Select Board Minutes-Approved
Holland Town Hall
Virtual Emergency Meeting
April 7h, 2020
Conference Call

Virtual Meeting Attendance Members: Select Board, Chair: Bettina Schmidt &
Select Board Member: Larry Mandell
Town Administrators: Janine Drake
Others Present: Assessor: JoAnne Higgins; Library Director: Tracie Scott,

Opened meeting at 5pm

Bettina announced the following information prior to our virtual meeting:

Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Town of Holland, Select Board will be conducted via remote participation to the greatest extent possible. Specific information and the general guidelines for remote participation by members of the public and/or parties with a right and/or requirement to attend this meeting can be found on the Town of Holland's website, at https://town.holland.ma.us/.

No in-person attendance of members of the public will be permitted, but every effort will be made to ensure that the public can adequately access the proceedings in real time, via technological means. In the event that we are unable to do so, despite best efforts, we will post on our Town's website an audio or video recording, transcript, or other **comprehensive record** of proceedings as soon as possible after the meeting.

The public will not be allowed into a Board/Committee meeting, even where there are any members of the public body and/or [city/town] staff or official(s) physically present at the meeting location during the meeting. "Public comment" portions of meetings will be temporarily suspended.

Ms. Schmidt will be taking the Agenda items out of order.

New Business:

Extending Holland Municipal Closures:

Per Governor Baker's COVID-19 Order 21 made on March 31st, 2020 to have non-essential businesses stay closed until May 4th, 2020. The select Board will be extending the Library and the Community Center's closures until May 4th, 2020, as well.

Motion 04072020-2: Mr. Mandell made a motion extend all of the Municipal closures until May 4th, 2020.
2nd Ms. Schmidt**. So Voted.**

Legislative Taxpayers Bill Discussion:

The State does not want us to change the date of when people are supposed to pay taxes. The SB are able to waive the interest and penalties. There is a deadline on how far we are able to extend the date.

Motion 04072020-4: Mr. Mandell made a motion to waive excise tax, property tax and approve the provisions Governor Baker put in place until in June 30th, 2020.
2nd Ms. Schmidt **. So Voted.**

Motion 04072020-5: Ms. Schmidt made a motion to adopt the Local Option to Extend the Due Date for Exemption and Deferral Applications: Section 10(a) (iv) of An Act To Address Challenges Faced by Municipalities and State Authorities Resulting from COVID-19 Chapter 53 of the Acts. (to extend the time that a citizen has to apply for a real estate tax exemption).
2nd Mr. Mandell. **So Voted. Discussion:** Mrs. Higgins would like to give people more time to get an application into us. And to Accept 10a; iv of the legislation. Refer to ***DLS Bulletin BUL-2020-02*** to view the whole act. (**Link Act on line if possible.**)

Overtime Discussion:

Motion 04072020-6: Mr. Mandell made a motion to approve tracked additional hours with back up documentation. **2nd** Ms. Schmidt**. So Voted. Discussion:**

Public access: NONE

Motion 04072020-7: Mr. Mandell made a motion to adjourn at 5:17 pm. **2nd** Ms. Schmidt. **So Voted.**

Respectfully submitted,

Janine C. Drake
Town Administrator