

## **SELECT BOARD OPEN SESSION MINUTES OF WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2023**

In attendance: Chairman Daniel Lee, Vice Chair Pamela Campanella, Clerk Lindsay Vayda, Associate David Reilly, Associate William Watkins, Town Administrator Gregory Hanley.

1. Call to Order – Chairman Daniel Lee called the meeting to order in the Noel C. King Meeting Room and via Zoom.
2. DPW Laborer Hire – Superintendent Keith Nastasia recommended that the Board hire John Steele for the open Laborer position. He has several licenses and worked for a DPW in the past. There was a brief discussion on background checks.

MOTION to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Keith Nastasia to hire John Steele as a Laborer in the Department of Public Works pending a successful background check, by Lindsay Vayda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

3. Set Annual & Special Town Meeting Date – Chairman Lee said that according to the Town By-Laws, the Annual Town Meeting shall be held not earlier than twenty-one (21) days after the Annual Town Election and shall commence in the month of April or May. The Selectmen shall fix the time and place for said meeting on or before January 31 of said year.

MOTION to call for the Annual and Special Town Meeting to be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at 7:15pm at the Holbrook Junior-Senior High School Auditorium, by Lindsay Vayda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 4-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

4. Special Town Meeting (Teamsters Local 653 CBA) – TA Hanley said the Town received a grievance from the Teamsters Local 653 Business Agent William Trask requesting that the Town exercise its power to call for a special meeting as soon as possible. This was due to the Teamsters Collective Bargaining Agreement not being funded at the November Special Town Meeting.

TA Hanley asked for authorization from the Board to start the process in setting a date for a Special Town Meeting so he could hold off on going to mediation on this matter. Mr. Watkins asked if this could be done at the Annual Town Meeting in May. Chairman Lee recommended that we wait until free cash is certified to schedule a date.

Christopher Eddington asked who would be paying for this. There was a discussion about whether Town Counsel should be responsible for incurring the costs related to the STM.

Vice Chair Campanella arrived at the meeting.

TA Hanley said he would go back to Mr. Trask and ask if the Town could cure this at the Annual Town Meeting.

5. Police Officer Appointment – Chairman Lee read a letter from Chief Smith requesting that the Board appoint Mr. Joseph A. Hurley to the position of Police Officer for the Town of Holbrook. Chief Smith addressed the Board with Mr. Hurley who introduced himself.

MOTION to accept the recommendation of Chief Smith to appoint Joseph A. Hurley to the position of Police Officer for the Town of Holbrook, contingent on him passing all mandatory requirements, by Lindsay Vayda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Watkins. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

6. Colonial Livery Service License Renewal – Colonial Livery Service of Holbrook applied to renew their Taxi/Livery license.

MOTION to approve the taxi/livery license renewal for Colonial Livery Service of Holbrook pending all obligations have been met, by Lindsay Vayda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by William Watkins. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Lee voting yes.

7. Town Administrator's Report – TA Hanley reported on the following:

- Follow up on trash rates and action plan

8. Preliminary FY24 Budget Update – Town Accountant Elizabeth Zaleski presented the preliminary draft budgets for FY24 and answered questions from the Board.

9. Citizens' Forum –

- Treasurer/Collector Tiffany Sheehan provided an update on tax title & takings
- Patricia Conway asked about a textile waste ban announcement & November PFAS results
- There was a brief discussion on PFAS and filters at the plant
- Patricia Greely asked for clarification on the time estimate and dates of testing
- Vice Chair Campanella asked about an advertisement for openings on the Open Space Committee & Conservation Commission

10. Executive Session – MOTION to enter into Executive Session per M.G.L. c. 30A, § 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with nonunion personnel or to conduct collective bargaining sessions or contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (DPW Superintendent) and NOT to return to open session, by Lindsay Vayda, 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Reilly. Roll Call Vote: 5-0. Vayda voting yes, Watkins voting yes, Reilly voting yes, Campanella voting yes, and Lee voting yes.