

## **Holland Finance Board**

27 Sturbridge Road, Holland, MA 01521

Holland Town Hall – Community Room

### **Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, August 17, 2022**

Virtual and Physical Meeting of the Board and Guests

#### **Meeting Attendance –**

Members in person: Andrew Harhay, Robbin Luzon and Karen Peret.

Members attending remotely: None

Member Absent: None

Guests in person: William Hardy-Town Moderator, Ernie Fancy – Select Board; Cara Bogacz

#### **Open Meeting –**

The Chair called to order at 6:30 pm.

#### **1. Meet prospective new member Cara Bogacz.**

Cara Bogacz presented her work experiences in the area of financial management to the Board.

Finance Board members outlined the work of the Board. Ms. Bogacz stated she was very interested in becoming a member.

#### **2. Approval of 7/13/22 Minutes.**

The draft minutes for July 17, 2022 had been previously distributed for review. Robbin made the motion to approve, and Andy seconded. All approved.

#### **3. Vice Chairman Position.**

Andy explained that he had forgotten to fill the role of the Vice Chairman (VC) at the last meeting. The VC takes on the role of Finance Board Chairman during the Chairman's absence. Andy made the motion that Karen be approved for the Vice Chairman position and Robin seconded. All approved.

#### **4. Discuss options for budget schedule.**

Andy discussed the FY2022 schedule followed for the January to March budget development meetings with the various Town departments. He asked members to think about whether their preference is to meet on a weekly basis or to meet biweekly in longer duration meetings. Robbin requested the meetings be held on Thursdays, rather than Wednesdays. All others indicated that Thursday meetings were acceptable.

## **5. Roundtable Comments.**

Robbin asked for information regarding recent changes in the Assessor's Office. Andy explained that the Board of Assessors hired a new Principal Assessor to fill the position vacated due to JoAnne Higgins's retirement. Although the new Principal assessor is not yet MMA-certified, she is in the process.

Ernie gave an update on the previous night's Select Board meeting. There are major drainage problems in Holland which will require significant funding to correct. Discussions have been initiated between Highway and the Select Board about converting some private roads to Town roads. Ernie is working with the Bylaw Committee on updating general and zoning bylaws. There is the possibility that these updates may need a Special Town Meeting to be adopted as new bylaws. Finally, there is a problem with business licenses not having been issued for the past few years. The Select Board is exploring the situation.

## **6. Next Meeting.** September 21, 2022

### **Adjournment –**

Karen made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Andy seconded; approval was unanimous. The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:19 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Karen Peret