

SELECT BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2021

In attendance: Chair Lindsay Vayda, Vice Chair Pamela Campanella, Clerk William Watkins, Associate Daniel Lee Associate David Reilly, Gregory Hanley, Town Administrator, Emily R. Martin, Assistant to the Town Administrator

1. Chair Lindsay Vayda called the meeting to order at 7:080p.m. in the King Conference Room and via Zoom.
2. Town Administrator Gregory Hanley addressed a late addition to the agenda that missed the 48-hour deadline, but was unforeseen and necessary to address. Helen Gordon, Project Manager at Environmental Partners, had made the Town aware that there was documentation needed for Holbrook to move forward in borrowing funds to cover the change in cost of constructing the Tri-Town Water Treatment Plant at a 0% interest rate. Due to a clerical error, the paperwork originally filed in 2018 could not be located, and the deadline for filing had technically passed. Ms. Gordon attended via phone and informed the Board that both Braintree and Randolph are in compliance and there was a chance if Holbrook delayed, it could lose out on the 0% rate. Mr. Hanley clarified that this vote is only to authorize the Town Treasurer to be able to execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance, and any decisions about the amount to be borrowed would be taken as a vote at a Special Town Meeting.

Daniel Lee moved, David Reilly seconded, and the Board voted 4-0-1, with Daniel Lee voting yes, William Watkins abstained, David Reilly voting yes, Pamela Campanella voting yes, and Lindsay Vayda voting yes, that Whereas, Town of Holbrook, MA, after thorough investigation, has determined that the work activity consisting of: The Tri-Town Regional Water Treatment Plant and Transmission Mains is both in the public interest and necessary to protect the public health, and that to undertake this activity, it is necessary to apply for assistance; and

Whereas, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) and the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the Trust) of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, pursuant to Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C of the General Laws of the Commonwealth (Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C) are authorized to make loans to municipalities for the purpose of funding planning and construction activities relative to Water Pollution Abatement Projects; and

Whereas, the Applicant has examined the provisions of the Act, Chapter 21 and Chapter 29C, and believes it to be in the public interest to file a loan application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Holbrook Select Board as follows:

1. That Town Treasurer is hereby authorized on behalf of the Applicant to file applications and execute agreements for grant and/or loan assistance as well as furnishing such information, data and documents pertaining to the applicant for a grant(s) and/or loan(s) as may be required; and otherwise to act as the authorized representative of the Applicant in connection with this application;

2. That the purpose of said loan(s), if awarded, shall be to fund construction activities.
3. That if said award is made the Applicant agrees to pay those costs which constitute the required Applicant's share of the project cost.
3. At 7:21 p.m., Daniel Lee moved, William Watkins seconded, and the Board voted unanimously, with Daniel Lee voting yes, William Watkins voting yes, David Reilly voting yes, Pamela Campanella voting yes, and Lindsay Vayda voting yes, to enter into Enter Into Executive Session – Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to collect bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigation position of the public body and the chair so declares – Margaret Duggan v. Town of Holbrook, MUP-21-8751; Danielle Connolly v. Town of Holbrook, MCAD No. 21BEM01526; Kearney v. Town of Holbrook, 1982CV00803; Sciara and Sciara v. Civil Service Commission, E-21-095 and E-21-096; Clerical Union Grievances, Teamsters Union Grievance, and not return to Open Session to Adjourn.
4. The meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.