

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June, 29 2020**

6:00PM

WRHS

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

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

Chairman Lavigne called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. He waived the Pledge of Allegiance until Town Meeting.

1. Vote on Annual Town Meeting Quorum

Chairman Lavigne asked why they were voting on quorum again.

Mr. Lukes stated that the Board had taken a vote previously however counsel wanted the Board to vote again to ensure that the advertising requirement had been met. He stated essentially they did meet it last time but counsel requested it.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Barnes, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO REDUCE THE QUORUM TO 25 FOR THE 2020 HOLDEN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.**

2. Appointments, Licenses, and Permits

Mr. Lukes stated that Specialty Sandwich was requesting a temporary outdoor license until November 1, 2020. He stated they did have the intention to come in with a permanent license down the line.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE SPECIALTY SANDWICH TEMPORARY LICENSE AS PRESENTED.**

Ms. Parker was present at the meeting for Summit Wynds, Inc. She explained the events that the farm was planning based on Covid limitations.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE ONE DAY BEER AND WINE LICENSES FOR AMY PARKER ON BEHALF OF THE FARM AT SUMMIT WYNDY AS PRESENTED.**

3. Discussion and Positions on ATM Warrant Articles

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT WARRANT ARTICLE 19 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SUPPORT WARRANT ARTICLE 29 AS PRESENTED.**

Chairman Lavigne spoke to Warrant Article 34 regarding Eagle Lake. He stated that it was the Board's position on Town recommendation for this article. He stated that it made sense to have the authority to do this as they have been clear that they want to be able to plan a funding mechanism. He stated that if this is approved, they don't have to do anything, but they do have the ability to do something.

The motion was made by Sel. Gibbs to support Warrant Article 34, it was seconded by Sel. Herlihy.

Sel. Gibbs stated he agreed with Chairman Lavigne.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he does not think the Board should approve it as there is not a plan. He stated that they are accepting something and they don't know anything about what the gift entails.

Sel. Gibbs stated that it does not say they are going to take it; just that they can.

Chairman Lavigne stated that he disagreed. He stated the Town set up a Committee and charged it. He stated that he agrees that there needs to be a funding mechanism but that this was an article put up by the Town.

Sel. Renzoni replied that he disagreed. He stated that this should go to Town Meeting floor and that a Selectboard vote should not muddy the discussion. He stated that it is a Town article, but only because the Citizen Petition forced them to create one.

Sel. Herlihy stated that what the Board and Town went through to take over the land for 18 Industrial Drive was so much more than this. She stated that she understood that this was giving the Town Manager the authorization but she felt this was almost reckless comparatively.

Sel. Renzoni stated it was not the Town Manager it was the Selectboard. He stated that if they do accept the land they assume the risk; he stated if they took over the land then what would the state requirements be.

Chairman Lavigne stated this was simply laying the groundwork.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he was not against it but he was not ready to take a position on it. He stated if they take the vote than a Selectboard in the very near future could decide to take this land because the groundwork was laid.

Chairman Lavigne stated the same could be said for any matter.

Sel. Gibbs asked what the difference was if they did not take a position.

Sel. Renzoni stated he may abstain; he stated he wanted to hear the debate without influencing it with a Selectboard vote.

Motion by Sel. Gibbs, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **VOTED BY A VOTE 3-2 TO SUPPORT WARRANT ARTICLE 34.** (Herlihy: no; Renzoni: no).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO TAKE NO POSITION ON WARRANT ARTICLE 35.**

A motion was made by Sel. Renzoni to reconsider Warrant Article 15, it was seconded by Sel. Herlihy.

Chairman Lavigne stated that he was asking for this to be reconsidered because for a year now the Board was being told by DPW that they were going to find a way to build this. He stated that this is a bait and switch. He stated now it is getting raised from 18 million to 21 million which is what they wanted in the first place.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he did agree and normally he would feel the same but that it was an unforeseen emergency fund transfer. He stated that this amount was only if the project came in at a sweet spot. He stated that Mr. Challenger had explained the whole process.

Chairman Lavigne stated that in the past DPW had stated that the building was going to come in higher and he wanted to be on record saying he disagreed with this.

Sel. Gibbs stated that this was presented as being for heavy duty equipment.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **VOTED BY 4-1 TO SUPPORT WARRANT ARTICLE 15 AS PRESENTED.** (Lavigne: no)

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO RECESS TO HOLDEN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING AND RECONVENE FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by Sel. Gibbs, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 29, 2020 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 9:25PM.**

APPROVED: ____9/14/20____