



**Select Board Minutes
Monday July 3, 2017 - 6 pm
Holland Town Hall
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA**

Present:

Bettina Schmidt - Chair

Elias Gillen - Member

Lawrence Mandell - Member

Kelli A. Robbins, Esq., Executive Secretary

Call to Order:

Ms. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 6PM

Approval of Minutes

Motion 070317-1, Mr. Mandell to approve the June 20th minutes as written. 2nd Mr. Gillen. So Voted

Joint meeting with Finance Board to sign year end transfers.

The accounting department presented the Select Board with the needed year end transfers that were available to date. (see attached) Parties reviewed the document

Motion 070317-2. Mr. Mandell to approve and sign transfers as presented. 2nd Mr. Gillen. So voted.

New Business:

Motion 070317-4, Mr. Gillen to appoint Brenda Palmer as interim Community Center Director. 2nd Mr. Mandell. So voted

Ms. Schmidt explained that due to rules surrounding executive session there would be no discussion of Paula Bak non-reappointed as the Community Center Director.

Mr. Mandell began to speak regarding Ms. Bak and was reminded that no discussion could take place regarding executive session issues until the issue is closed and the minutes have been approved.

Ms. Robbins explained that she would be speaking with the Ethics Commission to determine how detailed the minutes should be without violating the reason for the executive session. Until a determination was given by the Ethics Commission the minutes would not be published.

Motion 070317-5, Mr. Gillen to appoint Luke Perczak to the Lake Oversight Committee. 2nd Mr. Mandell. So voted

Motion -072017-6, Ms. Schmidt to table the contract for the LED lighting conversion as it is not available to be signed yet. 2nd Mr. Gillen. So voted.

Public Access –

Christine Haller of the Counsel on Aging addressed the Select Board to discuss, communication, compassion and co-operation. She spoke eloquently regarding the need for these three things to be incorporated into the town's actions. A brief history of the Community Center was given showing a lack of communication from past boards. . Ms. Haller also asked that the COA be consulted when a decision was being made that effected the senior community, Community Center etc. Ms. Robbins stated that due to the very nature of executive session rules no one could be consulted and that the Select Board could not discuss among themselves until in the meeting. No one was deliberately excluded.

She asked that the Select Board come to a COA meeting, that could be held at night to accommodate the work schedules of the Select Board

Ms. Schmidt said she would be happy to attend a meeting of the COA.

Ms. Haller asked why the quarterly department head meetings were no longer happening. Mr. Mandell explained that the first one was well attended but after that it was only 3 people who showed up. So the practice was dropped for lack of interest.

Announcements:

Motion 070317-7 Mr. Gillen to adjourn. 2nd Mr. Mandell. So voted.

Meeting closed 6:34 PM