

Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
June 24, 2020
High – Middle School
245 South Franklin Street
Holbrook, MA 02343

Present at the meeting are Chairman Danny Lee, Vice Chairman Joshua Reilly, Selectmen Vayda and Pamela Campanella. Selectman McGaughey has an excused absence.

Chairman Lee call the meeting to order at 6:36 pm.

The Board discussed the Articles contained in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Selectman Vayda moved to approve the warrant as presented. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Selectmen Reilly desired to abstain from Article 1 but approves articles 2 & 3. The motion was divided.

Selectman Vayda moved to approve Article 1. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – abstained. The motion passed 3- 0 -1,

Selectman Vayda moved to approve Article 2. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0-0.

Selectman Vayda moved to approve Article 4. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0 -0.

Article 4 was not voted on by the selectmen as it was a petition article and comments could be made when the article was presented at town meeting.

Motion by Selectman Vayda moved to approve the carryover of ten days of vacation into FY 21 for Eric Erskine. Seconded by Selectman Reilly. Discussion ensued and a question of how many days were actually being carried into FY 21. Interim T/A Jim O'Mara explained that by Eric's employment agreement he can carry over five days and this request was for an additional five days which requires Board approval. In essence, you are approving five additional days for a total of ten days of vacation carryover. Roll call vote, Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0-0.

Motion passed 4- 0-0.

Motion by Selectman Vayda to extend the interim town administrator's employment agreement. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Discussion ensued regarding a duration of the extension. Chairman Lee stated that we had originally sought out an interim town administrator because we thought Mr. Gordon would be returning from leave but last week, we received his resignation. That certainly changes things. Mr. O'Mara, by all accounts is doing a good job, which should be considered. The Board agreed that at the next meeting an agenda item would be to discuss and agree on a recruitment process. The board also agreed that Mr. O'Mara's contract extension should be until the full-time town administrator position is posted, filled and a start date has agreed upon. Mr. O'Mara is encouraged to apply. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0-0.

Motion passed 4- 0- 0.

The Board discussed, at length, how to address the July 4th holiday for town employees, particularly, those working at the town hall. They are working a four-day work week on the summer schedule and giving them

Monday off, means the town hall would be staffed for business on three days was not an option we can support. The board agreed that the department heads should work with their and allow this holiday to be a floater to be used by the end of August 2020.

Motion by Selectman Vayda. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0-0.

Old/New Business

The Board authorized the Board of Health request to hire 13 seasonal or temporary employees. 12 to clean playgrounds at \$12 per hour and one supervisor at \$15 an hour. Motion by Selectman Vayda. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0-0.

Pursuant to Chapter 92 Section 7 (a) – (d) of the Acts of 2020, the Board, after due consultation and agreement with the Town Moderator, decided to lower the quorum need to conduct the 2020 Annual Town Meeting to one hundred (100) town meeting representatives. Motion by Selectman Vayda. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0-0.

Motion to adjourn by Selectman Vayda. Seconded by Selectman Campanella. Roll call vote Vayda – yes, Campanella – Yes, Lee – yes, Reilly – yes. The motion passed 4- 0-0.

The meeting ended at 7:15 pm.

