

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2021**

6:40PM

Memorial Hall

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Chiara Barnes, Richard Bates (Participating Remotely) Geri Herlihy

Not Present: Robert Lavigne

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

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Barnes stated that Sel. Bates was participating remotely; she confirmed that Sel. Bates was able to hear the conversation. Sel. Bates confirmed that he could.

1. Citizens Address

None

2. Appointments, Licenses, and Permits

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE CYNTHIA PATTERSON AND CATHERINE ROBERTS FOR THE APPOINTMENTS OF ELECTION OFFICERS, 11/15/21-8/31/2022 AS PRESENTED.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Bates: yes; Barnes: yes)

3. Tax Classification Public Hearing

Rosemary Scully was present at the meeting.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **VOTED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR ANNUAL TAX CLASSIFICATION BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Bates: yes; Barnes: yes).

Ms. Scully stated that they were present today to discuss with the Board the tax rate. She stated that the Board of Assessors suggested a single tax rate. Ms. Scully provided the Board with a packet breaking down the information collected.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he had no questions and thanked Ms. Scully and her office for all their hard work.

Chairman Barnes asked if there was any members of the public that wished to speak.

Gordon McPhee, 428 Salisbury Street was present at the meeting. He stated that on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce he recommends a single tax rate for the Town of Holden. He stated that if we as a Town had taxed businesses more we would have taxed away our commerce. He stated that there were many people working from home and that he supports the single tax rate to continue to support businesses.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **VOTED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Bates: yes; Barnes: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **VOTED TO ADOPT A RESIDENTIAL FACTOR OF 1 AND SINGLE TAX RATE FOR ALL PROPERTIES BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Bates: yes; Barnes: yes).

4. Town Manager Update

See Attached

5. Follow Up to Citizens Address

None

6. Selectmen Minutes

None

7. Selectmen Miscellaneous

The Selectmen discussed the leaves on the side of the road; they indicated that as a Town we do not do municipal leaf clean up and that by doing this you can clog the catch basin.

Sel. Herlihy: none

Sel. Bates: none

The Select Board also stated that they had received communication from various students and Mountview Middle School and that they would be reaching back out to the students this week. The Board thanked the students for reaching out.

8. Selectmen Subcommittee

Sel. Renzoni stated that he hoped he was appointed to the Playground Committee as a liaison.

Chairman Barnes designated Sel. Renzoni as the liaison to the Playground Committee.

Sel. Herlihy stated that she did not have an update from DPW.

Mr. Lukes stated that the project manager was giving a tour tonight (November 15, 2021) and that so far it was moving along. He stated there was a slight delay with materials but that it was progressing forward.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **VOTED TO AJDOURN THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE AT 7:04PM.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Bates: yes; Barnes: yes).

APPROVED: 4/11/22