

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 22, 2021**

**6:35PM**

**Senior Center**

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Tyler Gibbs, Chiara Barnes, Geri Herlihy, Robert Lavigne

Others Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager  
Stephanie King, Assistant Town Manager  
Liz Fotos, Town Recorder

Sel. Renzoni called the meeting to order at 6:31PM. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Citizens Address**

None

**2. Appointments, Licenses, and Permits**

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE MARGARET (PEG) DALEY TO THE BOARD OF REGISTRARS FROM 3/31/21 TO 3/31/24 AS PRESENTED.**

Summit Wynds:

Chairman Lavigne stated that he appreciated all the Covid protocols that the Farm had made. He asked if all the departments had signed off on this.

Mr. Lukes replied that the Board of Health and Fire had both approved this.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE ENTERTAINMENT LICENSES FOR THE FARM AT SUMMIT WYNDS FOR 6/25-6/27, 7/2 -7/5, 8/27-8/29 AND 9/3-9/6 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR SEVEN SAWS BREWING COMPANY FOR 6/25-6/27 AND 7/2-7/5 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE BEER AND WINE LICENSE FOR SEVEN SAWS BREWING COMPANY FOR 8/27-8/29 AND 9/3-9/6 AS PRESENTED.**

**3. Police Presentation**

Chief Sherblom was present at the meeting in order to recognize some new hires in addition to honor some retirees.

Chief Sherblom recognized Officer Mike McKiernan, Officer Dan Contois, Officer Michelle Parker, Officer Drew Ledererr, Officer Joe Lindberg, and Officer Haley Delahanty. He congratulated the officers and welcomed them aboard.

Chairman Lavigne welcomed the officers aboard. He stated that the police have been understaffed for a long time and the resumes of these officers were impressive.

Chief Sherblom stated that the department had a recent retirement in the sergeant rank that left a hole in the supervisory staff. He stated that seven people had taken the test and that Officer Consiglio scored the highest. He stated that Officer Consiglio is a veteran of the Marine Corp in addition one of our detectives and coordinated the RAD program. He stated he is a long standing member of the Honor Guard and that he was being pinned by his wife Liz.

Chairman Lavigne swore in Sergeant Consiglio.

Chief Sherblom stated the last thing that they wanted to do was to honor some of the recent retirees from the department. Sergeant Tim Regele, Officer Rocky Himmer, Officer Mike Braely, and Sergeant Rick Horrigan were all honored by the Chief and Board of Selectmen for their service to the Town and the community.

Chairman Lavigne called a five minutes recess at 6:53PM.

Chairman Lavigne called the meeting back to order at 7:00PM.

#### **4. AMI Meter Data Use Policy**

Chairman Lavigne handed the floor to Sel. Renzoni.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he wanted to make a few suggestions that would not radically change the policies presented. He suggested to change paragraph 2 to strike the word "include" and insert Town Manager, Assistant Town Manager, and office staff. He stated additionally in line 7 he wants to strike the verbiage "included but not limited to"

Sel. Renzoni stated that he would offer that motion to amend as presented. He stated that he was not opposed to coming back in if other people needed access to that information but that he wanted it to be specific initially.

Ms. Parenteau stated that the amendment was fine with her. She stated additionally she would like to change "Meter Technician" to "Graduate Electrical Engineer". She stated that this position was obsolete so she wanted to include this change as well.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he would add it to his amendment.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADOPT THE AMI METER DATA USE POLICY AS AMENDED.**

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO IMMEDIATELY LIFT THE MORATORIUM ON THE AMI METER DATA USE POLICY AS PRESENTED.**

## **5. Town Manager Update**

See Attached

Sel. Renzoni asked about the snow and ice budget.

Mr. Woodsmall stated that he is unsure at this point what the \$50,000 will be used for.

Mr. Lukes added that the WRSD had an increase of 3.1% to their budget and this leaves the Town over 5.4%. He stated that they were very close and there could be a slight drop in insurance. He stated at this point the Town was right at the line.

Sel. Renzoni suggested that the Board revisits the budget. He stated that he thinks that they should consider some of the stuff that was removed from the budget initially. He stated that in good faith, the Town Manager removed things from Open Space and General Stabilization. He stated that they can not stop operating as a community because the school increases cause Holden's portion to go over by 5.3%. He stated that the schools can't continue to do this and that the Town can not sustain it any longer. He stated that he believes other towns will say not but that this can't go on.

Chairman Lavigne stated that they really did not revisit the budget they just kick it down the road year over year.

Mr. Lukes stated that the School District did bring down the initial budget but they did so by use of one time funds. He stated that this is scary because next year the raise will be astronomical.

## **6. Water-Sewer Advisory Board**

Chairman Lavigne stated that the Board was talking about reinstituting the Water-Sewer Advisory Board. He stated that in the past they had some issues but he thinks there is value in having this Board.

Sel. Renzoni stated that as Water/ Sewer Commissioners he feels as though they are not doing their jobs by only focusing on water/ sewer once a year and that this was once a great advisory board that would be an asset to the Town.

Mr. Lukes stated that the Board was actually still standing and had a charge so it was not a problem to refill it. He stated that he does not know if they have a big pool of candidates as it needs some technical knowledge but that he does think this is a good idea.

Chairman Lavigne suggested to put the word out and see if there was any interest in the public.

#### **7. Selectmen Minutes**

None

#### **8. Selectmen Miscellaneous**

Sel. Gibbs: none

Sel. Barnes: none

Sel. Herlihy asked if the Board had received the letter from Mountview.

Chairman Lavigne stated that he reached out to Principal Githmark and got the names of the teachers involved so that they can reach out directly. He stated that he would speak to them and see what topics they wanted more information about and see if they could zoom or invite some kids in to a meeting.

Sel. Herlihy asked if anyone had been using the Senior Center at this point.

Mr. Lukes replied that it was still closed to the public and that it would probably not reopen until a larger portion of the population was vaccinated. He stated that the staff are still there but program wise they had done some outside things and some grab n go lunches along with a few virtual events.

Chairman Lavigne asked about offices reopening.

Mr. Lukes replied that none of the employees were vaccinated and most buildings could not accommodate the rules set forth but as soon as they were able to move forward they would.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he wanted to mention to the public that the Town Manager had been working with McGovern's office to find a solution to the Eagle Dam problem. He stated that the Congressmen is reading for community projects. He stated that he passed this information to Friends of Eagle Lake with the suggestion of going to White Oak as the owners of the dam so they could potentially look into this.

Sel. Renzoni thanked Mr. Lukes for finding an opportunity and forwarding it along to the appropriate parties.

**9. Selectmen Subcommittee**

Sel. Herlihy stated that there was a DPW Building Committee meeting tonight.

Sel. Renzoni: none

Chairman Lavigne stated that they already gave the update on Eagle Lake and that they were waiting to hear back from EDC about the Festival Committee.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 22, 2021 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 7:32PM.**

**APPROVED:** July 12, 2021 AS CORRECTED