

**Select Board Minutes
Holland Town Hall
March 6, 2018 6 PM
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA**

Present:

Bettina Schmidt - Chair

Lawrence Mandell - Member

Absent: Elias Gillen

Member

Meeting called to order by Ms. Schmidt at 6:02 PM

Minutes: Mr. Mandell was not present at the last meeting and Mr. Gillen is not present now.

Motion 030618-1 Mr. Mandell to table the minutes of the last meeting. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. Minutes tabled.

Lt. Swain, discussed;

1. The upcoming Basket Ball game between Holland teens and the PD. Between Mr. Gillen and Ms. Schmidt a team of teen players will be formed to play against the Holland Police Department in an attempt to raise funds to be sent to the families who recently lost children in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school in Parkland, Florida, shooting. A flyer for the game was presented to the Select Board, and for Ms. Schmidt for comment, correct or add to. The flyer will be placed at the town hall and various other locations to generate interest and participation. The Holland Police want to reach out to the community to let kids know the community cares about them. The gym is reserved for 19th of March. Lt. Swain explained how important it is to build a better rapport with the kids.

2. ALICE training. ALICE training is a program for active shooter protection. Lt. Swain explained that he is a certified Alice instructor and that Chief Haughey and Officer Ward will also be completing the training to be instructors. Once the training is complete there will be an active shooter training for town employees.

Mr. Mandell asked Lt. Swain if he thought it was a better approach to get to know the kids rather than arming those trained. Lt. Swain stated he feels it is better to reach out to get to know the kids, to let them know it is not a bad thing to let someone know if they or a friend is having a bad day. To hopefully prevent this type of thing by caring and showing the kids they are not alone.

Motion 030618-2, Mr. Mandell, to support the police department by endorsing the basketball game. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted.

Lt. Swain and Officer Ward presented information on ballistic vests for the police department. They were able to work with the vendor who provides the uniforms to get a good price on the vests. This purchase will be part of a federal reimbursement grant the Police Department will apply for as soon as the vests are purchased.

Lt. Swain explained how Officer Ward had done the brunt of the research and is the point contact in reference to this grant and project. Officer Ward found out the parameters of the grants, discovered that Holland is signed up for the federal part of the grant. There is a possibility that the other 50% of

the cost will be covered by a State grant. The State grant is first come first serve. There is currently money still available as of the time of this discussion. The vest that was presented as an example of what the PD intends to purchase is survival armor. Cost per vest at a negotiated price is \$775.00 per vest with the possible purchase of up to 14 vests, if the entire department is supplied. This vest meets the Federal Standards for the Federal Grant.

Lt. Swain explained how vests are provided based on the type of weapon an officer is carrying. The vests must be fitted to each officer, there must be a vest wear policy which is already in place in the department, each vest will have a serial number for each individual who receives a vest. Lt. Swain emphasized the value of our officers and the need to protect them.

Mr. Mandell asked what was needed from the Select Board to help the Police Department procure the vests. Lt. Swain stated the need for the funds to procure the vests prior to being reimbursed by the grants.

Motion 030618-3, Mr. Mandell to authorize the Police Department to purchase ballistic vests in line with the Federal reimbursement grant for the department. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted.

Ms. Robbins read update of activity from the Select Board office. (See attached report)

Cable Commission

Jennifer Livernois is still on the Cable Commission. She is the only current member of the committee. Tristan Brawn expressed a desire to be on the committee. Ms. Schmidt asked Mr. Brawn about equipment belonging to the town that he and his uncle had removed from the town hall building over the summer and fall. Mr. Brawn stated it was “just mobile” equipment that he could bring back right away. Ms. Schmidt stated she has concerns with the unlawful removal of the equipment and wanted to know who had given them permission to do so. Mr. Brawn stated it was the “cable commission” who gave him the keys to the building and permission to remove the equipment.

Motion 030618-4, Mr. Mandell to appoint Tristan Brawn to the Cable Commission for the remainder of the fiscal year pending the return of the town’s equipment. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted.

Discussion on when the warrant for town meeting needs to close. In order to have time to compile the warrant and get it to town counsel in time to post no warrant articles can be received after April 16th. The warrant will then be voted on at the April 17th Select Board meeting.

Motion 030618-5, Mr. Mandell to close the warrant for articles April 17th. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted.

Discussion on response of the request for quotes on the Phase I dam inspection required to be done this Spring. The request was sent to Tighe and Bond, Lenard Engineering and Fuss and O’Neil . Quotes were received from Lenard Engineering and Fuss and O’Neil . Lenard was the lower of the two received.

Motion 030618-6 Mr. Mandell to accept the bid from Lenard Engineering out of Auburn. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So voted. Ms. Schmidt signed proposal.

Ms. Schmidt asked if the accounting contract is up this fiscal year. Ms. Robbins stated it is. Ms. Schmidt asked that the position be advertised. Ms. Robbins stated she would advertise the position.

Motion 030618-7 Mr. Mandell, to adjourn. 2nd Ms. Schmidt. So vote 6:59 PM.