

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
January 6, 2020**

6:15 p.m.

Senior Center

Present: Anthony Renzoni, Chiara Barnes, Geri Herlihy, Tyler Gibbs

Not Present: Robert Lavigne

Others Present: Peter Lukes, Town Manager
 Stephen Madaus, Town Counsel
 Abby Benoit, Administrative Assistant

Interview of Applicant for the Eagle Lake Committee 6:15

Sel. Renzoni opened at 6:15 p.m. to interview Tara Prosser for an open seat on the Eagle Lake Committee.

The Board met with Ms. Prosser regarding her interest in the Eagle Lake Committee.

Motion by Sel. Herlihy, seconded by Sel. Gibbs, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF TARA PROSSER TO THE EAGLE LAKE COMMITTEE.**

Sel. Renzoni called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Board stood to recite the pledge of allegiance.

Sel. Renzoni announced that the Selectmen met with the applicant for Eagle Lake Committee, Tara Prosser, and had made an appointment.

Sel. Renzoni called recess at 6:31 p.m. for AV difficulties.

The Board returned from recess at 6:33 p.m.

Appointments, Licenses, Permits

No appointments, licenses or permits.

Town Manager's Update

Accounting and HMLD monthly reports are included in the Board packet.

The new Town Clerk will be starting on January 15th, Jeanne Survell. The former Town Clerk, Dale Hickey, retired at the end of December. Ms. Survell is currently the Town Clerk in Pepperell and has served for the past three years, she has a bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and Administration. There were over 20 applicants for the position and she was the top candidate and came highly recommended. She was previously employed in Southborough for the Planning and Development department and Sterling as the Assistant Town Clerk.

The Town Hall Boiler has failed, there is a temporary heating system in place. MEMA lent a mobile heating unit to the Town. The Capital Asset (Building) Study predicted that the boiler would need to be replaced in 1-3 years. It was hopeful that it would not need to be replaced until the completion of the new DPW facility and the replacement would be incorporated as part of the renovations to Town Hall. The replacement of the boiler is going to be done through an emergency procurement process and the project cost is estimated to be about \$50,000.

Mr. Lukes thanked Chris Montiverdi, Emergency Management Coordinator, for securing the temporary heating unit with MEMA and John Woodsmall, DPW Director, for his work in preparing the paperwork for the emergency procurement request.

The Department of Public Works Christmas tree chipping program started on January 4th and will continue this Saturday, January 11th. It will be open from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the Adams Road location. There is no charge and is open for Holden residents only. Only Christmas trees will be accepted, wreaths and other items cannot be dropped off. Residents are urged to take advantage of this program as trees will not be picked up curbside by the trash hauler.

The pre-qualification of the contractors are currently ongoing and the cost estimating, bidding and overall construction process remains on track for the 18 Industrial Drive site. The most recent cost estimates were higher than originally expected, however the actual project cost will not be finalized until the actual bids are received. Last year's Annual Town Meeting approved (\$18.5 million). The bidding is anticipated to be completed and awarded by the end of March.

After recent storms and concern of another potential ice storm, Mr. Lukes reminds residents to visit the Town's Emergency Management webpage for helpful information, including tips and links to the National weather Service, Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Residents can find the page through the town website holdenma.gov or www.holdenma.gov/emergency-management.

Chief Armstrong is retiring on January 10th, there is a coffee party Thursday, January 9th from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Public Safety Facility, and it is open to anyone that wants to visit.

Selectmen Minutes

There are no minutes for approval.

Selectmen Miscellaneous

The Finance Committee was given an update on the Town Hall boiler. Sel. Renzoni stated that the Town looked great over the holidays, he has received positive feedback from residents.

Sel. Renzoni called recess at 6:40 p.m.

The Board returned from recess at 7:00 P.M.

Citizens Address

Christopher Buck, 2046 Main Street, came to discuss the water issues off Quinapoxet and Main Street. Mr. Buck brought a water sample from his residence which was discolored and had sediment. He said this happens often, they run the water but the water remains brown. The Town has made multiple attempts to resolve the issue and it will go away approximately 21-28 days. A permanent solution has not been found and he asks for support from the Board for a permanent remedy.

Selectman Subcommittees

Response to Citizens Address

Mr. Lukes said the water concerns have not gone unnoticed and the department has responded. For the most part the neighborhood has benefited. A truly permanent solution would be a filtration plant which is a multi-million dollar project. Mr. Lukes will discuss the issue with Mr. Woodsmall and Mr. Mouradian. Sel. Renzoni said that the Town cannot provide brown water to residents and that the Town should further explore what needs to be done. Sel. Renzoni suggested that it be made a priority for the Selectboard and invite Mr. Woodsmall and Mr. Mouradian to a future meeting.

Adjournment:

Motion by Sel. Gibbs to adjourn, seconded by Sel. Herlihy, it was **UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 6, 2020 MEETING AT 7:09 P.M.**

APPROVED 1/21/2020