

**TOWN OF HOLLISTON
D.P.W. STUDY COMMITTEE**

June 3, 2010
6:50 P.M.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

Present: Charlie Roberts, Dennis Ferreira and Tom Dumas. Kevin Conley and Carl Damigella were absent.

BOARD BUSINESS

MR. FERREIRA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2010, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DUMAS. THREE IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY AND MR. DAMIGELLA WERE ABSENT.

MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2010 - POST-PONED

Mr. Roberts asked Mr. Dumas if had contacted the Park Department to see if a representative could come to their next meeting. Mr. Dumas said that he has spoken with Tom Chipman. Mr. Roberts said that he has been in touch with Mr. Le Beau and he will pass along the information to the Selectmen. Mr. Roberts said that there should be a representative from each of the departments that will be involved in the possible merge. They will be able to bring feedback to their Boards. Mr. Ferreira asked if the Board was going to present the merge at the Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Roberts said yes. Mr. Roberts said that Town Counsel still needs to review it. He also said that they are looking for feedback from the public comments portion of the Selectmen's Meeting. Mr. Ferreira said that they should go before the Finance Committee for the funding for the Department Head. Mr. Ferreira said that all Board members should be in place by the end of June, and all the legal work done by the end of July. Mr. Ferreira said that language will be the most important part of the article. Mr. Ferreira said that they should set time-line now. Mr. Roberts said that if this passed, they will hire a Director and in 6 months the Director will make decisions. Mr. Ferreira said in July and August they could be meeting with Town Counsel to get the language straight. In July, they will meet with the Finance Committee to talk about the funds that are needed. In August and September they will talk with Highway. He said that Water Department is having a rate hearing. Mr. Roberts said that he will be away for the month of August, he will be available by phone and email. Mr. Ferreira said that he has a Water Meeting next week. He will bring up that the D.P.W. Study Committee would like to be put on their agenda to discuss the possible merge. Mr. Ferreira said that they should meet on June 17th with as many members as possible. Mr. Roberts said they will continue with an every other week schedule. Mr. Roberts said that he has to find out how to change the Water Commissioners to D. P. W. Commissioners. He will be talking to Town Counsel. Mr. Ferreira said that they should talk to the Finance Committee before, because they are looking for money to start. Mr. Ferreira asked when this will have to be ready for the warrant. Mr. Dumas said that following meetings will be June 17th, July 1st, July 15th and July 29th. Mr. Roberts said that he is going to get in touch with the web-master and set up a page to keep people

informed. Mr. Dumas said that the residents would want information that is correct. He also said that they should be informed before the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Roberts said that in some towns, the Water Department plows the schools while the Highway Department plows the streets. He said that it works well. Mr. Dumas said that change is hard for many people. Mr. Ferreira said that there are different rates for the Water Department and the Highway Department employees. He said that it would have to be the same if it went to a D. P. W.

AT 7:36 P.M., MR. DUMAS MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. FERREIRA. THREE IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY AND MR. DAMIGELLA WERE ABSENT.

Donna A. Muzzy

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