

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2021**

6:30PM

Memorial Hall

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Chiara Barnes, Richard Bates, Geri Herlihy, Robert Lavigne

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

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

1. Appointments, Licenses, and Permits

None

2. Board of Selectmen Schedule

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Bates, it was **UNANIMOSULY VOTED TO SET THE 2022 JANUARY THROUGH JUNE BOARD OF SELECTMEN SCHEDULE AS PRESENTED.**

3. Citizens Address

Richard Caprioli, 37 Country Hill Road, Jefferson was present at the meeting. He stated that he has sent a letter to the Town in October and has not had any follow up. He stated that he was concerned about the activities that are occurring on 71 Miles Ave. He stated there were heavy equipment, excavators, flat bed trucks, bulldozers and more and the noise and vibrations were very much a nuisance. He stated that this has been year round, over weekdays and weekends and he asked as a taxpayer for the Town to look into any zoning violations.

Sel. Barnes stated that the Board was not able to respond to citizens at this time but there was a follow up later on in the agenda.

Richard and Patricia Wright, 31 Country Hill Road, were present at the meeting. They stated that they were residents as well and that they were here to support the request made by Richard Caprioli and they wanted to know if there were any zoning violations occurring.

Mr. Wright stated that their lifestyles were being destroyed by violations of zoning ordinances and they were looking for the Board to assist them with answering some of their questions.

4. **MIIA Trust Agreement**

Mr. Lukes stated that this agreement has to do with the change in healthcare provider for the Town. He stated that they need the Board to sign off on the trust and that the vote is to have the Town Manager sign the contract. He stated that the former provider was unable to accommodate the town and that they needed to search for a new provider. He stated that they had already worked with retirees and that active employees would be enrolled by July 1. He stated this work was completed through a consultant and they went through the process of finding a plan that most closely matched with the pricing and plans of the current program.

Mr. Madaus suggested taking two votes.

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Renzoni, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MIIA TRUST AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Renzoni, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN MANAGER TO SIGN ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE MIIA TRUST AGREEMENT AS PRESENTED.**

5. **Town Manager Update**

See Attached

Sel. Lavigne asked if they were confident that they would receive something from the schools pertaining to the budget by January.

Mr. Lukes replied that he did expect it but he was not sure it would be close to the 2.5%.

Sel. Lavigne stated that the previous year they had done an exercise about who gets cut in the event this passes. He stated that he wants to be able to tell the community this information so they understand what the implications of this budget will be.

Mr. Lukes stated that this has been an ongoing process since the summer and is a moving target.

Sel. Renzoni stated that possibly by the second meeting in January they will have a proposed budget and know the revenue so they could include some public sessions in the meeting in order to educate the community about prop 2.5% override and what that would mean.

Mr. Lukes stated that Help at Home also wanted Holden residents to know that they can get assistance from this program through the senior center or fill out an application online and that they were there to help any Holden resident in need with paying utilities or other bills.

6. Response to Citizens Address

Sel. Renzoni stated that he did not know why the residents had not heard back from the Town yet; he stated that they were familiar with the property and they would look into it. He asked for this matter to go back on the agenda in the future.

Mr. Lukes stated that the Director of Planning has been there within the last few weeks and that they were waiting for a reply. He stated that the property is exempt under an agricultural exemption with the ZBA and that is why they can't do anything further. He stated that he believes there is no more fill going in so that should give some relief to the residents in that capacity.

Sel. Renzoni stated there needed to be good communication with department heads and good correspondence with the community.

7. Selectmen Minutes

None

8. Selectmen Miscellaneous

Sel. Renzoni thanked the Town Manager's Office and the Fire Department for the light display at the high school.

Mr. Lukes stated that due to weather they had to change the date and that changed the ability for other towns and businesses to participate.

Sel. Renzoni replied that it was the right call and even scaled down it was a great event.

Sel. Lavigne asked about the businesses that still had outstanding items needed for license renewal.

Mr. Lukes asked the Board to give him authority to approve any outstanding licenses that satisfy their issues prior to the next meeting.

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Renzoni, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE LICENSES FOR ANY BUSINESSES THAT HAVE BECOME COMPLIANT AND APPROVE ANY LICENSES FOR THOSE THAT BECOME COMPLIANT BY YEARS END AS PRESENTED.**

9. Selectmen Subcommittee

Sel. Renzoni stated that he spoke with a Civics class and that they wanted link up with the Playground Committee and do this as a class project. He stated the teacher will take this and work with the committee to see where they can help.

Chairman Barnes called recess until 7:15

Chairman Barnes called the meeting back to order.

10. Public Hearing Continued: Transfer of License All Alcoholic Beverages on Premises License, Thai House of Holden

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Renzoni, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSFER OF LICENSE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGS ON PREMISES, THAI HOUSE OF HOLDEN.**

The Public Hearing was open, no members of the public wished to speak.

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Renzoni, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR TRANSFER OF LICENSE, THAI HOUSE OF HOLDEN.**

Sel. Lavigne stated that this was a license that was carried over from last week. He stated that the Board spoke to the new owners and this was a great new addition in Town, they were just waiting on previous owners to pay a tax bill.

Motion by Sel. Lavigne, seconded by Sel. Renzoni, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF LICENSE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON PREMISE, THAI HOUSE OF HOLDEN AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Lavigne, it was **UNANIMSOULY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE DECEMBER 20, 2021 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 7:15PM.**

APPROVED: _____ 4/11/22 _____