

## **Holland Finance Board**

27 Sturbridge Road

Holland, MA 01521

### **Meeting Minutes for Saturday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Members present: Clelland Johnson, Joe Yiznitsky, Andy Harhay, Sharon Ashleigh, Stacy Stout

Members Absent: none

BOS Liaison present: Larry Mandell

- Meeting called to order at 9:30 AM by Clelland, Chair
- Reviewed schedule for day for Department/Board budget reviews
- 9:30 AM – scheduled with Fire Chief – rescheduled due to being called into work, will meet with FB Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>
- 10:00 Community Center – Brenda Palmer, Director
  - Age-friendly and dementia-friendly designation achieved– opens grant opportunities
  - Will need new refrigerator (approx. \$1200)
  - Septic additional expense
  - Telephone up \$200 for caller ID
  - Transportation – could get a van donated by Worcester in June; need \$ for 19 hours @\$12.75 for a driver (additional costs for maintenance, gas, insurance, other = ?)
- 10:30 Council on Aging – Linda Racine, Chairperson
  - Volunteer drivers – mileage reimbursement
  - If town gets a van, then would driver costs go to Community Center budget to keep it all in one place
  - Newsletter printing and mailing costs continue to go up
    - Clelland asked if Tantasqua has printing services
    - Linda will look into
- 10:40 Tax Collector – Steve Anderstrom
  - Request for Expense increase of \$1200 to align with FY19

- 11:00 Library – Tracie Scott, Director; Jennifer Gumlaw & Bonnie Fancy – Trustee Members; Steve Anderstrom
  - This year supplies request is lower (replace laptop- \$1000 and new desk for public computers - \$400)
  - Trash collection costs up
  - Reviewed State Aid qualifications for edification
  - Two requirements as example: Open certain number of hours and spend 20% of budget on new items for circulation every year
  - Benefit – CWMARS participation, Evergreen library management computer system, interlibrary loan participation
- Board of Health – Dave Kowalski, Chairperson
  - Stipend is same
  - Wages – need a Board Clerk not just ad hoc support
  - Lake water testing – need to have emergency contingent
  - Need \$5000 (every 3-4 years) to grind up brush dump pile – Clelland to check if this is covered in cyclical stabilization expenses
  - Harrington Hospital services – what is this for? Dave to follow up
- Roundtable
  - Need to review what is listed in Cyclic Project Stabilization
  - Need to put money into the Stabilization budgets
  - Need to have Capital Planning Committee – Larry to add this to All Boards meeting on Tuesday
  - All Boards Meeting
    - Clelland and Joe to attend
    - Items from FB perspective to raise
      - Capital Planning
      - Consistent vision of priorities for FB for town
- Motion to Adjourn made by Joe; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sharon; All in favor – Meeting Adjourned at 12:15PM

Other Boards/Departments invited to meet on 2/29: Town Clerk (N/A - open position), Building Inspector, Veterans' Services, Planning Board

Next Board meeting Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> - Budget worksheet reviews scheduled for Police Chief, Fire Chief, Conservation Committee, Highway Department (continuation); Should have Tantasqua School District numbers to review by this meeting

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Stout, Secretary