

MINUTES
Tues, April 18, 2023
Select Board Meeting – 5:00PM
Town Hall Community Room 1st Floor & Virtual
27 Sturbridge Rd.
Holland, MA 01521

Select Board Members in attendance: Clelland Johnson, Ernie Fancy, James Whalen

Others in attendance: Stacy Stout (Town Administrator), Val Lundin (Town Clerk), Karen Peret (Finance Board), Dawn Kamay (Conservation Commission), Sam Spratin (Conservation Commission), Rick Lundin (Conservation Commission), Marcia Beal (Conservation Commission), Jessica Wales (Conservation Commission)

Meeting called to order by Chair at 5:00pm

1. Approval of available minutes from 3/7/2023 and 3/21/2023

Motion to strike the motion from the 3/7/2023 minutes by E Fancy, 2nd by J Whalen; All in Favor, Yes

Motion to approve 3/7/2023 minutes as amended and 3/21/2023 minutes by E Fancy, 2nd by J Whalen; All in Favor, Yes

2. Appointments
 - a. Inspector of Animals – Gary Wilson

Motion to re-appoint Gary Wilson as the Inspector of Animals by J Whalen, 2nd by E Fancy; All in Favor, Yes

- b. Ad Hoc Old Home Day Committee 2023 – Elizabeth Crawford, David Porter, Donald Beal, Marcia Beal

Motion to appoint the members listed to the Ad Hoc Committee by J Whalen, 2nd by E Fancy; All in Favor, Yes

3. Weed Treatment – Recommendation from Lake Oversight Committee for weed treatment. They recommend going with Water & Wetlands as they have good response time and reporting to the Town.

Motion to accept the Lake Oversight Committees recommendation for weed treatment FY 23-24 by J Whalen, 2nd by E Fancy; All in Favor, Yes

4. ARPA Requests
 - a. Community Center – All kitchen equipment has been installed except for the freezer, which will be installed soon. Unfortunately, there were extra Installation expenses due to plumbing and pipe issues.

Motion to increase ARPA funds \$2,700.00 for the Community Center kitchen upgrade by E Fancy, 2nd by J Whalen; All in Favor, Yes

- b. Underground Storage Tank- There is a compliance issue with the underground storage tank at the Highway department. The work on it needs to be done before the Inspection on July 1st and will cost approximately \$14,000.00.

Motion to spent \$14,000.00 of ARPA funds for the underground storage tank compliance by E Fancy, 2nd by J Whalen; All in Favor, Yes

5. FY 24 Budget

- a. Conservation Commission Budget -The Conservation has concerns about the recent changes to their budget made without their knowledge and consent. The Conservation chair read a letter about the changes and how they affect the commission's ability to do their jobs. The Town Administrator would like to be put on a Conservation Commission Agenda to discuss this collaboratively.

6. Upcoming Meeting Dates/Schedule

- a. Select Board to meet with Highway Department and Legal counsel to discuss public/private roads – Will be scheduled for June
- b. Select Board to meet with Highway Department and Lake Oversight Committee to discuss Dam Maintenance. The State inspection of the Dam will be done by June 30th so meeting will be schedules after the Inspection report comes in July.
- c. Joint Meeting with Finance to discuss Warrant Articles and the Final Budget. Select Board will join the Finance Board meeting on April 27th.
- d. The Budget Public Hearing is on Thursday, May 11th
- e. Planning Board Public Hearing on FEMA Bylaws is on Wednesday, May 3rd.

7. Board/Committee/Department updates

- a. IT Status – Finance Board had email issues that were resolved. THE VPN was scheduled to be done at the Library on Monday but was rescheduled to Wednesday. We are working with IT to try and get two new emails.
- b. Finance Board -Continuing to meet and work on budget. Things are going well.
- c. Lake Oversight Committee – Weed Treatment
- d. Ambulance –The Committee is working together as a group to identify Issues and have started to go over the parts of the contract that are most important in terms of desired changes.

- e. School Committee- Meeting was cancelled due to scheduling conflict.
- f. ByLaw Committee –All questions have been answered and the analysis has been shipped back to General Code. They state the response is usually between 60 – 90 days.
- g. Planning Board update –They went through the last of their questions. They are currently working on what they want to present for the FEMA meeting.
- h. Community Center – Van update. They are looking for a letter so that they can get the van donated. Stacy and Branda are working together to prioritize what can be done within the budget.

8. Select Board Communications

- a. Letter from Ron Seaburg with engineering drawings on how we might handle some of our culvert issues.
- b. Letter inviting everyone to The Last Green Valley Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 25th.
- c. Norcross Letter – Open House for Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Norcross Wildlife Sanctuary.
- d. Email from Cataldo Ambulance. Chief Jim Gagne can respond if a response is necessary.

9. Bi-weekly Warrants for approval

- a. FY23- 21 Payroll \$149,736.54
- b. FY 23- 21 AP \$578,003.37

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

Chair Closed Meeting - Meeting Adjourned at 6:23pm

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Gumlaw