

MINUTES  
**Tues, March 21, 2023**  
**Select Board Meeting – 6:00PM**  
**Town Hall Community Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor & Virtual**  
27 Sturbridge Rd.  
Holland, MA 01521

Select Board Members in attendance: Clelland Johnson, Ernie Fancy

Select Board Members Participating Remotely: James Whalen

Others in attendance: Stacy Stout (Town Administrator), Val Lundin (Town Clerk), Rick Lundin, Gene Olson, Eric Schwartz (Farm Bug Co-op), J. Jasper (Farm Bug Co-op), Rich Koloszyk (Farm Bug Co-op), David Tremblay, Dr. Marion McNabb, Mike Breor (Recreation Committee)

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:00pm

1. Pole Hearing – National Grid

- a. Proposed installation of pole, wires and fixtures on Mashapaug Road for existing house upgraded service.

Motion to approve installation of pole at Mashapaug Road and White Road by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Whalen; All in favor, Yes

2. Host Community Agreement Proposal - Farm Bug Cooperative.

- a. Submitted Host Community Agreement to Town of Holland. They are working with Canna Mountain Development. They are looking to get a tier 2 license. They want to utilize 15,000 sq ft: with 10,000 sq ft for Canopy and 5,000 sq ft reserved for work space.
- b. After the draft is finalized, it goes to legal counsel for review.
- c. Once Farm Bug Cooperative submits to Cannabis Commission for Licensing, they will work with Planning Board.

Motion to take under advisement and get in touch with legal counsel and start the process by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Whalen; all in favor, Yes

3. Minutes – Tabled

4. Appointments – None

5. Hamilton Reservoir Special Use Permit Requests

- a. June 14, 2023 – Bass Fishing

b. September 6, 2023 – Bass Fishing

Motion to approve Hamilton Reservoir Special Use Permit Requests by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Whalen; all in favor, Yes

6. Authorization for Charter Services to 143 Vinton Road

- a. 143 Vinton Road would like to be serviced by Charter Cable. The house next door utilizes Charter already. Charter is not offering service to Holland. They are using already existing lines available for neighboring Towns, and only for houses not getting adequate service near the edges of Town.

Motion to approve authorization of Charter service to 143 Vinton Road by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Whalen; all in favor, Yes

7. ARPA Requests

- a. Recreation Committee- They are looking for Structural repairs of the storage sheds, dugouts, snack shack, scoreboards and fixing existing bleachers. Athletic Field renovations of Baseball, softball and T-ball fields.

Motion to Allocate \$55,000 of ARPA funds to the Holland Recreation Committee towards repairing the structures and fields in the center of Town by J Whalen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Fancy; all in favor, Yes

- b. Fire Department/Highway Generator-There was a quote received of \$13,000 to rewire the Fire station generator to provide power to the DPW. This is part of the Towns Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Motion to use \$13,000 of ARPA funds to provide emergency power to the DPW barn by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by J Whalen; all in favor, yes

- c. Working on getting an estimate on a generator for the Town Hall

8. Warrant Articles-

- a. Assessors: Transfer of Funds

9. FY 24 Budget

- a. Tri Town ambulance meeting coming up. A 6% increase was built into the budget for increase.
- b. IT budget is currently being worked on.

10. Board/Committee/Department updates

- a. IT Status – VPN project was started this week. Highway department and Town Hall were completed. Next step is Fire Department, Community Center and Library. There was an issue with email on Laptops that weren't located in the Town Hall during the process but was resolved.
- b. Finance Board -Continuing to develop the budget. They still need some information from a few departments.
- c. Lake Oversight Committee – reviewing weed treatment proposals to choose one for recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.
- d. Ambulance – working on scheduling a meeting to prepare for negotiations for the new 3-year contract with Action Ambulance.
- e. School Committee- They held their Public Hearing for the Budget on the March 9, 2023. After a \$7,000 rebate on oil costs the Budget has a 5.5% increase instead of 5.7% increase. Some of the budget drivers are that enrollment has stabilized post Covid, out of district tuition has increased \$54,000 in overall costs, \$225,000 of school choice money to regular budget from Superintendent's Office, facilities project and technologies portion funded through School choice at a declining rate. On the Utility side, oil will be at least \$3.05 per Gallon. The superintendent and Holland Elementary Principal would both be willing to have a discussion to explain the overall budget picture.
- f. ByLaw Committee –There are currently 60 unanswered questions.
  - i. Selectboard questions: The Bylaws have Board of Selectmen, Selectmen and Select Board all written. One term should be used for consistency. Chairman and Chair are both in the Bylaws. Chair will be used going forward.
  - ii. Planning Board have answered 10 of their questions and have 30 more to go.
- g. Planning Board update – Planning Board submitted the paperwork to FEMA. They will have to do an amendment to list the Building Commissioner as the FEMA Administrator. They are having trouble getting members to the meetings.
- h. Community Center update – Brenda met with State Rep Todd Smola. He was very supportive of how the community center's is supporting the Towns needs especially with their lunch program. He made recommendations of other ways of to fund the program other than the COA's revolving account.

#### 11. Select Board Communications

- a. PVPC admin invoices were received. They will be on the next agenda.
- b. Town Caucus is on April 18, 2023 at 7:00pm. Board of Selectmen cannot meet at the normal time. They will discuss meeting earlier that day or another day.

- c. IT would like to have a meeting about cyber security issues. This will be addressed in an executive session meeting.
- d. Ernie Fancy will attend the Selectmen Regional Meeting.

12. Bi-weekly Warrants for approval

- a. FY23-19 Payroll \$147,906.71
- b. FY23-19 AP \$196,166.92

Motion to approve both Warrants by J Whalen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Fancy: All in favor, Yes

Chair Closed Meeting - Meeting Adjourned at 7:44pm  
Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Gumlaw