

Holbrook Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Regular Session of
Wednesday, January 15, 2020

Present: Daniel R. Lee, Chairman
Joshua Reilly, Vice-Chairman
Lindsay Vayda, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Pamela E. Campanella, Associate (arrived at approx. 7:25 pm)

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator
Marjorie Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator
Stephan Hooke, Director of Communications
Lauren Mielke, Deputy Director of Communications

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lee in the Selectman Noel C. King Meeting Room, Floor 3R, Holbrook Town Hall, 50 North Franklin Street, Holbrook, MA 02343, and began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES:

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Reilly, that the Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of the regular session of December 11, 2019, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

Mr. Gordon announced that the Town, incorporated on February 29, 1872, will celebrate its birthday on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 1:00 pm, at Holbrook Middle High School. There will be music by the students and speeches in the auditorium, followed by birthday cake and historical displays in the cafeteria. There is a fundraiser for the party to be held in two years, when the Town celebrates its 150th birthday.

It was explained that the Town has received a one million dollar grant from the state for work on Lake Holbrook Dam.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Reilly, that the Board of Selectmen accept a One Million Dollar Grant from the Mass. Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, to be used for the repair of the Lake Holbrook Dam, authorize the expenditure of the funds, and authorize the Town Administrator to execute the grant documents

VOTE: 4:0

It was voted at town meeting to place the question on the ballot to change the Treasurer/Collector's position from elected to appointed.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen vote to place the following question on the Annual Town Election ballot of April 4, 2020, in accordance with the vote taken under Article 3 of the Special Town Meeting held on September 11, 2019:

“Shall the town vote to have its elected Treasurer/Collector become an appointed Treasurer/Collector of the town?”

Yes _____
No _____”

VOTE: 3:0:1 (Mr. Reilly abstained)

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Discussion took place about forming an IT Search Committee in order to screen the candidates for the posted position.

MOTION: By Mr. Reilly, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board of Selectmen appoint the following individuals to the IT Search Committee:

Daniel Lee Jorge Gonzalez
Stephan Hooke Timothy Gordon
Lauren Mielke

and that the committee provide the Board of Selectmen with copies of the top three candidate's resumes, and recommend one candidate for the position

VOTE: 4:0

The Board considered appointing a resident to fill the vacancy on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee for a Citizen at Large.

Selectman Campanella arrived.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen appoint Paul Lynch to fill the vacant position for a Citizen at Large on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee, with a term to expire on June 30, 2020

VOTE: 4:0:1 (Ms. Campanella abstained)

Citizen Comments:

Mr. Greg DeLuca asked about the Lake Holbrook Dam project, which will include a bridge walkway. Ms. Lisa Paulson commented on the end of Sherrick Ave. where a landowner is building new homes, and said that she did not want the roadway becoming a through way, that the areas that were flagged have had the markings disappear, and there is water from over-saturation. Mr. Lee spoke in opposition to creating a through way on Sherrick Ave. Selectman Vayda spoke about the need to fill the position of Conservation Agent. Mr. Leo Eliasson said that the wetlands are being assessed as buildable lots, allowing the builders to build there.

MOTION: At 7:30 pm, by Mr. Reilly, second by Ms. Vayda, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 5:0

Lindsay Vayda, Clerk

Documents:

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Grant contract for dam

Request for appoint to CIPC