

State of Rhode Island

County of Washington

In Hopkinton on the second day of May 2016 A.D. the said meeting was called to order by Town Council President Frank Landolfi at 7:00 P.M. in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 1 Town House Road, Hopkinton, RI 02832.

PRESENT: Frank Landolfi, Sylvia Thompson, David Husband; Town Solicitor Kevin McAllister; Town Manager William McGarry; Town Clerk Elizabeth Cook-Martin. Absent: Barbara Capalbo, Thomas Buck.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent meditation and salute to the Flag.

HEARINGS

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO SIT AS A LICENSING BOARD.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

The Council opened a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit for a ‘Bioblitz’ filed by Christine Anderson on behalf of the Friends of the Hopkinton Land Trust scheduled for Friday, June 10, 2016 beginning at 9:00 AM through Saturday, June 11, 2016 until 7:00 PM on property owned by the Hopkinton Land Trust located on Collins Road, Ashaway, RI 02804 identified as AP 4 Lot 61-0.

Christine Anderson was present. The application was complete and included a request for waivers of the filing fee and licensing fee. Mrs. Anderson reported that this would be the 17th Annual Bioblitz and the first time being held in Hopkinton.

The Bioblitz is an event associated with the RI Natural History Survey. They expect between 150-200 participants and 80 will be camping in tents on-site.

There will be a Friday night dinner and a generator on the premises. There will be no open fires and no alcohol. The local fire department and police department will be notified. During the Bioblitz, groups of people will be counting plants, animals

and insects under the direction of a team leader. The RI Natural History Survey is a non-profit organization affiliated with East Farm at the University of Rhode Island. There were no objectors present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FOR A ‘BIOBLITZ’ FILED BY CHRISTINE ANDERSON ON BEHALF OF THE FRIENDS OF THE HOPKINTON LAND TRUST SCHEDULED FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016 BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2016 UNTIL 7:00 PM ON PROPERTY OWNED BY THE HOPKINTON LAND TRUST LOCATED ON COLLINS ROAD, ASHAWAY, RI 02804 IDENTIFIED AS AP 4 LOT 61-0 AND TO GRANT A WAIVER OF THE FILING FEE AND APPLICATION FEE.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE \$71.75 ADVERTISING FEE FROM TOWN COUNCIL CONTINGENCY.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

The Council opened a hearing on an application for a Special Event Permit filed by Martin Liese on behalf of the Ashaway Sportsmen’s Club, 45 Gun Club Path, P.O. Box 257, Ashaway, RI 02804 to hold the annual Huck Finn Day scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2016 from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM (rain date June 12, 2016) at Crandall Field, 188 Main St., Ashaway, RI 02804.

Martin Liese was present. Huck Finn Day is an annual event has been held for over sixty years. The application complete, no waivers were requested or required as the event was co-sponsored by the Hopkinton Recreation Department and the Ashaway Volunteer Fire Department. There were no objectors present.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT FILED BY MARTIN LIESE ON BEHALF OF THE ASHAWAY SPORTSMEN'S CLUB, 45 GUN CLUB PATH, P.O. BOX 257, ASHAWAY, RI 02804 TO HOLD THE ANNUAL HUCK FINN DAY SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2016 FROM 8:00 AM TO 3:30 PM (RAIN DATE JUNE 12, 2016) AT CRANDALL FIELD, 188 MAIN STREET, ASHAWAY, RI 02804.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TO ADJOURN AS LICENSING BOARD AND RECONVENE AS COUNCIL.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

2nd CDBG HEARING

The Council opened a second public hearing on the 2016 Community Development Block Grant application. Town Planner James Lamphere was present. Also present: Mary Roda from Domestic Violence Resource Center and Liz Pasqualini from the Jonnycake Center. Ms. Roda and Ms. Pasqualini both confirmed their organizations served Hopkinton residents.

Mr. Lamphere he read through the proposed activities. He recommended that the \$30,000.00 intended for the water line meter replacement be added to the Langworthy Field Project. CDBG Coordinator Geoffrey Marchant did not anticipate receiving a grant for this activity. The water line meter replacement bid award is scheduled for later on the agenda. The Council considered the requests that included \$84,742.00 for Langworthy Field, \$5,000.00 Revitalization Management, \$0.00 for Town-wide Housing Rehabilitation, \$57,200.00 for Hope Valley Water Storage Tank Rehab, \$30,000.00 for Hope Valley Water Line Meter Replacement, \$37,006.00 for Hope Valley Water Line Upgrade Cost Share,

\$1,228.00 for Domestic Violence Resource Center, \$9,000.00 for Warm Shelter Job Training, \$5,000.00 for Warm Shelter Culinary Training, \$2,409.00 for Jonnycake Center Renovations, \$8,415.00 for Jonnycake Trade Up Job Training and \$10,000.00 for Local Administration, the latter of which is not prioritized.

The Town Council ranked the activities as follows:

1. Langworthy Field Improvements - \$114,742.00
2. Hope Valley Water Line Upgrade Cost Share - \$37,006.00
3. Hope Valley Water Storage Tank Rehab - \$57,200.00
4. Revitalization Management - \$5,000.00
5. Domestic Violence Resource Center - \$1,228.00
6. Jonnycake Trade Up Job Training - \$8,415.00
7. Warm Shelter Job Training - \$9,000.00
8. Jonnycake Center Renovations - \$2,409.00
9. Warm Shelter Culinary Training - \$5,000.00
10. Town-wide Housing Rehabilitation - \$0.00

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADOPT THE AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION AND RANKING OF REQUESTS.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

The Authorizing Resolution follows:

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNING BODY
TOWN OF HOPKINTON, RI

WHEREAS, funds are available under the Rhode Island Community Development Block Grant Program, administered by the Department of Administration, Division of Planning, Office of Housing and Community Development; and,

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Rhode Island has authorized the Director of said Department/Office to disburse such funds; and,

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the citizens of the Town of Hopkinton that application be made to undertake a local Community Development Block Grant Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON:

That the filing of this application for the amount of \$250,000 to implement the activities proposed herein hereby authorized and that Frank Landolfi, Town Council President is hereby authorized and directed to file this application with the Office of Housing and Community Development, to provide any additional information or documents required by said office, to make any assurances required in connection with this program, to execute an agreement with the State of Rhode Island and to otherwise act as the Representative of the

Town of Hopkinton in all matters relating to this application and any award which may be based upon this application.

Councilor Capalbo arrived at 7:20 P.M.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 3, 2016; Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 9, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of April 4, 2016; Executive Session Minutes of March 7, 2016 were removed from the Consent Agenda to vote separately on each.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA AS

FOLLOWS: Set May 16, 2016 as a hearing date for a Special Event Permit filed by Ashaway Pack 1 for a Family Camp-Out.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

The Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 3, 2016 were corrected on page 2, first paragraph relative to the Land Trust to include that they had \$122,000.00 in their account. The Town Council Budget Workshop Notes of March 9, 2016 were corrected on page 2, first paragraph, second sentence to strike “each of the three towns” and insert “Hopkinton”; on page 3, under Recreation paragraph relative to the increase in part time wages, that Recreation Director Mary Sawyer was to have a conversation with Finance Director Brian Rosso.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP NOTES OF MARCH 3, 2016 AND TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET WORKSHOP NOTES OF MARCH 9, 2016 WITH CORRECTIONS

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAIN: Husband.

SO VOTED

Councilor Husband had abstained as he had not been present on March 9, 2016.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2016.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2016.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson.

OPPOSED: None.

ABSTAIN: Husband.

SO VOTED

Councilor Husband had abstained as he had not been present on March 7, 2016.

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the first public forum.

TOWN COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Council President Landolfi reported on the high voter turnout for the April 26, 2016 Presidential Preference Primary; that 1,465 Hopkinton voters participated.

TOWN MANAGER REPORT

Town Manager William McGarry reported on April 13 and 26, 2016, he met with Brian Rosso, Courtney Hyland and Leon Millis, members of the Waterline Review Sub-committee, to further discuss the purchase and installation of replacement water meters in Hope Valley; he reported on April 13, 2016, he participated in a joint meeting with Council President Frank Landolfi, School Superintendent Barry Ricci, Hope Valley School officials and Jim Lamphere, regarding the design of the Langworthy Field project. A lot of progress had been made on Phase I and it was in the final design stage with Fuss & O'Neill; he reported on April 14, 2016, he attended the Hope Valley Waterline Extension Engineering Services bid opening in the Council Chambers and on April 28,

2016, he, Geoff Marchant and Jim Lamphere were presently reviewing the five bids received for the project. Councilor Capalbo asked about the Langworthy Field Project and what to expect this summer. Mr. Lamphere responded there would be no construction this summer; the hope was that multiple phases could be done in the summer of 2017.

OLD BUSINESS

RIDOT TRANSIT HUB

Council President Landolfi reported there would be a RI DOT Transit HUB Meeting tomorrow and he asked for his fellow Councilors input and whether the Council would like to be involved on the design committee. He reported the State had received the Tiger Grant and they were full steam ahead. Councilor Thompson does want to see the town involved: she is concerned about the theme and appearance of the building, the restaurants, food offerings and the location of the project and whether it could be shifted retaining the woods on the parcel. Councilor Capalbo is interested in protecting the three historic cemeteries, the lighting – keeping it low and dark sky compliant as much as possible, retaining as many trees as possible, the style of the building; keeping it low key with the involvement of RI School of Design students. She wants to know what they would do about our tax loss from the State by taking over prime commercial property. She would like to see some space offered to local businesses. Council President Landolfi stated he was going to ask about the potential tax loss. Councilor Husband is concerned about the Route 3 traffic circle. Councilor Capalbo would like to see fewer fuel stations and fewer busses. Councilor Thompson would like to know the plans for the Richmond Rest stop intended for trucks. She wants to know what the State would do with the park and ride at exit 1. She would want them to recognize the business people in this area. She is interested on being on the design committee and suggested that others from local businesses may want to serve. Councilor Husband wanted to know the start date and end date. Councilor Capalbo suggested the park and ride could be developed into a space for bikes and picnic tables or if they would tear it up. Councilor Thompson stated the parcel would undergo a Federal Environmental (EPA) Review. Councilor Husband asked if there would be a stop light. Councilor

Capalbo stated she was concerned about the water and aquifer. Council President Landolfi will provide a report on a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION RE: 2016 GREEN ECONOMY BOND

This matter had been scheduled at the request of Hopkinton Land Trust for Town Council to discuss, consider and vote on a Resolution in support of the 2016 Green Economy Bond. A draft resolution had been prepared for Council consideration. Councilor Husband noted he read the resolution and did not have a problem with it. Councilor Capalbo expressed her concern that it was not a local resolution – it was statewide and she felt it would set a precedent. She did not want tell people how to vote and it may lead to other resolutions favoring historic bonds or school bonds – a resolution for every topic promoted by the State. She stated the money rarely comes back to Hopkinton. Councilor Husband saw her point but noted the Town Council has supported resolutions of this nature before. He stated it was “green” and that was why he liked it; it was not a development bond. Councilor Thompson did not see it as telling people how to vote; only how she would vote and she supports the resolution. Council President Landolfi did not feel it would tell voters how to vote. His issue was related to cost; there was too much open space. He felt it was short on details related to money and the debt that would be incurred because it would require borrowing and there should be a section with those specifics. He stated he was leary of it without knowing the numbers. He felt it was by design that the State doesn’t give the numbers. He did not feel that was the fault of the Land Trust as they did excellent work. Councilor Thompson made a motion to support the 2016 Green Economy Bond. There was no second to the motion. The motion failed.

REPLACEMENT WATER METERS

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider authorizing the sole source purchase of 52 replacement water meters in Hope Valley, in an amount not greater than \$15,000, funded through the Town’s waterline savings account #05-200-1040. Finance Director Brian Rosso was present. He noted as a result of studying the waterline one issue became apparent; the meters were over twenty five years old; required a manual reading of the meters and to pay Waterline

Manager Leon Millis an hourly rate and they were not getting accurate readings. He stated there were a couple of instances where a customer questioned their bill as not making sense but there was nothing for him to refer to; no historical usage data. They water meters are old and cracked. He reported the Town of Richmond had just purchased new meters and the software to read the meters. They would be willing to let us use the software and each Town has the same Waterline Manager. He felt new meters would be a nice improvement that would allow them to go back and check historical data and would be light years ahead. Councilor Thompson added that they would tell us who is using the water and we would get an accurate percentage. She noted with the pipe meter upgrade, it would prudent for us to know for accuracy sake. Councilor Capalbo thanked Mr. McGarry, Councilor Thompson and Mr. Rosso for their work on this issue. Councilor Husband thought the purchase would be going in the right direction. Council President Landolfi added that the Town would have to advertise an RFP for plumbing services separately. Mr. Rosso acknowledged an estimation of cost to be \$20,000.00. He reported that Richmond Treasurer Dave Krugman did not receive a lot of activity in response to the bids so Mr. Rosso is hopeful we will receive competitive bidding. Council President Landolfi felt it would save on labor costs because it would take the Waterline Manager less time to read the water meters. Councilor Capalbo asked how soon they would be installed and Mr. Rosso responded it would be after July 1, 2016; after the annual usage figures come in. Council President Landolfi asked if there was sufficient funding in the account to cover both projects. Mr. Rosso responded yes.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO TO AUTHORIZE THE SOLE SOURCE PURCHASE OF 52 REPLACEMENT WATER METERS IN HOPE VALLEY IN AN AMOUNT NOT GREATER THAN \$15,000.00 FUNDED THROUGH THE TOWNS WATERLINE SAVINGS ACCOUNT #05-200-1040.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None,

SO VOTED

POTENTIAL TAX REFUND RE: PLAT 20 LOT 20

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and possibly vote on a potential tax refund for lot 20 plat 20 incorrect prior tax assessor measurement dating back to 2005. Tax Assessor Elizabeth Monty was present.

This matter involves a property located at 116 Dye Hill Road owned by Jeanne and Sherri Aharonian and the 2005 construction of a barn. The owners applied for and received a building permit which listed specific 24' x 36' dimensions for the barn. Upon completion of the barn in 2005, the Assessor at the time input the new outbuilding to their property card, but made an error in the dimensions; the barn was entered as being 26' X 36'. This error increased the square footage of the barn by 70 square feet, which in turn, increased their assessed valuation by \$1,300 per year over the ten years (\$20.00) per year. The net amount overcharged to the taxpayer is \$249.50 per Ms. Monty's calculations, using the proper mill rate by year versus the correction in square footage of the barn. The owners request a refund or credit. Councilor Thompson noted the back of the tax bill explains that an appeal had to be taken in a particular amount of time. Ms. Monty noted, per Title 44, a taxpayer can appeal a tax bill within 90 days of the mailing of the tax bill, so that would be by the end of December. Beyond that, it is up to Town Council to decide. Councilor Capalbo asked if there were a number of these problems or was it an anomaly. Ms. Monty stated this is the only one she has come across. She noted there will be a statistical reval this year. Councilor Husband asked why it didn't get picked up during the full reval. Ms. Monty stated there is an electric fence around the barn. Council President Landolfi confirmed the measurement was incorrect. Councilor Husband commented that they received permission to build a certain size structure and when it was inspected it wasn't found to be in error. Councilor Capalbo noted it was not a large amount of money and it is our mistake, so she is fine with it but wanted to make sure the problem is addressed going forward. Councilor Husband agreed it a small amount of money but a longer amount of time. He noted if someone had applied incorrect dimensions to a house or barn in times past that the Town could see 120 years' worth of overages that may need to be dealt with. He is a little worried about

setting a precedent. There was agreement on this point but Council President Landolfi noted it was our error and the Town should solve them as they come up. The person needs relief and he felt they deserve it – so the Council should do the right thing. He supports a \$249.50 credit on their next tax bill. Councilor Thompson felt it should be adjusted according to the regulation of one year. Councilor Capalbo stressed the importance of making sure it's correct now and asked for confirmation that we know it is incorrect. Ms. Monty reported there was now an electronic system in place for the permitting process. Council President Landolfi asked Solicitor McAllister's advice in regards to the circumstances. Solicitor McAllister stated Town Council has full authority to do what it wants; they could refund the \$249.50 or a lesser amount or not refund it at all. He explained the 90 day regulation is to create certainty in a process. There could be two different opinions on a property and that is subjective; a difference of opinion. This situation is objective because it is an in-putting problem that's the fault of the town; it's not a difference of opinion. The initial mistake was by the town and that is not what the 90 regulation was designed for. This is an equitable fairness issue and the Town Council has complete discretion. The Town Council would not be setting a precedent unless there happens to be another identical circumstance. Councilor Husband asked when the last full revaluation was as there should be some documentation of numbers. Ms. Monty responded 2013. Councilor Husband asked if the dimensions have been confirmed and Ms. Monty explained she had visited the site; the electric fence had been turned off she had confirmed the dimensions. Councilor Husband supported giving the money back.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR THOMPSON AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO AUTHORIZE A CREDIT OF \$249.50 OFF THE NEXT TAX BILL TO PROPERTY OWNERS JEANNE AND SHERRI AHARONIAN FOR INCORRECT PRIOR TAX ASSESSMENT TO PLAT 20 LOT 20 DATING BACK TO 2005.

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Thompson, Husband.

OPPOSED: None.

SO VOTED

SET WORKSHOP RE: PROPOSED SOLAR ORDINANCE

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider scheduling a workshop regarding a proposed Solar Ordinance requested by Councilor Sylvia Thompson. The Council set Tuesday, May 31, 2016 as the workshop date beginning at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

SET WORKSHOP RE: PROPOSED SIGN ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

This matter had been scheduled to discuss and consider scheduling a workshop, regarding: an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 134, Section 27, Appendix A Zoning, entitled, “Signs” of the Town’s Code of Ordinances, as requested by Council President Frank Landolfi. The Council set Tuesday, May 31, 2016 as the workshop date beginning at 6:00 PM at the Town Hall.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS:

Planning Board

This matter had been scheduled to discuss, consider and vote on an appointment to Planning Board. A motion was made by Councilor Capalbo and seconded by Councilor Husband to appoint Thomas Holberton to the Planning Board. Discussion on the motion: Councilor Thompson read from a prepared statement: “Thomas Holberton has numerous times been paid to act as Hopkinton’s Interim Planner. The first time, he became a Hopkinton employee was when he appeared before the Town Council, (2/17/98) and he requested payment of \$25 per hour and he would act as the part time planner. The council decided to retroactively pay him \$6,000 for volunteer work done in 1997 and 1998, plus pay the \$25 hourly moving forward. For one year in 2004 & 2005 he received \$35 per hour, for an annual salary of \$13,884. The problem was, the Town Council never temporarily excused or granted a leave of absence from the Planning Board. This allowed Mr. Holberton to cast votes as a Planning Board member and also be a paid town employee. For instance, at three consecutive Planning Board meetings over 6 weeks, he bounced from the Town’s Planner, to a voting board member, and back to planner, (Planning Board minutes, 5/4/05, 5/18/05 & 6/1/05). Hopkinton’s Town Charter was adopted in 2002. Section 1241 Employee Office Holding states “No employee of the Town shall hold an elective or appointed office in the Town government while he or she is employed by the Town”.

Currently, Mr. Holberton has applied to fill a vacancy on the Planning Board. April 4, Councilors Landolfi, Capalbo and Husband agreed his past actions were “ten years ago and water over the dam” They did not seem concerned the Town Charter was violated. Also, Mr. Holberton did not accept any responsibility or regret for his documented past actions and instead said he was offended. He stated he did not solicit the planner position, did not recall being paid and would have stepped down from the planning Board if he was. Yet he did solicit a per hour payment before the Council, (2/17/98 Town Council minutes). There was a failure of legal, Town Council, Manager and Mr. Holberton in 1998, 2002 2004 and 2005. But how can the Council appoint him to a board that must follow extensive rules and regulations when he demonstrated no acceptance of his previous violation of the Charter and oath of office. Upon learning of this previous violation in 2006 the Town Council after solicitor review, did not intend to reappoint him to the Planning Board. He then withdrew his application. Whether you are an elected or appointed official, you represent the Town. Do the rules apply to most but not some? Is the Oath of Office and Charter a joke or to be ignored? This goes to judgement, ours and his”.

Council President Landolfi noted he felt the matter had already been hashed out and felt Mr. Holberton had explained himself to Council President Landolfi’s satisfaction. He added that it is an unpaid position. Councilor Capalbo pointed out the dates in 1997 and 1998 were before there was a Town Charter. The Town Charter didn’t come into play until 2002. She stated there could have been extenuating circumstances at the time and the Town Council allowed it. Councilor Capalbo stated she supports Mr. Holberton and feels his is a strong advocate for Hopkinton, the Town and its citizens. She stated he was not disloyal or dishonest. Councilor Husband agreed with Councilor Capalbo, adding that those things had happened 20 years ago before the Town Charter was in place. He suggested the Town Council or whoever allowed it to happen at the time should be held accountable. It was not Mr. Holberton’s fault, he was told he could do and he did it. Councilor Thompson commented the Town Charter was adopted in 2002. Councilor Husband reiterated the Town Council had allowed it. Councilor

Thompson commented that everyone had allowed it to happen. Discussion ended and the Town Council voted on the motion as follows:

IN FAVOR: Landolfi, Capalbo, Husband.

OPPOSED: Thompson.

SO VOTED

PUBLIC FORUM

No one spoke during the second public forum.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COUNCILOR CAPALBO AND SECONDED BY COUNCILOR HUSBAND TO ADJOURN.

SO VOTED

Elizabeth J. Cook-Martin

Town Clerk