

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 8, 2010
7:30 P.M.

Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO INVOKE THE RULE OF NECESSITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:

10-33	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 623,226.08
	VOID CHECKS	\$ (95,000.00)
	WIRES: HS STUDENT ACTIVITY	\$ 13,365.41
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST FUND	\$ 864.00
	PINECREST GOLF	\$ 90.00
	POLICE STATION CAPITAL PROJECT	\$ 29,112.00
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	\$ 126,838.41
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 125,066.72
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$ 823,562.62

ACCOUNTANT’S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID
\$ 26,637.30

TREASURER’S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST
\$ 15,637.25

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Porter said the Souper Bowl in the Upper Town Hall to benefit the Pantry Shelf was a great success. He also said that the Boy Scouts and the Lions’ Club had Super Bowl breakfasts as well. Also, last week there was a yard sale at the Masonic Hall for Haiti. Mr. Porter announced that Chief Tom Lambert is planning on retiring April 30th. Mr. Porter did say that they do not have a plan as of yet to replace him. Mr. Damigella said that Chief Lambert was wonderful to work with.

There were no comments from the audience.

HOME TOWN AUTO - CHANGE IN CONDITIONS

Michael Ibrahim, was present, to talk about the conditions in his license. He would like to change it so that he can store cars that he has towed for the Town. Mr. Porter said that the Planning Board has approved this request. All vehicles towed will be in a locked pen at the rear of 439 Washington Street. Mr. Ibrahim said that the pen is 44 x 25. Mr. Ibrahim said that this can hold four to five vehicles. Mr. Porter asked what about leaking fluids from the wrecks. Mr. Ibrahim said that wrecks that are leaking will be stored closer to the building with a pad under it. Mr. Porter said that this area has the potential to flood. Mr. Ibrahim said that since he has been there, it has only flooded once. He said that if the car was in a bad accident, all the fluids would leak out immediately. Mr. Porter said that Mr. McColl was not present tonight, but that they would see him at the All Boards meeting and they will talk about this with him. Mr. Damigella said that Mr. McColl was part of the original group to help write the conditions at this property. Mr. Damigella said that he would like an opinion from the Conservation Commission about this, because the storage area is close to the wet lands. Mr. Porter said that he will check with Mr. McColl and see if he has any question and he will also check with the Conservation Commission with their concerns. Mr. Porter said that someone will get back to Mr. Ibrahim after the next meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR BUDGET

Peter Tartakoff was present. He said that he was able to make budget by cutting the Assistant Inspector's position. He said that he has been working with the Zoning Board and Planning Board to cover hours when he or his staff is out of the office. He said that the Building office has had a lot of people asking questions. He did say that the field work has been a little quieter with inspections. He said that they have several permits out. He said that instead of having the Assistant position he would like to have this as a purchased service account and contract only when needed. Mr. Damigella said that Karen Sherman the Town Planner, is very knowledgeable of the Towns By-laws. Mr. Damigella said that they have come up with a plan for the Sign By-law. He said that everyone involved will get together to discuss this.

TECHNOLOGY BUDGET

Chuck Corman was present. Mr. Porter said that Mr. Corman has a number for -2 and -3 budgets. He asked how was he able to do this. Mr. Corman said that computers that he has now gives him five computers in reserve, four new ones and one refurbished one. Mr. Corman said that this was done in anticipation of the cuts. Mr. Corman said that the equipment at Town Hall has one more year left, then he will be looking to up-grade. He is hoping to have some of the computers from the school when they are swapped out. Mr. Porter asked about the virus and fire walls in the computers. Mr. Corman said that he has no control over that, it runs through the schools. He said that the Police Station has all new computers, the Library has several new computers and the Senior Center has a new computer lab.

AUXILIARY POLICE

Sergeant Craig Denman was present. Mr. Porter said that the Auxiliary Police Department has saved the town over one hundred thousand dollars this past year. Mr. Porter said that the Auxiliary Police are at every event that goes on in town. Mr. Porter said that it is a shame that they have to reduce their budget, but it is all coming out of supplies. Sergeant Denman said that the Lions' Club just made a donation in the amount of \$2,000.00 to the Auxiliary Police. He also said that the Newcomers Club have been very generous with their donations. He said that Celebrate Holliston purchased a new cruiser for the department. Mr. Porter said that the Auxiliary Police do get alternative funding from other clubs in town. Sergeant Denman said that they assist the Police Department as needed. Sergeant Denman said that they have 18 officers, they would like 2 more so that they will have 20 in total. He said that Academy tuition went from \$450.00 to \$1,000.00 and the hours went up as well from 120 hours to 240 hours. He said that they have two that may go in the fall to the Academy. He said that the cost could go up or down by a small margin. Mr. Porter said that Auxiliary Police can go from town to town to help when needed.

BOARD BUSINESS

Mr. Porter said that they received a memo from Lieutenant Edison about the Railroad Street parking restriction. Mr. Porter said that there is one parking space that is not in line with the others. He said that it is just beyond Coffee Haven and it partially blocks a driveway. The Police Department recommended a no parking sign from there to corner on the Coffee Haven side of Railroad Street, the (west side) of the street. Railroad Street – west side from one hundred thirty (130) feet north of Central Street to one hundred ninety-five (195) feet north of Central Street and east side from Central Street to Church Street.

MR. PORTER MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGES TO THE TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS – RAILROAD STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAMIGELLA. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2010, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

AMBULANCE BID AWARD

Mr. Porter said that there was a bid that went out for a new ambulance. This bid was opened on Friday, January 22nd. This was for a class one type one ambulance. He said that there were two bids submitted. Mr. Porter said that in a lengthily memo from the Fire Chief, he is recommending the second bidder. He said that lowest bidder did not conform to the bidding requirements. Mr. Le Beau said that the lowest bidder did not submit the required bid form.

MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE BID FOR QUALITY EMERGENCY VEHICLES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSES

MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE FAIRVIEW AT PINECREST FOR FEBRUARY 12TH AND FEBRUARY 14TH FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.

EMT APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Porter said that in a memo from Chief Cassidy he would like to appoint Adam Houk, of Dorset Road and Julia Lane, of Dodd Drive as EMT'S. There were no objections from the Board.

BUDGETS

Sealer Budget

Mr. Le Beau said that the Sealer budget is a stipend position. Mr. Le Beau said that fees paid go into a revolving account. His services are partially paid through that account. Mr. Le Beau said that the Sealer is generating in excess of \$3,000.00 per year. Mr. Le Beau said that it is his suggestion that we fund all but \$1,000.00 of his stipend from the revolving account. Mr. Le Beau said that they will look at this again next year.

Snow & Ice Budget

Mr. Le Beau said the snow & ice budget is level funded every year. Mr. Porter said that the State allows snow & ice to be carried over between fiscal years. Mr. Porter said that the town is overspending with every storm.

Street lighting Budget

Mr. Le Beau said that the street lighting budget was reduced by \$2,000.00. Mr. Le Beau said the older the street light, the less we pay for lighting. Mr. Damigella said that in new developments the builder is responsible for adding street lights. He would like a letter sent to the Planning Board that the street lights be approved by the Selectmen because the lighting would be added to our budget that we are trying to reduce.

Solid Waste Budget

Mr. Le Beau said that solid waste budget has an increase due to the contract. Mr. Le Beau said that the contract for curbside pick-up is going to expire in June and the plan is to go out to bid. Mr. Porter said that the funds that we take in from Covanta goes into the General Fund. The Town receives a \$1.00 per ton. Mr. Le Beau said that the recycling markets are down.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Budget

Mr. Le Beau said that purchased service has been reduced. He said that this budget will work if there are no maintenance issues for treatment. He said that we have had a history of pump failures and we have had to modify the treatment process.

Mr. Damigella asked if they were planning on going out to bid for the maintenance of the Treatment Plant. Mr. Le Beau said that the bid opportunity will come up in fifteen months.

Veterans Budget

Mr. Le Beau said we have not seen the jump yet for benefits. Mr. Le Beau said that when the time comes they will adjust the budget. He said that they have spent a little over \$2,000.00 in benefits each of the last three (3) years.

Other Business

Mr. Porter said that they received a resignation from John Alexander who was on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Porter thanked Mr. Alexander for his service to the town. He said that there are no Associate Member position open.

**BANNER REQUEST FOR SECOND LOCATION
MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE BANNER REQUEST FOR THE
SECOND LOCATION FOR THE SENIOR CENTER FOR THE WEEK OF MAY
3, 2010. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR.
MR. MCCOLL WAS ABSENT.**

EXECUTIVE SESSION – CANCELLED

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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