

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 9, 2023**

**6:30PM**

**Memorial Hall**

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Stephanie Mulroy, Richard Bates, Thomas Curran

Others Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager  
Steven Madaus, Town Counsel  
Ms. King, Assistant Town Manager  
Liz Fotos, Town Recorder (Participating remotely)

Not Present: Geri Herlihy

Chairman Renzoni called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. Appointments, Licenses, Permits**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE TEMPORARY AMENDMENT TO PREMISES, LIQUOR LICENSE STOW ACRES GOLF PROPERTIES, INC AS CORRECTED TO 2023**

Motion by Sel. Bates, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE, THE FARMS AT SUMMIT WYNDS FOR 6/23, 6/24, 6/25, 7/1, AND 7/2 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENES, WINE/BEER FOR THE FARM AT SUMMIT WYNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING DAYS 6/23, 6/24, 6/25, 7/1, AND 7/2 AS PRESENTED.**

**2. Citizens Address**

Lars Adams, 361 Main Street, he stated he also owns LA Automotive. He stated that he has a list of issues that he wished to address. He stated his first issue was to address the physical assault against him by the former Planning Director (named).

Chairman Renzoni interrupted him to let him know that no officials shall be named during Citizen Address.

Mr. Lukes stated that names should not be used during Citizen Address.

Mr. Adams stated that another issue he wanted addressed was the documented lies by the Building Commissioner that were used to stop the construction of his garage. He stated the third was to address inappropriate behavior by the Building Commissioner, gender

shaming himself and two others. Additionally inappropriate pictures the Building Commissioner took of his private property of two teenage girls on his back deck. He stated the next would be lack of response by Holden Light Department about a relocated telephone pole that was put in a bad position. He stated there was a lack of response by the Water Department that caused damage to his property. He stated that there was also lack of response by the Town Manager on all these issues. He stated that he had not yet been cleared to return to Town Hall officially. He stated that he has also been gender shamed by the Water Department Director (named) calling him “Mrs. Adams” to address the water pipe in question which was the reason for the stop work order. To address the fact that that the previous owners of his property were past town employees which has made his property a special interest of current town employees to protect what he does with said property. To address that the Water Department refuses to relocate a water pipe in question. To address a sewer pipe that was incorrectly installed. To address the lack of response at all levels including this Board. To address corruption and conspiring of town employees and officials that have attacked his business, his reputation and his name. To address Cassella that is no longer allowed on his property because the damage they cause each time they go on it. He stated that was his list of things he wanted addressed.

Jane Dye, 39 Lovell Road, was present at the meeting. She stated that she wanted to thank HMLD for two great projects that they spoke about at the year end meeting. She stated the storage battery that is going in at Chapin Substation was the first; the second was for the new smart meters that were coming this fall. She stated that these projects move us into a clean and efficient energy future so she wanted to thank HMLD for these projects.

### 3. Selectmen Minutes

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 3, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 14, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 28, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 6, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE DECEMBER 12, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AS PRESENTED.**

Sel. Bates offered an amendment to the meeting minutes of September 19, 2022. He offered to change verbiage to "...Sel. Bates did some research relative to the BOS authority as Water/Sewer Commissioners by reading MA Statutes and he was unsure if had the authority as Water/ Sewer Commissioners"

Motion by Sel. Bates, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AS AMENDED.**

#### **4. Public Hearing: Public Cable License Renewal**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC CABLE LICENSE RENEWAL.**

Chairman Renzoni read the public hearing notice into record.

Jay Brunetta, Public Access Director, for the Town of Holden was present at the meeting. He stated that Attorney Bill August was joining the meeting remotely at this time as well. He stated that Attorney August was assisting with them to negotiate their contract with Spectrum formally known as Charter. He stated that they were in the second year of the contract being expired and they were happy to have closure coming. He stated the new contract was approved and the Committee recommends approval. He stated that tonight they would be looking to lock into their annual funding and that this was a ten year contract.

Chairman Renzoni opened it up for public comment; no comments were made.

Motion by Sel. Bates, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR PUBLIC CABLE LICENSE RENEWAL.**

Sel. Mulroy stated that the PEG is moving from standard channels to high def if certain conditions were met; she asked if that had happened.

Mr. August stated that it was possible to move to high definition but that it was not covered in this renewal license. It would require them to have a separate agreement.

Sel. Curran asked if going to high definition would be done along with this agreement or if it would be a separate agreement.

Mr. August replied it would be a separate contract.

Sel. Curran asked if it was \$800/channel. Mr. Brunetta confirmed it was per channel.

Motion by Sel. Bates, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED THAT CABLE FRANCISE RENWAL PROPOSAL OF SPECTRUM**

**NORTHEAST LLP ALSO KNOWN AS CHARTER CABLE REASONABLY MEETS FRANCISE AND CABLE RELATED RENEWAL NEEDS AND INTEREEST OF PUBLIC AND TOWN AND FINDING THAT SPECTURM FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL QUALIFICATIONS AND LOCAL PROGRAMING CHANNELS FACILITIES AND SERVICES ARE REASONABLE TO MEET THE TOWN CABLE NEEDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION WITH THE TOWN OF HOLDEN CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN FAVORABLE APPROVAL OF THE HOLDEN SPECTRUM RENEAL LICENSE. THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN HAVE ISSUED AUTHORITY FOR THE TOWN AND WE VOTE TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE RENEWAL LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM EFFECTIVE JANUARY 9, 2023 AND EXECUTE THE RENEWAL LICENSE AS PRESENTED.**

## **5. Town Manager Update**

See Attached

## **6. Selectmen Miscellaneous**

Sel. Curran asked about using google calendar for Town Meetings and Boards. Mr. Lukes replied that he would look into it.

Sel. Curran asked about other streaming services coming into town. Mr. Lukes replied that it would have to be the other companies to come in and do the infrastructure surrounding it which is costly.

Sel. Mulroy just wanted to give a shout out to everyone involved in the ice rink. She stated that she would be bringing up the idea of selling hot chocolate and baked goods to the Council on Aging at their next meeting.

Sel. Bates stated he wanted to ask Mr. Madaus' opinion on the Water/ Sewer Commission and the statutory framework surrounding it.

Chairman Renzoni stated that at the next meting they speak about the Town Manager contract.

Chairman Renzoni stated that they need to get Sel. Bates prepared notes on the Naming Policy along with the Appeals Process into the Town Managers for the next meeting so that it could go out with the packet.

Chairman Renzoni stated that he went into the WRHS and he went into the Civics class, he stated it was a great opportunity.

## **7. Selectmen Subcommittee**

None

#### 8. Follow up to Citizens Address

Chairman Renzoni stated that he had sent a correspondence to Mr. Adams this morning. It read: The Holden Board of Selectmen does not have the authority under the Holden Charter to interfere with the decisions of the Holden Building Commissioner nor is the BOS an appellate venue for any decisions made by the Building Commissioner or Town Manager. Further it is my understanding that the Town of Holden is current or about to be involved in court proceedings against you and therefore we can not comment or discuss the issue either privately or at a meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Signed Anthony Renzoni, Chairman, BOS.

He stated that he advised the Board to not have any conversation and deferred to the Town Manager and Town Counsel if they felt the need to correspond.

Chairman Renzoni stated that they have been working on projects like the HMLD projects highlighted at Citizens Address and it was all good news for Holden.

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 9, 2023 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 7:17PM.**

APPROVED: June 5, 2023 AS CORRECTED