

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 7, 2010 (Tuesday)
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

Present; Andrew Porter, Chairman; Jay Marsden, Clerk; Paul Le Beau, Town Administrator and Andrea Minihan, Administrative Assistant. William McColl, Vice Chairman was absent.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO INVOKE THE RULE OF NECESSITY FOR THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

11-11	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 200,000.76
	VOID CHECKS	\$ (2,515.98)
	STUDENT ACTIVITY	\$ 24,740.31
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 5,895.77
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS	\$ 84,648.14
	PAYROLL	\$ 122,414.17
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$ 435,183.17

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID
\$ 34,544.11

TREASURER'S NOTE

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST
\$ 23,195.50

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COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Porter said that the State Primary is September 14th. All voting will take place at the High School from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Porter also said that the Joey Larracey Bowl was a huge success.

Mr. Le Beau said that there is a competition for shade structure at Goodwill Park. Mr. Le Beau said that there is an on-line vote and several towns are in the running. He said that this would be for Mission Possible.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jack Blais, 25 Mitchell Road, asked about the Police Chief vacancy. He said that the Town had an over-ride and we do not have sufficient funds for a nationwide Police Chief search. He is requesting that the Selectmen speak with Wrentham, Norfolk and Plainville because they are merging into one. The Police, as well as Fire, are merging.

RE-ZONING REQUEST

Peter Barbieri was present to talk about a re-zoning issue. Mr. Porter said that this piece of property is on Washington Street, near Hopping Brook Park Road. Mr. Porter said that the abutters to the property and Holliston Conservation Commission, Army Corp of Engineers and across the street is Weston Pond.

Mr. Barbieri is asking to expand the Industrial zone by including property on Washington Street. Mr. Barbieri said they met with the Planning Board and the Planning Board asked to take out the land owned by the Government, Mr. Barbieri said that land is wetlands. Mr. Porter asked if this was the property that floods? Mr. Barbieri said yes it floods to Paul Road on Washington Street (route 16). Mr. Porter asked if there were plans for tenants? Mr. Barbieri said not yet. Mr. Barbieri said any development would be up to Conservation and Planning Board approval, with public hearings.

Mr. Porter asked if the Selectmen want to sponsor a Zoning Article at the Fall Town Meeting? He said that in the past, they have tried to avoid this at Fall Town Meeting. He said that they do not accept public ways at Fall Town Meeting. Mr. Porter said that the only other way would be by petition.

Mr. Le Beau said that an affected property owner could sponsor an article for a zoning change. Under State law Mr. Le Beau said that the Town By-law does not make allowances for that to happen.

Mr. Porter said that he is not opposed to having this go before Town Meeting and see what happens.

Brian McCann, the land owner, said that Nstar has no access to this property unless they drive over private property. Mr. McCann said that he has been talking to Nstar about a land swap.

Mr. Barbieri said that the Lions' Club will be starting up soon. They have a service called Lend a Lion. They will install or remove air-conditioner units, fix things that need fixing, they will also do yard work. He said that this is a program for residents who just can't do the work. If you are in need for any small service, call Mr. Barbieri.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MR. PORTER MOVED TO OPEN THE FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT UNTIL SEPTEMBER 20, 2010. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR THE ZONING BOARD FOR LEGAL FEES FOR THE CEDAR RIDGE PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

POLICE CHIEF VACANCY – POSTPONED

ALL BOARDS MEETING

Mr. Porter said that the All Boards Meeting will be on September 27, 2010, at the Senior Center starting at 7:00 p.m.

ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR GRACE TERRAZAS IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2010, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

APPOINTMENT

Mr. Porter said a memo was received from Dr. Richard Falzone recommending the appointment of Darlene Marsell to the Youth Advisory Committee. **MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT DARLENE MARSELL TO THE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.**

MASS LOTTERY COMMISSION

Mr. Porter said that the Route 16 Convenience store has applied for a "Keno to go" permit. He said that if there are any concerns, a letter has to be returned with in 30 days to the Lottery Commission.

SOUTH STREET REPAIRS

Tom Smith, Highway Superintendent, and Keith Edison, Acting Police Chief, were present.

Mr. Porter said that they have been trying to keep trucks off South Street. They have spoken with MapQuest about this issue. Mr. Porter said that South Street goes through two towns and towns in the area has the right to object the truck restriction. Holliston and Medway wanted the restriction, but Milford said no. That is why trucks still use South Street. He said that it needs to be approved by the State.

Mr. Porter said that the Highway Department is going to re-pave South Street.

Mr. Smith said the condition of South Street is bad. He said that it is taking more time for the crews to do patching and repairs. He wants to grind up the road and re-grade it, starting at the Medway line and going just 400 feet shy of Washington Street. Mr. Smith said that it is 4,600 feet. He will have it so that the run-off goes into the drains. He said that it will take care of the puddle problem. He said that he would like to start with-in the next two weeks. He said that they want to grind up the road, grade it then put down a binder coat for the winter, then come back in the spring and finish with a top coat. Mr. Porter said that he received an e-mail about dead trees on South Street. Mr. Smith said there are a few but most are not on Town property. Mr. Smith said with the street paved, the cars will be driving faster.

Acting Chief Edison said that they have not had a lot of accidents on South Street. Acting Chief Edison said that they are up on South Street ticketing cars that drive too fast.

A resident asked about speed bumps along South Street. Mr. Smith said that it can't be done. They would make too much noise. Mr. Porter said that the Town has a policy preventing speed bumps on the roads.

Acting Chief Edison said that he was asked about a three way stop sign at Fisher Street and South Street. He said that the Department of Transportation said that stop signs can't be used to slow cars down. Mr. Porter asked about changing the speed limit. Acting Chief Edison said that it would have to meet State requirements. Acting Chief Edison said about 1,500 vehicles per day use South Street. He said that the last count, about 50 or 60 of those vehicles were trucks. He said that the State will come in and see what 85% of the cars are traveling at and that will set the speed limit. He said that it could even go up.

Acting Chief Edison said that if they put a center line down the middle of the street, it does slow cars down. Mr. Porter said that they will make another appeal to Milford. Mr. Porter asked if Sergeant Leurini who is in charge of the truck inspections go out and start stopping trucks. Mr. Smith said that there is no place to stop them, the road is narrow. Acting Chief Edison said that it is an expense to do that. Mr. Porter asked how long would it take to do the first part of the paving. Mr. Smith said about 5 days. Mr. Smith said that because South Street is so narrow, it would be better to detour the cars when this is done. He said that it will make the job go faster.

Comments from the audience

David Bastille, 136 Rockland Street, asked about a blinking yellow light at the corner of Rockland Street and South Street, he said a blinking red light would not be good. Mr. Porter said that we do not do blinking lights any more.

Scott Milligan, 98 South Street, said increased signs will not help. He said that paving the road will just speed up the traffic. He said that the Rail Trail is just off South Street, and there will be increased walking and biking. He said that you have to separate people from the road, with sidewalks or speed bumps. Mr. Smith said that he is not a fan of speed bumps on a highly traveled road. You will hear the car hit it going over.

Jim Argir, 99 South Street, asked about the drainage on South Street. He said that his yard floods. He said that we will need to put down commercial binder. He also said that they have a water issue on the street. He said that they get sludge and everything. He said that their water is brown. The toilets turn brown and their clothing. He also said that the water pressure is low. He thinks that those issues should be addressed before they pave. He also said that he thinks that there have been more accidents than you know about. He said that some have not been reported or not enough attention was brought to it. He said that he has had yard damage.

Siobhan Warner, 180 South Street, said that a tractor trailer went down the street and pulled all the wires off their house and their neighbors.

Acting Chief Edison, that if that happened the wires were too low.

Mr. Porter said that Nstar and Verizon have been coming out to bring them up.

Jim Argir, 99 South Street, asked about a water study before the paving.

Mr. Smith said that if the Water Department wanted to do work they can but they can only do it before they top coat the road. Mr. Smith said that he has spoken with the Water Department and they have nothing at this time to replace on South Street.

Jack Blais, 25 Mitchell Road, asked about putting the binder down in the spring, and giving the Water Department 6 months to do research. Mr. Smith said that any time he does a road over, the Water Department is notified so that they can repair anything that needs to be done. He also said that if the Water Department can't get to it, he will leave the road with a binder coat for a month or two so that they can get to it.

Dave Wolfson, 293 South Street, said that the water pressure is good at his end of the street. He said that he has been living on South Street since 1995 and at that time Medway had a gravel road on their end. He said that the only way to stop trucks is to put up stop signs. He said that truckers do not want to stop and start several times on one road. Mr. Wolfson said that the Rail Trail will be crossing the street and you are going to have kids crossing. He said that if you put up a stop sign, then the kids could cross.

Ms. Kampersal, 339 South Street, said that her driveway becomes a lake after paving.

Mr. Smith said that the low spot in the road will be done and the drainage will be going down the road.

Sheila Wolfson, 293 South Street, said that she has spoken with State Representative Carolyn Dykema and she suggested that they write a petition and get signatures, from the South Street residents and send it to the Town of Holliston, Town of Medway and to Carolyn Dykema's office. Mr. Porter asked what kind of a petition is this for? Ms. Wolfson said no trucking.

Debbie Miller, 108 South Street, asked what is going to happen when you have a truck and a school bus trying to pass each other? Mr. Porter said most of the narrower roads are old cow paths, and all that has happened to them is widened a little and paved.

Ms. Kampersal, 339 South Street, asked about the baseball games at the field. There are so many cars parked along the road, on both sides, that it makes it hard for any vehicle to pass.

Jim Argir, 99 South Street, said that the police can park a car in his driveway and watch the number of truck that go down the street, as well as the cars that go to fast.

Mr. Le Beau said that we can appeal again to Mass Highway. We will need new traffic counts and Medway would have to do the same. Mr. Le Beau said that the Milford Selectmen are the ones that vetoed the truck exclusion.

Dave Wolfson, 293 South Street, said that Molinari has a trucking company in Milford, just over the line and they drive about 18 miles per hour down the street. He said that they are very careful.

Dana Whitney, 132 South Street, said that the Highway Department had been out to fill pot holes in front of his house and the fills do not last. He finds the cold patch all over his yard.

Mr. Porter said that he is leaning toward stop signs.

Siobhan Warner, 180 South Street, asked if they were going to be informed by the Water Commission, before work is done? Mr. Porter said that if you are concerned about the quality of the water, go to a Water Commissioners meeting.

Mr. Marsden, said that the purpose for leaving this road un-finished (before the top coat is down) is for work that may need to be done by the Water Department.

Mr. Porter said that he will be contacting State Representative Carolyn Dykema and Senator Karen Spilka's office telling them that Holliston is going to try for the truck exclusion again.

AT 9:05 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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