

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 6, 2023**

**6:30PM**

**Memorial Hall**

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Stephanie Mulroy, Geri Herlihy, Richard Bates  
(participating remotely), Thomas Curran

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

Chairman Renzoni called the Board of Selectmen meeting to order. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. Chairman Renzoni stated that Sel. Bates was participating remotely this evening and all votes would be taken by a roll call vote.

**1. Appointments, Licenses, Permits**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO REAPPOINT DAN GATELY, CONSTABLE.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Herlihy: yes; Mulroy: yes; Renzoni: yes).

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE PARADE PERMIT FOR HOLDEN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY FOR 5K ROAD RACE FOR 5/6/23 AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Herlihy: yes; Mulroy: yes; Renzoni: yes).

**2. Citizens Address**

Dan Marinome, Eagle Lake, you may have seen Busy Bee donated two truck loads of sand and EJ Johansson donated his time and equipment and it looks beautiful. We will be having flat water race day and will be back in to talk about that as it gets closer.

**3. Inclusive Access Playground Committee**

Stephanie Klink with the Inclusive Playground Committee was present at the meeting to give an update on the status of the project. She stated when it started it was a playground but it evolved to be a park like space that was all inclusive and multi-generational.

She stated that they obtained funding support for design research engineering firms and recommended a firm to town for design and engineering services. She stated that they had some challenges with the funding strategy and they thought that they would present in May to Town Meeting but there were still uncertainties they needed to address before presenting. She stated that they anticipate some grant work and funding privately and publically and working with representatives for state funding. She stated they were not

sure they can give the town a budget at the May Town meeting and for that reason they were going to push it off. She stated that they may request a warrant article further in the year at a Special Town Meeting.

Ms. Klink stated that the next steps would be on-boarding the engineering firm and developing and finalizing a cost estimate for the project.

Chairman Renzoni asked Mr. Lukes if they could set up a meeting to answer some of the Committees questions regarding the building and he had never been a member of a building committee in town. Mr. Lukes agreed.

Ms. Klink stated that both Ms. King and Mr. Woodsmall stated that they would go to the meeting on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

#### **4. Conversation Restriction, Salisbury Street**

Scott Morrison from White Oak was present at the meeting. He stated that about two years ago they worked to acquire a little over 100 acres of open space and the Town kicked in about \$250,000 to make that happen. He stated as part of that the Town will hold a conservation restriction on that property. He stated that there was a placeholder that was filed to allow the funds to be transferred so this is the final version to be signed by the Selectboard to get it recorded. He stated that they had worked to clear a lot and are working on trails but they hope that there will be trails and do a grand opening.

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE FOREGOING CONSERVATION RESTRICTION FROM WHITE OAK LAND CONSERVATION SOCIETY TO THE TOWN OF HOLDEN ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST ACTING PURSUANT TO SECTION 32 OF CHAPTER 184 OF MA GENERAL LAW AND PURSUANT TO 8C OF CHAPTER 40 OF MA GENERAL LAWS.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Herlihy: yes; Mulroy: yes; Renzoni: yes).

#### **5. Town Manager Update**

None

#### **6. Special Town Employee Designation Health**

Mr. Lukes stated that there is a town employee in the fire department that they are hoping to designate as the Health Agent. He stated that they would need to designate them as a special employee and that currently this position is held under the Planning Department and it should be properly designed under Fire. He stated that in our case we have an employee, Christ Motiverdi, who is a paramedic, Emergency Manager Coordinator, holds his masters in Public Health and serves on the Leicester Board of Public Health who the

town is also in a Regional Health Agreement with. He stated that they were promoting this as a more efficient means of doing business.

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE FIRE FIGHTER CHRIS MOTIVERDI EXEMPTION FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 20 OF MA GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 268 A AS IT RELATES TO HIS APPOINTMENT OF PART TIME OVERSEER TO THE TOWNS HEALTH DEPARMENT AND AFFILIATED AGENGIES PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Herlihy: yes; Mulroy: yes; Renzoni: yes).

**7. Follow Up to Citizens Address**

None

**8. Selectmen Minutes**

None

**9. Selectmen Subcommittee**

Sel. Mulroy asked if they had the naming policy for the Council on Aging.

Sel. Bates stated that he thought that Town Counsel sent out his recommendations and he was hopeful to have it completed by next meeting.

**10. Selectmen Miscellaneous**

Sel. Curran stated that he met with the Community Garden Committee and they were all sold out of their plots but were looking to expand the number of lots they could have for citizens to use but that is pending funding and they have requested to the Town Manager.

Mr. Lukes stated that he did not receive the request.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE MARCH 6, 2023 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 6:52PM.**

**APPROVED: 6/5/23 AS PRESENTED**