

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 22, 2010
7:30 P.M.

Selectmen’s Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:

10-39	GENERAL WARRANT	\$107,384.33
	PAYROLL	\$ 85,684.16
	TOTAL	\$193,068.49

ACCOUNTANT’S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	
	\$ 30,663.45

TREASURE’S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	
	\$ 19,682.25

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAMIGELLA. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER ABSTAINED.

10-39 SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANT

GENERAL WARRANT	\$348,016.29
WIRES/MANUAL: STUDENT ACTIVITY	
MILLER & HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 21,190.76
TOTAL SUPPLEMENTAL WARRANT	\$369,207.05

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McColl read a memo from Chief Michael Cassidy regarding the March 13-16 Rain Storm.

“Due to the unprecedented rainfall last week, the State has sought a disaster declaration from the President. As part of the process, the Fire Chief (in his capacity as Emergency Management Director) submitted an initial Damage Assessment to the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. MEMA must demonstrate damage to certain thresholds for either Public Assistance or Individual Assistance to be made available by FEMA as a part of a disaster declaration. Residents or business who wish to be added to the list of impacted properties may contact the Fire Chief – and provide name, address, amount of flooding which occurred, and contact information. Providing this information does not guarantee any federal or state assistance – it will merely aid Town officials getting information out to affected individuals should a disaster declaration be received.”

Mr. Porter said that the ground breaking ceremony for the Cutler Heights project was well attended. Mr. Porter also said that the PTSA Auction would take place on Friday, March 26th at the Doubletree Hotel in Milford.

Mr. Damigella said that the contractor has done a wonderful job of cleaning up the run-off. He also thanked them for taking part in the cleaning of Washington Street. Mr. Le Beau wished his mom a happy birthday.

There were no comments from the audience.

POLICE CHIEF – CITIZEN COMMENDATION

Chief Tom Lambert presented Kelvin Howell, employee of the Housing Authority with a commendation for his quick actions on the medical emergency on March 9th, at Cole Court. Chief Lambert read the commendation to Mr. Howell.

SIGN BY-LAW

Karen Sherman, Town Planner, was present. Mr. Porter thanked Ms. Sherman for all her hard work on this By-law draft. Mr. Porter did say that the Board did get some feedback from the HBA. Mr. Porter said that in the draft, the permitted sign could only be up for a short period of time. He said that most signs appear around the holidays. Mr. Porter wanted to know who was going to police the signs. Mr. Damigella said that if the Building Inspector issues a permit for the sign, he should be policing it. Mr. McColl said that the Building Inspector can pull the permit at any time. Mr. Damigella said that he would prefer to have the signs permitted, rather than under a By-law. Ms. Sherman said that when the Zoning Board of Appeals up-date the Zoning fees, they can add a fee for the sign. Mr. Porter asked if per occasion there would be a fee or would it be a one time fee. Ms. Sherman said that the sign can go up for only 90 days during the entire year, with approval by the Building Inspector.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE DRAFT ARTICLE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON APRIL 1ST, 2010, AT 7:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. DAMIGELLA. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER OPPOSED. (NOT ENOUGH LANGUAGE). Mr. Damigella said no signs can be placed on the Memorials.

Mr. Le Beau said that after the hearing, the Selectmen could remove it from the Warrant before it was published, if that is what they choose to do.

EXPEDITED PERMITTING

Mr. Porter said while the economy is down we were able to apply for funds from the State to develop a permit hand book.

MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO ADOPT THE EXPEDITED PERMITTING FOR THE BY-LAW. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. ALL IN FAVOR.

BOARD BUSINESS – PARADE PERMIT

MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARADE PERMIT FOR BREAKING THE CYCLE ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2010, FROM 7:45 A.M.

TO 8:15 A.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. ALL IN FAVOR.

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – ST. MARY’S CHURCH
MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE DAY BEER AND WINE
LICENSE FOR ST. MARY’S CHURCH FOR A FUND RAISER IN THE UPPER
TOWN HALL FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 11:30 P.M. ON APRIL 9TH. THE MOTION
WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Porter said we received a letter from Massachusetts Department of Transportation stating the Town needed to extend the traffic study at Woodland Street, High Street and Washington Street through June 30, 2011.

W.C.G. ENTERPRISE

Mr. Porter said that this is a Class II Used Car Dealers License. They would like to change the name on the license. Mr. Porter said that this requires a vote by the Board. The change is W.C.G. Enterprise to Greengus Motor Company, Inc. D/B/A/ W.C.G. Enterprises, at 1286 Washington Street. Mr. McColl said that this company buys and sells cars. Mr. McColl said that this company does have some off-road vehicles that they use and have been using them on others people’s property. Chief Lambert said that he had a discussion with Mr. Greengus about this. Chief Lambert said that there is a dirt bike in the garage. Chief Lambert said that the Selectmen may want to put a condition on the license that no recreational vehicles can be used on this property. Chief Lambert said that this is an on-going problem.

**MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO APPROVE THIS NAME CHANGE FOR 45
DAYS STARTING TODAY AND SUBJECT TO MR. GREENGUS DISCUSSING
OF PUTTING CONDITIONS ON THE LICENSE REGARDING UN-
REGISTERED VEHICLES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR.
MCCOLL. ALL IN FAVOR.**

POLICE CHIEF VACANCY

Mr. Porter said that Chief Lambert’s last day would be April 30th.

**MR. PORTER MOVED TO APPOINT KEITH EDISON ACTING CHIEF FOR A
PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED OCTOBER 31, 2010, WITH A NEW CHIEF
SELECTION PROCESS IN PLACE BY SEPTEMBER 6, 2010, OR EARLIER.
THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**AT 8:10 P.M., MR. DAMIGELLA MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE
SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE POLICE
UNION AND POTENTIAL LAND ACQUISITION. THE MOTION WAS
SECONDED BY MR. DAMIGELLA. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN**

	AYE	NAY
Mr. Porter	X	

Mr. Damigella
Mr. McColl

X
X

MR. PORTER SAID THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES AND THERE WOULD BE NO FURTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS.

AT 8:40 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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