



**Select Board Minutes  
Tuesday May 2, 2017 - 7 pm  
Holland Town Hall  
27 Sturbridge Road  
Holland, MA**

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

**Call to Order:**

Ms. Schmidt called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion **050217-1**, Mr. Mandell to waive the reading of the minutes of April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to approve as written. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Gillen. So voted

**Meetings with the Board**

Gary Naples – Aqua Riders Ski Club

Mr. Naples spoke to the Board regarding the new ski club season. As in years past, the Aqua Riders Ski Club is seeking permission from the Select Board to practice on Hamilton Reservoir beginning on approximately 9 AM to Noon on Saturdays and weeknights, Wednesday and Friday evenings until dusk, as well as get permission to tow more than 2 persons at a time by a single towboat, do dog bone patterns. (See letter attached)

Motion **050217-2**, Mr. Mandell, To waive the regulations of the Hamilton Reservoir for the Aqua Riders group as referenced in the request letter, to practice and perform on Hamilton Reservoir and to allow the slalom course to be erected as stated. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Gillen. So voted

**New Business:**

Chapter 90 Ten year Contract.

Ms. Schmidt recommended appointing one person to sign chapter 90 documents going forward. Mr. Mandell recommended it be the Executive Secretary to avoid having to call any further emergency meetings for this purpose.

**Motion 050217-3** Mr. Gillen to appoint Executive Secretary position as signatory for Chapter 90 monies going forward. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Mandell. So voted

#### Insurance Chapter 32, § 21&22

The town is self-insured for medical coverage. We belong to the Hampshire Counsel Trust. Insurance in general is changing. By adopting these 2 sections the Trust will be granted an alternative form of negotiating benefits on behalf of the member towns.

If not adopted the Trust can remove us from the collective.

**Motion 050217-4** Mr. Mandell, Select Board adopt General Law chapter 32 sections 21 and 22 according to the stated requirements for the Town of Holland. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Gillen. So voted.

#### Warrant – Annual Town Meeting

The Finance Board has asked that we reopen the warrant to add articles. The articles are all for distribution of currently available free cash. As you can see from the previously provided copies, they are basically beefing up the stabilization accounts. Linda also asked for the land auction money to roll over into the next fiscal year as she is anticipating some activity in that area next year.

**Motion 050217-5** Mr. Mandell, to accept the following article additions to the annual town meeting warrant. Articles #s 8, 9(as edited), 19, 20, 21 and 22. Mr. Gillen 2<sup>nd</sup>. So voted.

#### Appointment of Police Officers

Chief Haughey addressed the Board to discuss the appointment of the new Officers to the Holland Police Department. Chief Haughey wanted to have the new officers here to meet the Select Board but it was not possible for tonight. The officers will come in to meet the Board a different night. Lake patrol will be their primary function. Additional officers were added to ensure higher safety for the lake patrol. Last year there were times when the patrol had only one officer. The additional staff will ensure there will be two officers on the boat during patrols.

Mr. Mandell asked if additional officers were budgeted for. Chief Haughey explained that the number of officers will not affect the budget because the patrols are what were budgeted for, with 2 officers at a time. Having the extra officers creates more efficient scheduling but no additional cost.

Ms. Schmidt asked when the patrols would start. Chief Haughey stated they would begin typically on Memorial Day weekend but may begin a bit earlier this year.

**Motion 050217-6** Mr. Gillen, To accept the Police Chief's recommendation and appoint **Michael F. Murphy, Ryan J. Duff, Vincent R. Sullivan** and **James A. Lamothe Jr.** to the Police Department as part time officers for a term of one year each, ending June 30, 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Mandell. So voted.

#### Appoint new member to Zoning Board of Appeals

**Motion 050217-7** Mr. Mandell, to appoint Mark Mitchell as alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of one year ending June 30, 2018. 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Gillen. So voted.

## **Public Access**

None

## **Announcements:**

Chief Haughey discussed the award of the first Carleton Bean Scholarship. The Chief explained that the committee met and chose one of the 9 applicants who met the requirements for scholarship receipt. It was unanimous decision on the part of the committee to award the \$650 scholarship to the chosen recipient.

The next Annual Carleton Beane Memorial Softball Scholarship game will be held this June. More information will be forthcoming as the event develops.

Chief Haughey provided a letter and thanked the involved groups for a successful town wide clean up. (see attached letter)

Mr. Mandell stated how impressed and pleased he was to see such a great turn out for the event as well the great organization of the event.

The Holland PD officers sponsored one of the Holland/Wales Baseball League teams this year. When approached by the ball league, the officers all donated individually to support the league.

Holland Annual 5K will be Saturday May 20, 2017 beginning at 7 AM for road closings. The full announcement is on the Police page on the town website. <http://town.holland.ma.us/holland-police-department/news/temporary-road-closures-parking-restrictions>

There was a successful blood drive held the 22 of April between the fire department and the police department at the community center.

Board of Assessors has reappointed JoAnne Higgins for another 3 year term. Can either read the letter or just acknowledge receipt of same.

Next scheduled meeting is May 16<sup>th</sup>.

May 15<sup>th</sup> is the Finance Board Budget Hearing.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held May 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Elementary School Gym  
Come have a say in what happens to your tax dollars.

**Motion 050217-8** Mr. Mandell, to adjourn. Mr. Gillen. 2<sup>nd</sup>. So voted.

Meeting closed 7:33 PM