

TOWN OF HOLLISTON

SELECT BOARD

September 30, 2022
9:00AM

Town Hall
703 Washington Street

Present: Ben Sparrell, Chair; John Cronin, Vice Chair; Tina Hein, Clerk.

Also Present: Travis Ahern, Town Administrator.

At 9:01am B. Sparrell read the memo for the Remote Open Meeting Law. Attendance was taken by Roll Call: J. Cronin, AYE; T. Hein, AYE; B. Sparrell, AYE.

PREPERATION FOR OCTOBER 17, 2022 FALL TOWN MEETING:

T. Ahern stated that the October 17, Fall Town Meeting had been previously approved with any minor changes made prior to posting, which is today, Friday September 30, 2022. The most recent conversation with New England Appliance Group and Lynn Tokarczyk, (Tax Consultant) resulted in confirming that NEAG was withdrawing their request for a TIF, Tax Incremental Financing Agreement for a proposed site at 555 Hopping Brook, Article 24. Due to time constraints NEAG found an already existing building in another town. L. Tokarczyk and others within the NEAG organization expressed their appreciation for all the work the Select Board and Board of Assessors did to reach a proposed agreement. T. Ahern would like to continue the conversation with L. Tokarczyk in an effort to find the right partner in the future for the Town of Holliston.

T. Hein agreed that continuing the conversation around a possible future TIF would be beneficial.

J. Cronin expressed his disappointment that NEAG has chosen to withdraw their request. He also asked if NEAG was to return to the Town would the TIF agreement stand or would they basically start over as values and economics may change. T. Ahern confirmed that although the information gained during this TIF agreement would be of value they would indeed start the process over.

B. Sparrell noted that going forward keeping communication open with those involved in the process might be a good way to gauge what is in the market.

B. Sparrell made a motion to open the October 17, 2022 Fall Town Meeting Warrant for the purpose of removing the Article related to the Tax Increment Financing for new England Appliance Group at the request of NEAG and to finalize said Warrant as presented to the Select Board on this day September 30, 2022 at which time the Warrant will be closed again and the Town Administrator is duly authorized to post the Warrant with the assistance of the Town Clerk and the Constable. T. Hein second. Roll Call: J. Cronin, AYE; T. Hein, AYE; B. Sparrell, AYE.

OTHER BUSINESS:

T. Ahern stated that there will be an Open Forum as part of the Monday October 3, 2022 Select

Board Meeting. Although the proposed TIF article is no longer on the Warrant there will still be various other articles that may draw discussion from the community. T. Ahern will find ways to let the public know that the proposed TIF agreement has been withdrawn.

At 9:17am T. Hein made a motion to adjourn. J. Cronin second. Roll Call: J. Cronin, AYE; B. Sparrell, AYE; T. Hein, AYE.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Driscoll

Approved____10-24-22