surveyor had not signed off on the permit. As the Board is not qualified to determine if the plans are appropriate, it was determined not to sign the driveway permit until the Highway Surveyor has signed it.

**Motion 020617-4 Ms. Schmidt**, to table until Highway Surveyor has signed the driveway permit for 65 Morse Road, Holland. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Mandell. So voted.

Joint application Authorization: Community Development Fund 2017

Discussion: Wales would be lead for this year.

**Motion 020617-5 Ms. Schmidt**, to sign the Tri Community Development agreement. 2<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. Mandell. So voted. Agreement signed by Chair

**New Business:**

Select Board, proposed budget for fiscal year 2018. See attached  
Chair, Elias Gillen asked that the Select Board members place a hold any budget numbers they question as he read the amounts. Mr. Gillen, hold, salaries.  
Ms. Robbins explained budget amounts requested.

Mr. Gillen expressed concern that the 2.5% raises proposed would not be sufficient to cover the medical insurance cost increases. Mr. Mandell stated he was concerned about how the public would view it and that he wants to use the 2.5%.

**Motion 020617-6, Mr. Mandell**, to take the issue of salary increase vs. insurance increase to the Finance Board meeting. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Schmidt. So voted

Ms. Schmidt reported on warrants signed.

**Announcements:**

Select Board and Lake Oversight Committee walked a property for sale on Mashapaug Road to see if it had potential for a public boat ramp. Before any decisions can be made permission to do so would need to be made at town meeting.

Read Carl Bean Softball game announcement from Police Department  
Read Basket Ball fund raiser announcement from Police Department – Game will be held March 17, 2017 at the Tantasqua Jr. High School.

**Public Access**

Christine McCooe asked when the next select board meeting would be held. February 21, 2017.

**Motion 020617-8 Mr. Mandell**, to adjourn. Ms. Schmidt 2<sup>nd</sup>. So voted.

Meeting closed 7:53 PM