

## TOWN OF HOLLISTON

### SELECT BOARD

March 11, 2024  
7:00PM

Town Hall  
703 Washington Street

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

**Also Present:** Travis Ahern, Town Administrator; Melanie Hamblen, Economic Development Coordinator; Attorney Elizabeth Lydon, Town Counsel; Attorney Philip Silverman, Counsel Onyx Grow LLC; Kobie Evans; representative Onyx Grow LLC; Erin Gallagher, Meg Hagen, co-founders Franklin Children's Museum;

At 7:00pm J. Cronin called the meeting to order.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS:6b. FEE WAIVER REQUEST**

J. Cronin began the meeting by requesting that 6b. under Board Business be moved to the first agenda item. A Fee Waiver Request for the Upper Town Hall from the Franklin Children's Museum. Co-founders of the Franklin Children's Museum Erin Gallagher and Meg Hagen were present to request that the fee for the rental be waived for the Upper Town Hall for an event they are planning in the Upper Town Hall on May 18, 2024. M. Hagen gave a brief background on the creation and the history of the Franklin Children's Museum, which is a nonprofit 501-C3. The museums goal is to promote and empower young children ages 10 and under by promoting education through play and hands on activities. They are currently looking to expand to other communities. Melanie Hamblen, the Economic Development Coordinator added that by bringing in activities into Holliston it is way to promote the local economy as well. All three of the Select Board members expressed their support of the planned event and thanked E. Gallagher and M. Hagen for bringing it to Holliston.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the waiver of the fees for the Franklin Children's Museum for the use of the Upper Town Hall for an event on May 18, 2024. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

#### **HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT / TRANSFER REQUEST FROM MAYFLOWER TO ONYX:**

T. Ahern stated that Onyx Grow LLC is acquiring the Host Community Agreement currently held by Mayflower Medicinal located at 89 October Hill Road. Attorney Liz Lydon, Town Counsel explained that any provisions made to the Host Community Agreement are a result of the new regulations established by the Cannabis Control Commission. Attorney Phil Silverman representing Onyx Grow LLC noted that the documents for the transfer have been sent to the Cannabis Control Commission for approval. He also noted that he will apply for a special permit with the Holliston Planning Board this week. Kobie Evans, co-owner of Pure Oasis, which is merging with Onyx joined the meeting and gave a brief overview of the company's background and why they feel the Mayflower facility would be an asset.

B. Sparrell asked if the new agreement/transfer would generate a new start date to the HCA. Attorney Lydon stated that the original start date of the HCA (Mayflower Medical) would stand.

B. Sparrell asked if there are any plans to change the facility or the operations within it. Attorney Silverman replied that there are no such plans.

K. Evans noted that he will be accessible as a point of contact in response to a question asked by T. Hein.

J. Cronin asked if Onyx will look to employ those previously employed by Mayflower Medical.

K. Evans stated that they plan to do so.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the assignment, assumption and amendment of the Host community Agreement previously executed on January 23, 2023 for the Marijuana Facility located at 89 October Hill Road and approve the transfer of the host Community Agreement from Mayflower Medicinal to Onyx Grow LLC, as presented. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

J. Cronin requested a future meeting agenda item include a discussion with Celebrate Holliston 300<sup>th</sup> Celebration Committee regarding the \$10,000 held from the original allocated funds.

#### **REVIEW TOWN MEETING WARRANT DRAFT:**

T. Ahern presented a list of a list of proposed Warrant Articles, (pre-warrant close, 4pm) for the Annual May 2024 Town Meeting. There have not been any citizens petitions received. Some of the Warrant Articles include two requests from the Assessors, Creation of a SPED Stabilization Fund (placeholder), transfers from available funds to the General Stabilization and Programmatic Stabilization Fund and the HDAAC - Opioid Request. The Community Preservation Committee will present a report at the Town Meeting, this will include a discussion pertaining to the Flagg School property, of which the Schools and Park & Recreation have had input.

T. Ahern presented the draft of the Capital Budget. Some of the items include two capital requests from the Schools for curriculum materials / licenses and technology, ALS equipment and fire gear for the Fire Department, as well as requests from Facilities and the DPW.

#### **WARRANTS:**

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Weekly Warrant in the amount of \$3,221,170.04. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

T. Ahern stated that on March 26, 2024 the High School will hold a Housing Production Plan workshop for the 3A Zoning for the calendar year.

A DAV vehicle for veteran transportation has been authorized to park "be garaged" at 1750 Washington Street.

Celebrate Holliston will have an Arbor Day celebration on April 26, 2024. The Town will continue to peruse "Tree City USA" status.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS:**

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the engineering agreement for design and permitting of a booster pump station and water main in the Cedar Street area with a not-to-exceed amount of

\$87,900.00 with AP Associates. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

Autotycoon located at 419 Washington Street requested to increase their hours of operation till 6:00pm Monday-Saturday to be able to provide "auto detailing services" beyond the 5:00pm sales time of closure. After some discussion the Select Board agreed that this would require a new business license and therefore at this time the request was not approved. T. Ahern will reach out to the owners for additional information and bring the item back at a later date.

B. Sparrell made a motion to accept the donation from Lorraine Ahronian-Palanzi in the amount of \$100 to the Senior Center. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to appoint Ellen George as a Registrars for a 3 year tern to expire in April 2027. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

Due to a resignation on the Board of Health there will be a need to amend the ballot for the May 2024 local election.

B. Sparrell made a motion to authorize the Town Clerk to amend the ballot for the May 2024 local election to include an additional seat on the Board of Assessors, previously held by Mary Greendale, for the duration of the seat available. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

At 8:13pm B. Sparrell made a motion to adjourn. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Driscoll

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