



Planning Board of the Town of Holland
27 Sturbridge Road
Holland, MA 01521



Minutes of June 7, 2023

Members:

Charles Furst
Bill Robertson
Peter Frei
Kyle Merolla
Robert Parron
Sean OBrien

Function:

Chair person
Secretary
Member
Member
Member
Associate member

present:

yes
absent on a business trip
18:04-18:28 and 18:48-20:19 hours
18:30-20:19 hours
yes
yes

Other individuals present:

we joined the Board of Selectman's meeting from 18:07-18:41

Call to Order: Charles called the meeting to order at 18:04 hours, followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business:

All members signed letter to be handed to the Board of Selectman. The Board voted during the meeting of May 9th, 2023, to follow Bob's proposal to write the letter which Peter wrote according to the Board's vote, see attached letter.

New Business:

The Board approved unanimously the minutes to the meeting of May 23, 2023.

Kyle made a motion to sign a bill for \$120.86, Bob seconded the motion, all in favor. The bill was for a white-board Bill purchased and mounted it on the wall to the current Planning Board office. Kyle read some mail; letters from Planning Boards of neighboring towns based on M.G.L.

Discussion about appointing Sean Obrien to be an associate member of the Board.

[M.G.L. c.40A, s.9 par.12](#) provides the right to municipalities to create a bylaw to appoint associate members. The Town has such a bylaw, Zoning bylaw [Section 2.11.2 Associate Member of \[sic\] Planning Board](#). This section prescribes the rights and duties of the associate member to the Planning Board.

Peter moved to take a vote to appoint Sean to be the associate member, Kyle seconded the motion; all in favor. Sean Obrien lives on 19 Forest Drive.

Discussion about the upcoming town-elections. Also reorganizing the Board after the election. Charles is up for re-election and his name appears unopposed on the ballot this year.

Question is raised which member will be in his last year of his term. According to the record, it will be Bill's last year. Bill will therefore be the chairman of the Board for FY 2023 and Charles the secretary.

Discussion about plans of action in the near future.

Bob will prepare the language for an article for the next town meeting about “The right to farm;” Kyle will work on the necessary bylaw changes to the “Marijuana bylaw” to bring the bylaw in compliance with MGL. Kyle will also re-write some of the bylaw on FEMA to ensure that they are better tight to MGL in case MGL will change; and Peter will work on language for an article to prevent further “Mansionization” around Hamilton Reservoir.

Other Business:

Adjourned: 20:19 hours Kyle moved to adjourn the meeting, Charles seconded, all present in favor.

June 8, 2023, written by Peter Frei, member, on behalf of Bill Robertson, secretary.

Attachment:

Letter to Board of Selectman with attachments; time stamped by Stacy Stout, town administrator.