

MINUTES
Tues, May 2, 2023
Select Board Meeting – 6:00PM
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), Rick Lundin (Conservation Commission)

Meeting called to order by Chair at 6:00pm

1. Approval of available minutes from 4/4/2023 and 4/18/2023

Motion to approve 4/4/2023 and 4/18/2023 minutes by J Whalen, 2nd by E Fancy; All in Favor, Yes

2. Appointments- None
3. Hamilton Reservoir Special Use Permit request- request was sent only a few days before the event. We need to investigate if there is a deadline for receiving permit requests.
4. PVPC Invoices- 2 Invoices from Lenard Engineering for the Union Road project and one from PVPC Invoice # 6, that was from November and was not sent previously.

Motion to Approve the Lenard Engineering Study Grant Invoices for \$27,759.98 and PVPV Invoice # 6 for \$4,779.13 by J Whalen, 2nd by E Fancy; All in Favor, Yes

5. ARPA Requests
 - a. James and Stacy attended a meeting with Go Net Speed, a new start-up fiber optic service provider. They company is actively building in communities that are underserved. There was a lot of information shared which will need to be discussed further and would need to be a separate Agenda item at a future meeting.
 - b. Brian and Stacy did a walkthrough of all Town buildings and properties. They are working on putting together the prioritization of the projects. They are waiting on estimates for the building repairs. The prioritization of the Circle K property needs to be discussed to figure out what needs to be done. The circle K could be potentially turned into recreation fields as suggested by Highway, Recreation and Residents.
6. FY24 Warrant- The Select Board went through each Warrant Article to confirm their intended action before the upcoming joint meeting with Finance Board. There were no citizen petitions this year.

7. FY 24 Budget

- a. Clerk support staff budget has been created which would cover Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Finance Board, Select Board, Building Department, and others that might need support. This was looked at to make sure it covers all the needed support and that the amount was correct.
- b. General Code Bylaw for \$3,000.00 and General Code Software for \$1,200.00 are missing from the Town Clerk budget lines.

8. Upcoming Meeting Dates/Schedule

- a. FEMA Bylaw hearing on Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Town Hall.
- b. Joint meeting with Finance Board and Select Board on Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00pm in the Town Hall.
- c. Pioneer Valley Planning Commission Tri Town meeting on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 5:00pm – Virtual Attendance Only.
- d. Budget Public Hearing on Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:30 Pm in the Town Hall.

9. Board/Committee/Department updates

- a. IT Status – The libraries technical services are provided by CW Mars. They will not allow the Town to install VPN service to the Workstations so the library will not be able to be part of the Town Network. There have been a couple of email issues such as signing in and email bounce back.
- b. Finance Board - Nothing to update
- c. Lake Oversight Committee – Meeting is concurrent with this meeting. They are going over the weed treatment updates. The lake treatment provider contract has been signed and sent in. They have reached out to the Engineer to schedule the upcoming Dam inspection.
- d. Ambulance – The current contract is being reviewed by the committee members.
- e. School Committee- They are scheduled to meet this Thursday, May , 2023.
- f. ByLaw Committee – Nothing to update
- g. Planning Board update –They attended a public presentation that FEMA put on last Wednesday. They had 5 or 6 people attend from Holland. They presented the changes and then had breakout sessions. The Holland group attended the Flood Plain Changes breakout. There is a new website that you can pull up the old and new flood plain side by side. Some of the things discussed were that our flood plain area has mostly decreased and the possible impacts of the new international FEMA Bylaws.

- h. Community Center – Nothing to update

10. Select Board Communications

- a. MVP/HMP report-The emailed changes suggested by the Select Board Chair and the Police Chief will be compiled into the Report.
- b. Angry Panda Food Truck- The Holland resident who owns the food truck has been inspected and received a certificate from the Board of Health They would like to set up on the field for various events throughout the season and wants to know what restrictions there are. They need to have the Board of Health inspect them every time they have an event.
- c. Board of Health- They are getting calls from a vendor that wants to set up on the land next to Fisherman’s wharf boat launch. The issue is if they park where it is not safe and cause people to line up in the street. The police must be called if this happens.
- d. Leno Road culvert- There was a reported issue of a blockage of the culvert, beaver activity, and trash along with all the rain. The resident who had the concerns did not receive notice that this was all taken care of and that the beavers were relocated because of an email issue. The information has since been forwarded to her.
- e. Conservation Commission- Stacy attended their last meeting and there was a productive discussion about the roles and responsibilities. The Chair gave her resignation as of June 30, 2023 at the meeting. The Agent has said he will not renew his contract.
- f. Laurie and Stacy attended the Recreation Committee’s meeting. There have been some challenges with the accounting practices. These should now be resolved.
- g. Public Roads for Mountain Road and Sandy Beach Road are waiting on KP Law but will be scheduled for June or after.

11. Bi-weekly Warrants for approval

- a. FY23-22 Payroll \$145,899.44
- b. FY23-22 AP \$32,311.23

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

Chair Closed Meeting - Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Gumlaw