

SELECT BOARD MEETING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2021

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

1. Chair Lindsay Vayda called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. via Zoom.
2. Town Clerk Jeanmarie Tarara informed the Board that she received an emergency call the previous Friday, December 10, 2021 from Michelle Tassinari from the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The purpose of the call was to discuss a decision at the State level by the House to redraw the precinct lines of the current four to a total of seven voting precincts in Holbrook. This proposed change would include one precinct of only 300 voters, another of just 100.

Ms. Tassinari counseled that if the Board could meet with a quorum prior to a meeting on the matter on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, vote to preserve the precinct divisions as they had previously been submitted, and submit documentation of that vote, that the proposed changes may not be implemented. Ms. Tarara expressed concern about this, as it would essentially double the number of poll workers that would be needed to work on Election Days, increasing the budget immensely. Mr. Lee supported the opinion of the Town Clerk that the changes would be difficult to enact, the current precinct map works well and there would be no benefit to adopt this change.

William Watkins moved, Daniel Lee seconded, and the Board voted unanimously, with Daniel Lee voting yes, William Watkins voting yes, and Lindsay Vayda voting yes, to keep the four precincts as they are currently.

3. William Watkins moved, Daniel Lee seconded, and the Board voted unanimously, with William Watkins voting yes, Daniel Lee voting yes, and Lindsay Vayda voting yes, to adjourn at 7:11 p.m.