

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
June 13, 2022**

5:30PM

Senior Center

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Stephanie Mulroy, Geri Herlihy

Not present: Richard Bates

Others Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager
Stephanie King, Assistant Town Manager
Steven Madaus, Town Counsel (5:34PM)
Liz Fotos, Town Recorder

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

1. Citizen Address

None

2. Introduction of New School Committee Member, Andrew Meader

Andrew Meader was present at the meeting. He stated he only can speak for himself, not the rest of the School Committee. He stated that the new Superintendent was transitioning smoothly. He stated that there were a lot of job opportunities in the district so if you were interested you should head over to the website.

Mr. Madaus entered the meeting at 5:34PM

Mr. Meader stated that he wanted to extend the invite to the Selectboard to come to meetings and wanted to open the lines of communication between the boards especially with budget conversations. He stated he appreciated the opportunity to come in and speak.

Chairman Renzoni stated that he appreciated that the Holden delegation wanted to collaborate more as they continue to run into issues in March and April when it is impossible for the Board to react to them. He suggested getting together in August and September to speak about things and he extended that invitation to the School Committee Chair as well. He stated these lines of communication were important to have open.

**3. Interview of Applicants for Agricultural Commission, Term to Expire
1/22/25**

Wendy Somerset was present at the meeting.

Ms. Somerset stated that she owned a farm in Jefferson that has 65 acres and that they had owned and run it for 5 years working with 4H operations and introducing youth to agriculture. She stated that she has been farming for over 50 years and she grew up on a dairy farm in NY and raised purebred cattle and USDA meat. She stated that they have 9 rabbits and they do pet therapy in nursing homes and trying to do more outreach with animals and people. Ms. Somerset stated that she was a certified therapeutic riding instructor and she wanted to do more with these therapies and the youth and elderly. Ms. Somerset stated that she was interested in joining and thought that she could work with the town and provide education and support to many of the local farms. She stated that agriculture is who she is although she is also a licensed CPA as well. Ms. Somerset stated that it is a small family farm called Somerset Farm.

Mr. Callahan stated that he was there for the Agricultural position but that if there was only one position he voted for Ms. Somerset. He stated that he was not a farmer but does have interest with animals. He stated he had some background in pesticides and sub acute toxicity but he is not a farmer and did not have the qualifications to be interviewed. He stated that his background is more tech and science.

Sel. Herlihy stated that the town was lucky to have two great applicants.

Chairman Renzoni stated that Mr. Callahan did a lot of work with White Oak and has always done a lot for the town.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPOINT WENDY SOMERSET TO THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 1/22/25.**

4. Appointments, Licenses, and Permits

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPOINT THE ELECTION OFFICERS LIST AS PRESENTED FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 4/24/2024**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE HANNAH LIPPER TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 4/24/24.**

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE COMMON VIC LICENSE FOR THE POOL SNACK SHACK.**

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE ROAD RACE/PARADE PERMIT FOR CENTRAL MASS STRIDERS ON 7/31/22 AS PRESENTED.**

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE ROAD RACE/ PARADE PERMIT FOR DAVIS HILL PTA ON 10/2/22 AS PRESENTED.**

5. Special Election Discussion

Mr. Lukes stated that they have an empty seat to fill for the remainder of the term which would be from the Special Election to the next election. He stated that he thought the best option may be to have it go with the primaries in September.

Chairman Renzoni stated that he did not think they were there yet on the debt exclusion. He asked if there were any other options.

Ms. Hudson stated the Board could get by with 4 members if they wished.

Sel. Mulroy stated that she understood having it align with the primaries. She asked if there was any cost difference.

Ms. Hudson stated that if they did it independently it would be about \$12,000. She stated that if it is done with another election she does not have to spend the money to reprogram the chips because the tab can accept both ballots. She stated if they did it joint they would get more voters as well.

Sel. Herlihy stated that her opinion was to leave it open or do it with the primary.

Sel. Renzoni agreed and said it would be the Board's responsibility to educate the public on what that meant.

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO SET THE SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION TO FILL VACANCY AS PRESENTED.**

6. Board of Selectmen's Meeting Schedule

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEUDLE AS AMENDED.**

7. Election of the Municipal Representative for School Committee Collective Bargaining

Chairman Renzoni volunteered himself and stated that if there was someone else interested in the position to please reach out and they would set up a time to interview.

8. ABCC 2022 Seasonal pop

Motion by Sel. Mulroy, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE SEASONAL ESTIMATE POPULATION OF 19905 FOR THE 2022 ABCC.**

9. Town Manager Update

See attached

10. Selectmen Miscellaneous

Sel. Herlihy stated that on the way to the meeting she was stopped by a wounded warrior that wanted to express his gratitude for the purple parking spaces so she wanted to pass that along.

Sel. Renzoni recognized HMLD for the decorating in town.

Sel. Mulroy thanked the 3rd graders from Mayo for their note about having herself and Chairman Renzoni in to speak about civics.

Chairman Renzoni stated the Memorial Day Parade was a success. He thanked everyone for their work, all the veterans, and the Town Managers office and staff.

11. Selectmen Subcommittee

Sel. Herlihy stated that the DPW Building Committee was meeting today and she would head there after this meeting.

Chairman Renzoni stated they would reorganize committees soon.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Mulroy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE JUNE 13, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AT 6:27PM.**

APPROVED: 8/29/22