

MINUTES  
**Tues, August 1, 2023**  
**Select Board Meeting – 5:00PM**  
**Town Hall Community Room 1<sup>st</sup> Floor & Virtual**  
27 Sturbridge Rd.  
Holland, MA 01521

Select Board Members in attendance: James Whalen, Ernie Fancy, Kate Landers

Others in attendance: Stacy Stout (Town Administrator), Val Lundin (Town Clerk), Rick Lundin (Conservation Commission), Cari Robertson (Lake Oversight Committee), Christine Huijing (Lake Oversight Committee), Bob Kamay (Lake Oversight Committee), Dawn Kamay (Lake Oversight Committee), Dick Haller (Open Space Committee), Christine McCooe, Dennis Champney

Meeting called to order at 5:00pm

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Hamilton Reservoir Weed Survey Report said that everything looks good. The phragmites were not treated because they were not mature enough to treat. There are invasive weeds by the boat ramp that may interfere with boats and may be carried into other parts of the lake. There was discussion about spot treating nuisance weeds or not, in mind of private citizen request to not treat native weeds in their area; and we would need a follow-up weed treatment decision regarding phragmites and the nuisance weeds for October. Bob Kamay will reach out to Water & Wetlands to get a recommendation on what to do. Lake Oversight Committee (LOC) would like to take over the lake testing as it has not been done this year. There will be a joint meeting with LOC and Board of Health to discuss this. Friends of Hamilton Reservoir will arrange for the lake to be tested and pay for it this year.
3. Approval of available minutes - None
4. Appointments
  - a. Conservation Commission would like to have Clelland Johnson appointed.

Motion to appoint Clelland Johnson to Conservation Commission by E fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Landers; All in Favor, Yes

- b. Lake Oversight Committee would like to be re-appointed to the following terms;

Cari Robertson expiring on 6/30/2026

Chris Huijing expiring on 6/30/2025

Bob Kamay expiring on 6/30/2024

Dawn Kamay expiring on 6/30/2024

Motion to re-appoint all Individuals to Lake Oversight Committee by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Landers; All in Favor, Yes

5. Hamilton Reservoir Special Use Permit Request for Bass Fishing on August 13, 2023 by Baystate Bass Angers that would for from 7:00am – 3:00pm with 5 boats/Vehicles.

Motion to approve Special Use Permit for August 13, 2023 by K Landers, 2<sup>nd</sup> by E Fancy; All in Favor, Yes

6. The official Agenda posting is currently a physical posting Inside and Outside of the Town Hall. It is being proposed to change the official posting to online. The Town Clerk agrees that this should be done.

Motion to adopt posting online on the Town website as the Towns official Agenda posting policy by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by k Landers; All in Favor, Yes

#### 7. Use of Town Property

- a. There was a public records request for activity that was happening on Town owned land. There is a person who has beehives on the Town Landfill property that have been there for 7 years and sells the honey at Roberts. The use of Town property for personal use has been discussed with the accountant and other Towns. The Select Board has the option to ask the person to donate to the Towns general fund for the use of the land or ask him to vacate the land. The Select Board would like to ask for the donation for this Fiscal Year and address this as part of the overall bylaw policy/process for the following year.

Motion to ask the individual for a Fiscal year 24 donation of \$100.00 for use of the Town landfill property for the purpose of keeping bees and harvesting honey by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Landers; All in Favor, Yes

- b. The Town Administrator would like to wrap the Dam Issues into the Business Licensing

#### 8. Business Licensing

- a. There is an issue with the Hot Dog vendor having put a sign and bench, which is an Insurance Liability, on the town property by the Dam. The Town Administrator would like to have the Authority to speak with the individual and ask that he removes the sign and bench. It needs to be communicated with this individual that if they wish to do anything, they need to speak with the Town about what they want to do. Their cart is licensed but they were not given permission to use Town property.

Motion to give Authority to the Town Administrator to have the sign and bench removed from Town property by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Landers; All in Favor, Yes

- b. There has been a lot of work done on the Business Licensing. The Select Board will be sent a draft document to work with for the next meeting.

9. Special Town Meeting should be just for the Bylaw recodification and table anything else to another time except for 3 or 4 minor changes to the bylaws. There will be a meeting to map before the next meeting.

10. ARPA items and Status – There are invoices coming in on already approved projects.

11. Board/Committee/Department liaison updates.

- a. Finance Board – They are working on putting a form together for budget requests to go to Boards/Departments/Committees.
- b. Lake Oversight Committee – Nothing else except that they are meeting tonight.
- c. School Committee – No update
- d. ByLaw Committee – They have appointed Bill Robertson as Chairman and Kyle Merolla as Secretary. There are concerns about the changes to the residential area changes from 1 to 2 Acres. This is an issue to properly assess grandfathered lots. The date when this change was made needs to be determined. General Code has no record of that change in the materials sent to them. The Town Clerk will be consulted.
- e. Planning Board update – They will look into the Town’s Private roads and put it on the Agenda.
- f. PVPC – No meeting yet.

12. Select Board Communications

- a. John O’Leary from Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) has been reached out to see if we can use services and/or resources with the time we have accumulated at PVPC. Open Space Committee wants to use their services to complete the mapping requirements for the Towns Open Space Plans. Open Space can reach out to him to start use for this project.
- b. The Public records request for the bee hives on Town Property as discussed earlier.
- c. There was a public record request for anything happening with the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) grant by Peter Frei, who is a member of the MVP Committee. The request has been forwarded to Chief Haughey, who is the project manager for the MVP project.
- d. There will be water tank cleaning at the Elementary School on Friday, August 4, 2023 and the water will not be drinkable until it is tested on Monday, August 7, 2023. There will be no water available for the School, Town Hall or Library on Friday.
- e. The Lake water testing had been the major issue this week.
- f. Sandy Beach Road. The attorney has stated that the plans we have are not sufficient for the layout of the roads. Plans with METEF and bounds descriptions, showing the roads and any encroachments on private property are needed. The engineering firm the Town hired has had personnel changes at their level. We need a project manager. We need

to speak to another engineering firm and Highway Department. There are some residents interested in being facilitators for the project.

13. Bi-weekly Warrants for approval

- a. FY24-02 Payroll           \$137,137.63
- b. FY24-02 AP               \$401,906.87

Motion to approve the Warrants as read by E Fancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> by K Landers; All in favor, E Fancy – Yes, J Whalen – Yes, K Landers - Abstained

14. Upcoming meetings – There will be a joint meeting on August 8, 2023 with Lake Oversight Committee and Board of Health.

15. Public Comments – Chris McCooe from 13 Lakeridge Dr brought up that some time ago the Select Board voted to have no parking signs put up. They have not been placed yet. James Whalen will email Chief Haughey to check on the signs. She also has a problem with overgrowth on a property on Lake ridge Drive which is interfering and scratching contractor and personal vehicles. Chris McCoo also requested information about Sandy Beach Rd and the 319 Grant, and it was clarified that that road was not part of the 319 Grant.

Chair Closed Meeting - Meeting Adjourned at 6:51pm

Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Gumlaw