

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 2021**

6:34PM

Senior Center

Present: Richard Bates, Chiara Barnes, Robert Lavigne

Not Present: Anthony Renzoni, Geri Herlihy

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

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order at 6:34PM. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Appointments, Licenses, and Permits

None

2. Citizen Address

Joe Sabato, 47 Boulder Hill Road, was present at the meeting. He stated that he was at the meeting to discuss traffic safety in his neighborhood. He stated that they need speed and stop signs along with enforcement. Mr. Sabato stated he was moved to start a petition because he was on Sterling Road and a car came speeding down the street and just missed hitting him. He stated that 70 people signed the petition and 70 more wanted to in order to help keep their neighborhood safe. He stated if something isn't done, someone will get hurt.

Bryan Gabrielli, Mason Road, was present at the meeting. He stated that he walks on these roads as well with his dogs and the traffic is out of control. He stated that it is curvy and that cars come fast. He stated they feel as though there should be a speed limit sign as well.

Jeff Chapman, 23 Wood Street, was present. He stated that his street intersects with Boulder Hill and he was there just to echo the others sentiments. He stated there were a lot of young kids and that cars drive too fast. He stated anything as far as police presence or speed limit signs would help.

Ken Miller, 38 Boulder Hill Road, he stated that he has been walking on these roads for over 24 years and there is no shoulder and no white lines along with a lot of traffic. He stated that he often has to go onto the shoulder in snow or poison ivy and there are no speed limit signs and he has no idea what the speed limits are. He stated that there is no attempt to enforce anything and the neighbors could use some assistance.

Lee Hill, 19 Baskin Park Way, was present at the meeting. She stated that she lived behind Seven Saws and that she was at a previous meeting discussing the noise issues she was experiencing. She stated that she came back in to the meeting to thank the Board for listening to her complaints and helping with the problem. She stated for the first time in a long time she was able to sit on her deck and enjoy her dinner and sit in her kitchen and have a conversation. She stated she came back in to thank the Board for their assistance.

3. Naming of the Senior Center

Senator Harriet Chandler was present at the meeting. She thanked the Board for allowing her to speak. She stated that she was there to discuss having the Senior Center named for Cindy Beck, who passed away earlier this year. She stated Ms. Beck was an incredible woman that dedicated her life to the senior community; from meals on wheels, to helping with the vision for the Senior Center. Senator Chandler stated that she represents five other communities and that Holden's Senior Center was the envy of them all. She stated that with all that Ms. Beck did for the seniors she did not know anyone more deserving to have a place named after her. She thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

Chairman Barnes asked what the process was to rename a building in town.

Sel. Lavigne stated that Ms. Beck sounds like an amazing person and the endorsement from Sue Sullivan and Senator Chandler would go a long way. He stated that before doing this he felt as though they should come up with some sort of process for doing this and edit the Board of Selectmen Handbook to reflect the policy. He stated he thought it was a great idea but just wanted a process for it. He asked Senator Chandler if she knew of any towns with a process for this.

Senator Chandler replied she was unaware of any process.

The Board asked Mr. Lukes his thoughts.

Mr. Lukes replied that Town Meeting voted to name the courtyard in the high school. He stated that he did not sense any real opposition to this matter. He stated that this did not seem time sensitive and even if they moved forward quickly they would still need time to do signs and organize and unveiling. He stated that the Board could work with Town Counsel and sort out the details to move forward.

Sel. Lavigne agreed. He stated that he does not believe this should have to go to Town Meeting and that it was something the Selectboard could do but he felt as though they should set out minimum requirements to be eligible for this. He stated that he would be happy to work through something initially and present it to the Board to add to the handbook.

Mr. Lukes stated that he would reach out to Town Counsel along with the MMA for guidance.

4. Town Manager Update

See attached

5. Public Hearing- Liquor License- 4 EVERGOLF on premises, Restaurant All Alcoholic Beverages

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE 4 EVERGOLF ON PREMISES, RESTAURANT ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

Ronald Lukasevicz, owner of 4 EVERGOLF, was present at the meeting. He stated that they had opened in Dudley and were able to get a full liquor license. He stated that it was basically a seasonal business running from about mid October to whenever the snow melted. He stated that it was not a typical bar and they did not get a lot of people off the streets it was mostly for people to come in and play and have some drinks.

Sel. Lavigne asked when he was looking to open.

Mr. Lukasevicz replied in November.

Sel. Lavigne asked if they would be serving food and drink.

Mr. Lukasevicz replied that in Holden they were going to be serving bar food/appetizers and the full liquor license which could help with competitors.

Sel. Bates asked if that required a permit.

Mr. Lukes replied that it did but that it was not up to this Board, it was up to the ABCC.

Chairman Barnes asked if there were any members of the public that wished to speak; no members of the public stepped forward.

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LIQUOR LICENSE, 4 EVERGOLF ON PREMISES, RESTAURANT ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.**

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE, 4 EVERGOLF ON PREMISES, RESTAURANT ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AS PRESENTED.**

Sel. Lavigne welcomed Mr. Lukasevicz to town.

6. Selectmen Minutes

The Board passed over the Selectmen Minutes.

7. Selectmen Miscellaneous

Sel. Lavigne stated that last Friday, he and Representative Ferguson met with Mountview Civics classes and the students asked a number of great questions. He thanked Mr. Smith, and Mr. Githmark for allowing them to go into the schools and stated he looked forward to doing this in the future.

Sel. Bates: none

Chairman Barnes stated that District All-Stars was starting tonight (June 21) for the girls and for the boys next week.

Sel. Lavigne stated that the Friends of Eagle Lake asked to thank Troops 180 and 182 for their work clearing a path.

8. Response to Citizens Address

Sel. Lavigne stated that they can talk to DPW about the possibility of posting speed limit signs. He stated that he does get calls from neighborhoods but there are limited resources and if you pull from one area another one gets worse.

Mr. Lukes stated that the Town has a traffic officer who does this and that he has assigned the area to him. He stated it was a slow day when they initially went out but that they can do it again. He stated that they can also look into signs.

Sel. Bates stated that the streets were narrow.

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 21, 2021 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 7:12PM.**

APPROVED: _____ 10/18/21 _____