

Holbrook Board of Selectmen
Minutes of the Regular Session of
Wednesday, October 9, 2019

Present: Daniel R. Lee, Chairman
Joshua Reilly, Vice-Chairman
Lindsy Vayda, Clerk
Richard B. McGaughey, Associate
Pamela E. Campanella, Associate

In attendance: Timothy J. Gordon, Town Administrator
Luke McFadden, Fire Chief
William Smith, Chief of Police
Stephan Hooke, Director of Communications
Lauren Mielke, Deputy Director of Communications
Christopher Pellitteri, Superintendent of Public Works
Eric C. Erskine, Assistant Building Inspector
Tiffany Sheehan, Board of Assessors

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 approve the minutes of the regular session of Wednesday, September 4, 2019

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. McGaughey, that the Board of Selectmen approve the minutes of the executive session of Wednesday, September 4, 2019

VOTE: 4:0:1 (Mr. Reilly abstained)

It was announced that there will be an informational Senior Fair on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at the Liberty Public House. The Council on Aging will be providing transportation to seniors needing rides.

Chairman Lee recognized Fire Chief Luke McFadden and Police Officer Devin Callinan for their actions in administering CPR until the ambulance arrived in response to a recent medical emergency at the Council on Aging.

Mr. Gordon reported that:

- Free Cash has been certified at over \$2 million. Mr. McGaughey requested a report on how it will be spent. Mr. Gordon explained that the Finance Committee has an internal policy about allocating it to the stabilization funds at town meeting.
- A \$100,000 earmark passed in the state budget for Holbrook. We are waiting for the Dept. of Housing & Community Development to release the funding.
- There will be an Electronic Waste Drop Off at the rear of Town Hall on Saturday, October 19th.
- The Conservation restriction for the parcel off Weymouth Street has been approved by the state and the Conservation Commission. It will be coming before the Board for approval as well.
- He reviewed a list of articles that will be on the special town meeting warrant on November 20th.

- The EPA will be doing a presentation on the 5-year review of the Baird & McGuire superfund site on October 23rd at 6:30 pm.

Livery License hearing – Cristobal Colon Tours, LLC:

Maria Mercedes Pica, Manager, was present. The published hearing notice was read.

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Reilly, to open the hearing on the application of Cristobal Colon Tours, LLC (Maria Mercedes Pica, Manager) for a Livery License for one vehicle at 30 Water Street

VOTE: 5:0

Ms. Pica explained that she will not be conducting business at 30 Water Street, but her vehicle will be kept at 30 Water Street. She needs a Livery License for Massport, and has a sightseeing tour company with one vehicle. The abutters were notified. Mr. Wayne Fisher of 20 Water Street said that the Picas are good neighbors, dependable and hardworking. No one spoke in opposition.

Inspector Erskine said the vehicle should be limited to one, with a Gross Vehicle Weight under 10,000 pounds.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Reilly, that the Board of Selectmen grant a livery license for one vehicle under 10,000 pounds Gross Vehicle Weight, to Cristobal Colon Tours, LLC (Maria Mercedes Pica, Manager), for the premises located at 30 Water Street, contingent on the payment of the \$35 license fee

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Reilly, to close the hearing on the livery license for Cristobal Colon Tours, LLC

VOTE: 5:0

Director Hooke explained that an amendment to the easement deed at the Public Safety Building needs to be approved to allow National Grid to complete the necessary work for the new Communications Department addition and to be able to service the equipment in the future.

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Reilly, I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute a First Amendment to Easement Deed to amend the Easement Deed granted to Massachusetts Electric Company, dated May 25, 2004, recorded with the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds in Book 21287, Page 140, in order to provide for the installation of electrical facilities for the new Holbrook Regional Emergency Communications Center addition at 300 South Franklin Street, Holbrook

VOTE: 5:0

Supt. Pellitteri reported that the Town will be purchasing 5,800 trash carts for the solid waste program, and deliveries to the residents will begin on October 21st. Information will be attached to the carts, which are barcoded with an ID number. The trash cart will be 35 gallons, and the recycling cart will be 65 gallons. Blue bags will still be available for any trash in excess of what fits in the 35 gallon trash cart. Extra carts will be available if one is damaged.

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MOTION: By Mr. Reilly, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Rehrig Pacific Company for the purchase of the Trash Carts

VOTE: 5:0

Class II Auto Dealers License hearing – Hype Motors, Inc. (John Davis & Antoine Keene, Presidents):
Mr. John Davis was present. The published hearing notice was read.

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Reilly, to open the hearing on the application of Hype Motors, Inc. for a Class II License for 204 South Franklin Street

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Davis said he is taking over the license that is already in place at 204 S. Franklin Street (Redline Motors). Chairman Lee explained that the current license is limited to 4 cars, and Hype Motors will also be kept to 4 cars. No abutters spoke.

MOTION: By Mr. Reilly, second by Ms. Vayda, that the Board of Selectmen grant a Class II Auto Dealers License for the Sale of Second-Hand Motor Vehicles at 204 South Franklin Street, to Hype Motors, Inc. (John David & Antoine Keene, Presidents), contingent on the completion of a Tax Attestation form and receipt of a certificate of insurance for workers' compensation insurance. The licensed premises includes the white garage, the back storage lot, and the garage under the convenience store. Maximum of four (4) vehicles to be kept outside on the premises at any time

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Ms. Vayda, second by Mr. Reilly, to close the hearing on the application of Hype Motors, Inc. for a Class II Auto Dealers License at 204 South Franklin Street

VOTE: 5:0

It was discussed that the Water and Sewer Rates for FY2020 need to be reviewed and increased each year in order to avoid steep increases, as recommended by the state. Mr. Gordon advised that he is recommending a 2% increase on the Water Rate, and a 1% increase on the Sewer Rate. He explained that when a water/sewer bill goes unpaid, it is liened to the tax bill. It was discussed that the vote could be taken at another meeting. However, the meters are due to be read next month, and quarterly billing with the new water meters will begin at that time.

Class II Auto Dealers License hearing – Eagle Auto Sale, LLC (Nathalia Alves, Manager), 57 Plymouth Street:

Nathalia Alves was present. The published hearing notice was read.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Reilly, to open the hearing on the Class II Auto Dealers License for Eagle Auto Sale, LLC (Nathalia Alves, Manager), 57 Plymouth Street

VOTE: 5:0

Mr. Bob Cunha, the holder of the current license at 57 Plymouth Street, spoke about his experience with running his business at that location since 1977. He indicated he supports the applicant. No abutters spoke.

MOTION: By Mr. Reilly, second by Ms. Vayda, I move that the Board of Selectmen grant a Class II Auto Dealers License for the Sale of Second-Hand Motor Vehicles at 57 Plymouth Street, to Eagle Auto Sale, LLC (Nathalia Alves, Manager), contingent on the payment of the license fee of \$250.00. The licensed premises includes 1 Sales Office, 1 Service Bay and parking for fifteen (15) sales vehicles, as indicated on the sketch provided with the application

VOTE: 5:0

MOTION: By Mr. McGaughey, second by Mr. Reilly, to close the hearing on the application of Eagle Auto Sale, LLC for a Class II Auto Dealers License at 57 Plymouth Street

VOTE: 5:0

Chief McFadden reported that the Fire Department will hold its annual open house on Saturday, from 10:30 am – 1:30 pm.

Supt. Pellitteri reported over-seeding is being completed at the Sumner and Flint Fields; the employees of the Public Works Department did a great job at a recent small water main break; the appraisals of the properties affected along Union Street are being completed for temporary and permanent easements for the Union Street Renovation Project; the water meter installation project is coming to an end, and a final notice is going out.

Chief Smith reported that he is working on adding one new officer who already has experience. He also has one new recruit that will be graduating from the academy in February. Training at the range is continuing through December.

Director Erskine reported that building permits are being issued within two days. Calls are returned, and inspections are being done as soon as possible.

Director Hooke said the initial excavation for the addition at the new Regional Communications Center is completed, and the foundation could be in by Thanksgiving. He commended his staff on the outstanding job done in response to a family tragedy in Abington on Monday.

Citizen Concerns:

Ms. Tiffany Sheehan, asked about Community I.T. grants, and Mr. Gordon explained that the Town is applying for a Community Compact I.T. Grant for a payroll system.

Chairman Lee said Citizen Concerns are going to be moved to the top of the agenda, and people will need to speak directly to the Board.

Mr. Reilly said the Board should discuss hiring a grant writer.

Ms. Vayda announced that Holbrook Cares will be St. John's Church this evening, and the topic will be pain management, as part of Youth Prevention Week.

MOTION: By Mr. Lee, second by Mr. Reilly, to adjourn the meeting

VOTE: 5:0

Documents: Minutes, 3 license applications, easement amendment, water/sewer rate analysis

Lindsay Vayda, Clerk