

Meeting Minutes

Select Board – Special Meeting

DATE: March 7, 2024

PLACE: Holland Town Hall, Community Room & Virtual

TIME MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 2:07pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Whalen [remote], Ernie Fancy, Kate Landers

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHER PARTICIPANTS [optional to list]: Stacy Stout, Town Administrator

Pledge of Allegiance

TOPICS:

1. Unanticipated agenda item: Place Town Hall flag at half-mast in honor of firefighter Nicholas Rivera
2. COX - Franchise renewal introductory meeting

DISCUSSIONS:

Nicholas Rivera, a member of Holland Fire Department, passed away on March 2, 2024.
Select Board Chair proposes to fly Town Hall flag at half-mast in recognition.

Motion to fly Town Hall flag at half-mast in honor of Holland Firefighter Nick made by K Landers,
2nd by J Whalen

Role call vote: J Whalen – Yes, K Landers – Y (E Fancy not yet present)

COX Franchise renewal introductory discussion

- COX guests:
 - Lindsay DeRoche, Director of Regional Affairs
 - Derrik Williams, Franchise Lead
 - Erin Rice, Manager of Government Affairs
- Holland license expires on Oct 29, 2024 (was 10 year contract)
- Process and **tentative** timeline – follows MA Dept of Telecom and Cable guidelines
 - COX provides a letter of proposal
 - Town provide list of questions or issues by May 17, 2024
 - Draft proposal developed by June 14, 2024
 - Draft proposal is published as a public document

- Public Hearing scheduled and held – July 15-19 timeframe
- Close hearing, take in public comments – end July/beg August
- Final draft of license renewal proposal by Sept

Motion to adjourn made by K Landers, 2nd by E Fancy

Roll call vote: J Whalen – Yes, E Fancy – Yes, K Landers - Y

Meeting adjourned at 2:29pm

Respectfully submitted by Stacy Stout