

## TOWN OF HOLLISTON

### SELECT BOARD

September 25, 2023  
7:00PM

Town Hall  
703 Washington Street

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

**Also Present:** Travis Ahern, Town Administrator, Michael Cassidy, Holliston Fire Chief; Attorney John Mooradian, representing Six Brothers Lincoln, LLC via zoom.

At 7:00pm T. Hein called the meeting to order.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS: d. PLEDGE OF LICENSE (SIX BROTHERS LINCOLN, LLC):**

Attorney John Mooradian, representing Six Brothers Lincoln, LLC joined the meeting via zoom regarding a Pledge of License application for the Annual All Alcohol Beverages License of Six Brothers Lincoln, LLC d/b/a Lincoln Liquors located at 1566 Washington Street Holliston, MA. Attorney Mooradian explained that the original license referenced Eagle Bank, however the client has changed lenders and the Pledge, collateral for the loan needs to reference Savers Cooperative Bank. In response to questions asked by T. Hein and B. Sparrell, Attorney Mooradian stated that the Select Board still maintains control over the license and that are no other changes requested in conjunction with this Pledge of License, there is no need of a Public Hearing.

B. Sparrell made a motion to authorize the use of collateral for the All Alcohol Beverages License of Six Brothers Lincoln, LLC located at 1566 Washington Street as presented and to be filed with the ABCC. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

#### **OCTOBER 2023 FALL TOWN MEETING PREPARATION:**

T. Ahern presented the draft Warrant with 19 Articles. The Capital Sub Committee will be holding a meeting on Tuesday September 26, 2023. T. Ahern noted that once Free Cash is certified it will be determined how much can be moved into the Capital Expenditure Fund. Some of the Articles which will appear in the Warrant include McMahon & Associates recommendation of temporary signalization at the Whitney/Washington Street intersection. This would cost \$150,000 for the first year after which there would be a need to bring it back to a future Town Meeting. The Senior Center is requesting funding for an Architectural and Conceptual Design in an effort to maximize the space. The Historical Commission seeks funding to match a grant to conduct an inventory of historic properties/spaces downtown. The Town is seeking to provide seed funding of the EV Charging Revolving Fund. There is also an Article pertaining to Professional Services for the MBTA Zoning & Mapping. With the addition of several other Articles the Draft Capital Budget as of September 25, 2023 is \$1,275,300. When adding year two of the ADA Compliance Sidewalks & Ramps project of an additional \$1,000,000

The new subtotal is \$2,275,300. As of July 1, 2023, the CapEx balance is \$2,715,993 and a balance of \$1,500,000 is required to maintain policy of 2% of Omnibus.

B. Sparrell asked if the estimate of \$250,000 for the High School Baseball Backstop/Screening project was accurate. T. Ahern stated that a recent estimate of \$243,000 was determined, however at this point the project has yet to go out to bid.

Public Safety has brought back a request for the purchase of a Drone. Chief Cassidy stated that the original request was presented to the ARPA Steering Group and brought back to the Capital Budget. Chief Cassidy explained that this would be used to aid in certain situations in real time for fast and efficient access. He gave an example of a recent lost hiker and how use of a drone would have lead safety personnel to his location rather quickly. When asked Chief Cassidy also noted that this device would not be used as a monitoring device, it would be used for investigative purposes and during active incidents. The cost for the equipment and training with certification is \$27,500. Both T. Hein and B. Sparrell supported keeping the request on the Warrant.

The Police Department, Central Fire Station, and the offices at 1750 Washington have plans to repurpose space which will be available after the transition to the RECC. The offices at 1750 Washington Street will also undergo renovation due to growing staff. The Library walkway on the side of the building is need of ADA Compliance with a goal to have ADA access in the front as well. After a brief discussion both T. Hein and B. Sparrell remained comfortable will all the items discussed and until Free Cash is certified there is no reason to make any changes. The Capital Subcommittee as well as the Finance Committee will be meeting during the week. The Select Board will post a meeting for Friday morning, September 29, 2023 to discuss any relevant items as a result of those meetings, if need be. B. Sparrell requested possible data collection pertaining to the mailings which were sent to all the households within Town regarding the Fall Town Meeting to determine its effectiveness.

#### **WARRANTS:**

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Weekly Warrant in the amount of \$2,107,537.83. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

T. Hein stated that on Wednesday October 4, 2023 there will be a Fall Walk to School. All wishing to participate will meet at Blair Square. T. Hein will be in attendance. She will also attend the Women's Elected Municipal Officials Leadership Conference.

T. Ahern stated that there was a misinterpretation of a recent comment made regarding Hybrid Meetings, after which the Select Boards Office received an email from a resident. The comment was in reference to the process specific to a holding Public Forums and the Town Wide Strategic Planning and not against the continued use of Hybrid Meetings.

#### **COMMENTF FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

T. Ahern noted that due to the fact that Celebrate Holliston was delayed due to weather and will now be held at Goodwill Park on September 30, 2023 a new vote needs to be taken.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Event Permit for Celebrate Holliston for Saturday September 30, 2023 rescheduled from September 23, 2023, to be held at Goodwill Park, setup time beginning at 7:00am, Parade to start at 9:00am, Field Day at Goodwill Park from 10:00am-3:00pm. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

**BOARD BUSINESS:**

B. Sparrell made a motion to appoint Matthew Clark to the Conservation Commission with a term to expire June 2026. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to appoint Aaron Schachter to the Open Space Committee with a term to expire June 2024, and Andrew Johnson with a term to expire June 2026. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to appoint Heidi Gibson to the Holliston Cable Access with a term to expire September 2026. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of August 28, 2023 and September 5, 2023 as written. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve a One Day Beer & Wine License at Outpost Farm from noon to 3:00pm, bartending services to be provided by Crafted. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve a One Day Beer & Wine License at Boston Honey Co. from 1:00pm-5:30pm, bartending services to be provided by Crafted. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

B. Sparrell stated that Envisioning Future Holliston will meet on Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 5:00pm.

At 8:00pm B. Sparrell made a motion to adjourn. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Driscoll

Approved\_\_10-30-23

