

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 2020**

6:30PM

Memorial Hall

Present: Robert Lavigne, Anthony Renzoni (participating remotely), Tyler Gibbs, Geri Herlihy, Chiara Barnes

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

Chairman Lavigne called the meeting to order at 6:30PM. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. He stated that Sel. Renzoni was participating remotely.

The Board discussed the Parade Permit to show support for President Trump and the Police Officers.

Mr. Lukes stated that several groups from various affiliations had approached the Town Managers Office to secure a permit. He stated that they always urge groups to apply for a permit as it lets the police department know who they are, how many people they expect, and what they are up to. It also helps with crowd control if need be.

Sel. Gibbs stated that he would support the motion for the permit but that he was not in support of what the speech was. He encouraged other groups who wanted to do this to reach out as well to secure permits and stated that he was hopeful other Board members would have the same approach.

Sel. Renzoni stated he was unable to hear the entire conversation so he would abstain from voting on this motion.

Motion by Sel. Barnes, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **VOTED BY A VOTE OF 4-0-1 TO APPROVE THE PARADE PERMIT FOR AMY MILLER TO SHOW SUPPORT FOR PRESIDENT TRUMP AND POLICE OFFICERS ON 10/11/20 AS PRESENTED.** (Barnes: yes; Herlihy: yes; Lavigne: yes; Gibbs: yes; Renzoni: abstain).

1. Citizen Address

Joe Sabato, 47 Boulder Hill Road was present at the meeting. He stated that he had been in front of the Board a few weeks ago and that he thinks that there is a huge opportunity in Town to bring the community together. He stated that he wanted to speak to the Board about the Safe Community Program. He stated that communities that are safe are not an accident, they happen because a community works together with police, schools, fire,

EMS, and other agencies. He stated that they work towards saving lives, preventing injuries, safe exercising, becoming a heart safe community, and more.

Dr. Sabato stated that working together they can save lives in communities and he thinks this is something Holden should adopt and use as a traffic safety measure to make the community better, safer, and stronger.

Appointments, Licenses, Permits Cont.

Sel. Lavigne corrected the date of the Boy Scout Troop 180 license to 10/17/20.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE FOR THE BOY SCOUT TROOP 180 ON 10/17/20 AS PRESENTED.** (Herlihy: yes; Gibbs: yes; Barnes: yes; Lavigne: yes; Renzoni: yes).

Sel. Renzoni stated that with regards to Mr. Cournoyer, the representative to Montachusett Regional Vocational School Committee, he highly recommends him. He stated that he is dedicated to the trades, has been critical in contract negotiations and worked to develop and implement a plan to get the students at Monti-Tech back in the school during Covid-19. He stated he is very much in support of this.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO RE-APPOINT JAMES COURNOYER AS THE HOLDEN REPRESENTATIVE TO MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD OF 11/15/20 TO 11/15/ 2024 AS PRESENTED.** (Herlihy: yes; Gibbs: yes; Barnes: yes; Lavigne: yes; Renzoni: yes).

Motion by Sel. Gibbs, seconded by Sel. Barnes, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE MEREDITH PUGH AS AN ELECTION WORKER TO 8/21/2021 AS PRESENTED.** (Gibbs: yes; Barnes: yes; Herlihy: yes; Lavigne: yes; Renzoni: yes).

2. Storm Water Management Program

James Woodsmall, DPW Director and Patrick Wood, Civil Engineer were present at the meeting.

Mr. Wood presented: **Update of the Stormwater Management Plan SWMP, October 5, 2020.**

3. Town Manager Update

See Attached

4. **Halloween Trick or Treating**

Mr. Lukes stated that Holden has a tradition of not messing with Halloween and he thinks that the Town is going to go with the general guidelines of social distancing, wearing masks, and sanitizing your hands. He stated that if you do not wish to participate you can turn off lights so people know that.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Barnes, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREATING HOURS FROM 5-8PM ON OCTOBER 31, 2020.** (Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes; Gibbs: yes; Renzoni: yes; Lavigne: yes).

5. **Senior Center Staff Citation**

Chairman Lavigne stated that he received a great letter from former Town Manager Brian Bullock to thank the Senior Center Staff for their work.

Louise Charbonneau, Maureen Buffone, and Mary Sloan were present and gave an overview of what they had been doing in terms of transportation, meals, walking, flu shot clinics, and more.

She thanked the Buildings and Grounds program as well and thanked the Board for their recognition.

6. **2020 State Election Warrant**

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE 2020 STATE ELECTION WARRANT AS PRESENTED.** (Herlihy: yes; Gibbs: yes; Barnes: yes; Renzoni: yes; Lavigne: yes).

7. **Response to Citizens Address**

Chairman Lavigne cautioned the Board to speak carefully because he felt that this could be an agenda item in the future. He stated that he needed to do some additional research and that there needed to be a larger conversation about this so they could see the next steps.

Sel. Barnes asked what the process was to create a committee.

Mr. Lukes replied that it depended, the BOS would write a charge.

Chairman Lavigne stated that he thinks that they should put this on the agenda and have a better conversation about this.

8. **Selectmen Minutes**

None

9. Selectmen Miscellaneous

None

10. Selectmen Subcommittee

Sel. Gibbs: none

Sel. Herlihy: none

Sel. Barnes: none

Chairman Lavigne: none

Sel. Renzoni asked if Mr. Lukes could talk about the Master Plan Implementation Committee.

Mr. Lukes replied that they were looking for one more member; he stated that their presumed Chair had moved out of Town and looking for a Chair with experience plus Covid it was a hard way to begin a Committee.

Motion by Sel. Gibbs, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADJOURN THE OCTOBER 5, 2020 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 7:39PM.**

APPROVED: ____12/7/20_____