

Holbrook Board of Selectmen  
Minutes of the Regular Session of  
Wednesday, September 4, 2019

Present: Daniel R. Lee, Chairman  
Joshua Reilly, Vice-Chairman (Arrived at 8:40 pm)  
Lindsay Vayda, Clerk  
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate  
Pamela E. Campanella, Associate

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator  
Marjorie E. Godfrey, Assistant Town Administrator

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. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, July 24, 2019, as printed

VOTE: 4:0

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen accept the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, August 14, 2019

VOTE: 3:0:1 (Ms. Campanella abstained)

It was announced that:

- There will be a Healthy Holbrook Halloween Fair at Holbrook Middle High School on October 20th
- State Senator John Keenan will be available during Town Hall office hours on September 24th, from 5 pm – 7 pm

Mr. Gordon reported that:

- Preparation is ongoing for the Special Town Meeting on September 11th
- The groundbreaking for the new Regional Emergency Communications Center is scheduled on Tuesday, September 10th
- The Field Advisory Working Group has met and will be recommending the hiring of Weston and Sampson for the work at the fields, using the \$25,000 appropriated at town meeting
- The Tri Town Water legislation on the new water district to be formed is being worked on

Citizen Concerns:

Ms. Cheryl McAvenia referred to a law about the obstruction of public ways and that the idling of trucks on public ways is limited to 5 minutes, or fines can be given.

Ms. Tiffany Sheehan asked about the zoning fines at 429 South Street, which appear to be forgiven in an agreement that has been signed by both sides, and indicates it is “without cost”. Mr. Gordon said there is another court date on September 20th, and he will speak to Town Counsel for an update.

**ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**MOTION:** At 7:10 pm, made and seconded, to adjourn to executive session to discuss strategy and/or conduct contract negotiations with non-union personnel (Director of Inspectional Services), and return to open session

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ms. Vayda – Yes  
Mr. McGaughey – Yes  
Mr. Lee – Yes  
Ms. Campanella – Yes

**8:40 pm: RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**  
Selectman Joshua Reilly joined the meeting.

Discussion took place about the request from the Knights of Columbus that the Commercial Sewer Connection Fee be waived at their property on Technical Park Drive. The K of C is a non-profit organization, with a long history of charitable work in Holbrook. Their membership has dwindled, and they can no longer keep their building. It was explained that this was a new commercial fee established within the last year or so. Ms. Vayda spoke about charging what it actually costs the Town for doing the connection.

**MOTION:** By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen waive the Sewer Connection Fee for the property owned by the Building Association of Fr. Francis X. Bransfield Council, Knights of Columbus, at 14 Technical Park Drive

**DISCUSSION:** The discussion continued. Ms. Campanella spoke in opposition to granting it without any proof of their financial situation. A representative of the Knights of Columbus said they want to be able to continue their philanthropy and good work, if they can afford it. If they are dissolved, the left over money will go to a state charity fund.

**VOTE:** 3:2 (Ms. Campanella & Ms. Vayda opposed)

**MOTION:** At 8:54 pm, by Mr. Reilly, second by Mr. Lee, to adjourn the meeting

**VOTE:** 5:0

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Lindsay Vayda, Clerk

Documents:  
Minutes  
Request for waiver of commercial sewer connection fee