

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
July 17, 2023**

**6:30PM**

**Senior Center**

Present: Stephanie Mulroy, Anthony Renzoni, 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)

Not Present: Geri Herlihy

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

**1. Citizens Address**

None

**2. Appointments, Licenses, Permits**

The owner of Holden Pie Company was present at the meeting. This license was for a change in ownership. Mr. Lukes stated that the only comment he had to make was not for them but for their landlords. He stated that they were very often negligent in taking care of the property and it was becoming a public health issue. He stated that while it didn't have to do with them, their license could be in jeopardy in the future if this was not addressed.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE HOLDEN PIE COMPANY D/B/A DOMINO'S FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AS PRESENTED.**  
(Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE BRILLA COFFEE, LLC FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE WACHUSETT AREA CHAMBER, HOLDEN DAYS FOOD COURT, 8/26/23 FOR A COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE WACHUSETT AREA CHAMBER, HOLDEN DAYS 8/25/23-8/26/23 FOR A PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE WACHUSETT AREA CHAMBER HOLDEN DAYS, 8/26/23 FOR A PARADE PERMIT AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE DAVIS HILL PTA 5K ROAD RACE, 10/1/23 FOR A PARADE PERMIT, ROAD RACE AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE HOLDEN CROP HUNGER WALK, 10/15/23 FOR A PARADE PERMIT AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE BE LIKE BRIT FOUNDATION, 11/23/23 FOR A PARADE PERMIT/ ROAD RACE AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE BRIAN PARRY, TO THE ZBA APPOINTMENT, ALTERNATE TO VOTING TO EXPIRE 5/31/26 AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICERS, 9/1/23-8/31/24 AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO THE TOWN MANAGER TO APPROVE ANY ADDITIONAL PERMITS THAT COME FORTH FOR HOLDEN DAYS AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

### 3. Holden Boy Scout Troop 182 Proclamation

Chairman Mulroy stated that they were incredibly proud of Troop 182 and their leadership when the town was in a time of crisis. She stated that there was a massive fire and the troop rose to the occasion to help during that time.

Sel. Renzoni stated Troop 182 has always been there for the town, they always show up for the town. Sel. Renzoni read the Certificate of Recognition into record and presented it to Troop 182. The Board stood to recognize their efforts and called them up for a photograph.

Chairman Mulroy called a brief recess.

Chairman Mulroy called the meeting back to order.

#### **4. Vote: Traffic Control Agreement**

Mr. Lukes stated that Patrick Wood from DPW was present at the meeting

Mr. Wood stated that this was for the Shrewsbury Street Project. He stated that this was a standard agreement that every town needs to sign if they were doing a TIP Project like Shrewsbury Street. He stated that they knew where all the signs were going to be along with all signals and the provisions were all in place. He stated that in addition to all the standard agreements that were in place the specific agreements that were on the plans were also added. He stated that when we enter into this we say that we are going to operate and maintain everything and follow all DOT regulations.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO ADOPT THE TRAFFIC CONTROL AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

#### **5. Adopt the Order of Taking for the Unaccepted and Parcel D Portion of Damon Road**

Mr. Madaus stated that this is the final piece of acquiring the easement for public street purposes. He stated that Town Meeting laid out the way and once we discovered we were maintaining it and Town Meeting accepted the lay out and authorized the acquisition.

He stated that we are acquiring an easement for public street purposes and then that will go to record and it will complete the process of making that a public way.

Sel. Curran asked if there was any compensation

Mr. Madaus confirmed that there was not any as noted.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he spoke with many of the neighbors and abutters and that many of them were not happy with the history of this land. He stated that this land was questionable and he assured them that this was a matter of us maintaining a piece of property that we have always maintained. He stated that we are only completing the Town Meeting Vote and this is the last step and is procedural.

Mr. Madaus stated that we have 120 days to acquire by taking. He stated that he was sensitive to the abutter's frustration but he does not know the history of this piece of land.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADOPT THE ORDER OF TAKING AS CORRECTED TO ADJUST THE SPELLING OF SEL. BATES AND SEL. HERLIHY'S NAME.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

#### **6. Town Manager Update**

See Attached

#### **7. Approval of Town Manager Contract**

Sel. Renzoni stated that he sent out an updated version of the Town Manager's Contract to the Board. He stated that he asked for no feedback but asked for it to be opened up in the public forum today. He stated that he was prepared to adopt this contract tonight.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO AUTHROIZE THE CHAIR TO SIGN ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AN UPDATED TOWN MANAGER CONTRACT.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

The Board thanked the Town Manager and congratulated him on another contract with the Town.

#### **8. Response to Citizens Address**

None

#### **9. Selectmen Miscellaneous**

Chairman Mulroy stated that the Council on Aging is pushing for resolution to the Naming Policy.

#### **10. Selectmen Subcommittees**

Sel. Renzoni stated that the Inclusive Playground Committee would be meeting tomorrow night and they should have preliminary drawings at that time. He stated that Mr. Carlson was going to be assisting at meetings.

### 11. Selectmen Minutes

Sel. Curran stated that the meeting minutes of May 9, 2023 need the adjournment date and time corrected to show May 9, 2023 at 5:00PM.

Sel. Renzoni stated that he also wished to correct the verbiage in Reorganization of the Board. He stated he wanted to strike, "Motion failed" and correct it to read: Motion passes by 3-2 Vote; Bates: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes; Curran: no; Herlihy: no).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE MAY 9, 2023 MEETING MINUTES AS CORRECTED.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Curran, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJORN THE JULY 17, 2023 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.** (Bates: yes; Curran: yes; Renzoni: yes; Mulroy: yes).

APPROVED: 1/22/24