

**HOLDEN BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2022**

6:30PM

Memorial Hall

Present: Richard Bates (Participating Remotely), Chiara Barnes, Anthony Renzoni, Geri Herlihy

Not Present: Robert Lavigne

Others Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager
Stephanie King, Assistant Town Manager- Participating Remotely
Liz Fotos, Town Recorder – Participating Remotely

Chairman Barnes called the meeting to order. The Board stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance. She announced that Sel. Bates was participating remotely and confirmed that he could hear the meeting.

1. Citizens Address

None.

2. Appointments, Licenses, and Permits

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO REAPPOINT ROY FRASER TO THE ZBA FOR PERIOD OF TIME FROM 5/31/22-5/31/25 BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes Bates: yes).

3. FY 2023 Budget Discussion

Mr. Lukes stated last meeting was the final hearing of Fin Com and they took their final votes. He stated that they came to several agreements in process and at the final meeting the recommendation to reduce contributions to various stabilization funds was made to lower the tax rate. He stated he did not have a final resource profile but the average resident will be lower then it has been in the last few years. The collaboration to find ways to reduce budget and adjust revenue projections to the original budget so that it was not as high as it was in the past. Mr. Lukes stated that this was done looking at the economy as a whole to relieve the increase to the tax bill. He stated that the final budget would be awaiting approval at Town Meeting.

Sel. Renzoni thanked Mr. Tupper for the monthly reports. He stated that Holden's power portfolio has more than half of it attributed to non carbon emitting places. He stated that he appreciated the position that Holden is in for 2050 and the green energy expectations.

Chairman Barnes called a five minute recess.

4. Public Hearing: Kennel License- Laurie Cole

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR KENNEL LICENSE/ LAURIE COLE.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes; Bates: yes).

Ms. Cole stated they had just got their fourth dog and did not realize that Holden required a kennel license for four dogs or more. She stated this was for non commercial use and applied for the 4-10 dog license just because the process was cumbersome she did not intend to get ten dogs.

Chairman Barnes asked the public if there was any comment; no members of the public stepped forward.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR KENNEL LICENSE/ LAURIE COLE.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes; Bates: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was, **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL PERMIT TO OPERATE A NON COMMERCIAL KENNEL AT 180 NORTH STREET JEFFERSON IN R-1 R-40 ZONE WITH THE RESTRICTION OF NOT MORE THAN 10 DOGS.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes; Bates: yes).

Chairman Barnes called for a ten minute recess.

5. Public Hearing: Street Layout- Danielle Lane

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR STREET LAYOUT: DANIELLE LANE AS PRESENTED.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes; Bates: yes).

Chairman Barnes asked the public if there were any comment; no member of the public stepped forward.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR STREET LAYOUT: DANIELLE LANE BY A UNANIMOUS ROLL CALL VOTE.** (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes; Bates: yes).

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE THE STREET LAYOUT FOR**

DANIELLE LANE AS PRESENTED (see attached). (Renzoni: yes; Herlihy: yes; Barnes: yes; Bates: yes).

6. Citizens Address

None

7. Selectmen Minutes

None

8. Selectmen Miscellaneous

Sel. Renzoni stated that there was a social media post that tagged Holden Center and other people were tagged and under post candidates that were endorsing it or liking it. He stated that the hateful language had no home and he called on any incumbent that liked the post to resign and any candidate that liked that post should withdraw from the race.

Sel. Herlihy asked why a post stating that hate had no home should be questioned. She stated we should all be against those things.

Sel. Renzoni replied that it implied that those sitting on the Board currently were xenophobic, white supremacist and racist. He stated that any candidate that accepted an endorsement with hateful language like that should not be elected. He stated that he did not wish to discuss this any further.

9. Selectmen Subcommittee

Sel. Renzoni: none

Sel. Herlihy: none

Sel. Bates: none

Chairman Barnes: none

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **unanimously voted to enter into executive session for reason 10: to discuss trade secrets or confidential, competitively-sensitive or other proprietary information provided in the course of activities conducted by a governmental body as an energy supplier under a license granted by the department of public utilities pursuant to section 1F of chapter 164, in the course of activities conducted as a municipal aggregator under section 134 of said chapter 164 or in the course of activities conducted by cooperative consisting of governmental entities organized pursuant to section 136 of said chapter 164, when such governmental bodies, municipal aggregator or cooperative determines that such disclosure will adversely affect its ability to conduct business in relation to other entities making, selling or distributing electric power and energy (MMWEC)**

and to reenter into regular session for the sole purpose of adjournment as the chair do so declares.

The Board exited Executive Session.

Motion by Sel. Renzoni, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE MAY 2, 2022 BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING.**

APPROVED: 11/28/22