

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 8, 2010
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS

11-20	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 910,082.51
	VOIDS	\$ (8,807.00)
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$ 119,512.50
	MEALS TAX (220)	\$ 116.13
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030)	\$ 15,377.40
	GIFT ACCOUNT (245)	\$ 700.00
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 446,198.36
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 3,739.12
	PAYROLL	\$ 940,562.92
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$2,427,481.94

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID

\$ 279,311.20

TREASURE'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST

\$ 162,304.68

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

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McColl thanked all the election workers. He also thanked Bobby Blair for all the signs that he and his crew put up for Veterans Day.

Mr. Marsden said that Veterans Day services will be in front of the Town Hall on November 11, starting at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Porter said that Election Day ran smoothly. He also said that you could get your flu shot at the election. He also said that the High School will be playing football on Saturday night for the league title. Mr. Porter congratulated Tony Bellomo who is stepping down from Pop Warner Football. Mr. Porter said that he has been involved for 18 years.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Jack Blais 25 Mitchell Road said that Jackie Dellicker, Town Clerk; Dyan Fitzgerald, Assistant Town Clerk and Henry Dellicker, Warden did a great job at the election and everything went well. He said that the Board of Health went beyond the time limit for giving out flu shots. He also said last year the Town had a ballot question asking for an over-ride and

the students and the teachers had to park at another location. This past election parking was a problem. He said that he was appalled when he found out that someone went twice to the High School and could not get parking. He said that he would like to ask the Selectmen to get in touch with the Principal of the High School and see what can be done about the parking. He said that it would help the elderly with the long walk. Mr. Porter asked Mr. Blais if he was going to go to the School Committee meeting and tell them the same thing. Mr. Blais said yes he would.

CDBG APPLICATION REVIEW

Mr. Porter congratulated Ms. Greendale for all the work that she put into the Mission Possible Grant to build a playground.

Ms. Greendale said that the Selectmen have a copy of the draft for the CDBG . She said that this will be in two steps. She said that they reworded the home ownership portion. She said that once a piece of property becomes affordable, it will always be in the system as affordable. Ms. Greendale said that Mr. Le Beau has documented all the information that the Committee has put together. She said that she will only be sending the information that is asked for in the application.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE CDBG STRATEGY AS AMENDED WITH THE CHANGE OF THE HOUSING TRUST, THE CPC AND THE SCALE OF PROCESS THAT THEY USED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN.

There was further discussion.

Ms. Greendale said that there should be a public discussion about this. She said that everything is all in place. They know what the Library plans to do and what the Conservation Commission is going to do. She said that this will be useful.

Mr. Porter opened up the discussion to the audience.

Jack Blais, 25 Mitchell Road, asked what the odds that Holliston will receive this grant? Ms. Greendale said that it hard to say. Ms. Greendale said that this will be federal funds. She also said that they will only be up against towns that compare to Holliston. Ms. Greendale said that the Ashland Community Center and the Medway Community Center were all built with this grant money.

Michelle Hamilton, 29 School Street, asked if this was the only proposal to stabilize the Andrews School property? If this does not go through, will the building remain the same? Ms. Greendale said the only thing that is proposed in this grant application is to study the Andrews School property. She also said that if they do receive funds, it will not go to the Andrews School at this time, because of restrictions.

Mr. Porter said that they should give the Andrews School neighbors an update?

Ms. Hamilton asked if they could raise money to restore the building? Something like Mission Possible. Mr. Porter said not right now. He said that they have to clear the title problem first.

Tony Damigella, 95 Gregory Road, asked Ms. Greendale where she got the estimated numbers? Ms. Greendale said that she has not covered that yet, but she got her numbers from Jon Juhl, Brenda Farrell, Margaret Fitzpatrick and the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Carl Damigella, 448 Underwood Street, said that Mr. Marsden, Mr. McColl and Mr. Le Beau had an informal conversation about the MWRTA. They are questioning if the bus can go up to Cutler Heights and have a bus stop there. Mr. Damigella said that they may be able to get the MWRTA to donate a bus stop shelter at Cutler Heights. He said that it could be a dual purpose for the kids waiting at the bus stop. Mr. Damigella will look into it and see if there has been a request from Balancing Rock for a shelter.

ALL IN FAVOR.

CDBG Grant

Ms. Greendale said that they may be asking for a grant for any use on the Andrews School that would benefit low and moderate income people. She said that it could be housing, rental or buying.

Social Services for the Cutler School

She said that there may be the issue of Social Services that may be needed for up to 20 families. She said that they may be able to have someone available for 15 hrs per week, and they will have an office in the building. She said that the management company will match the salary. Ms. Greendale said that all of these types of services will go through Youth & Family Services. She said there is staff but not enough to add the Cutler Heights project to it. Ms. Greendale said that in the new building, there will be a community room. She said that the builder will be helping by putting in a few computers. Ms. Greendale also said that they are thinking of putting in a basketball court and a playground for tots. She did say that Goodwill Park is available. She also said that walking down the hill from Cutler Heights is dangerous. There is no sidewalk. She said that they are talking about putting in a sidewalk and have a guardrail or a fence. Mr. Porter said that the Town just received a grant for Mission Possible.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO PUT FORWARD A GRANT THAT INCLUDES ALL OF THE ITEMS ON THE LIST EXCEPT FOR THE CROSS WALK AND THE BASKETBALL COURT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN.

Mr. Damigella asked if the developer had any plans to put in a sidewalk up to Cutler Heights that is handicap accessible. Ms. Greendale said no. He said that it is strange that there is no handicap accessibility for public housing. Mr. Damigella said that they have spoken about putting in a ramp on the Hollis Street side.

ALL IN FAVOR.

BOARD BUSINESS

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 1, 2010

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2010, BUT NOT TO BE RELEASED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER ABSTAINED.

VETERANS' DAY PROCLAMATION

Mr. Marsden read the proclamation.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE VETERANS DAY PROCLAMATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. ALL IN FAVOR.

POLICE CHIEF SCREENING COMMITTEE

Mr. Porter said that there are seven applicants for the Police Chief position. The Screening Committee will have seven members. Mr. Porter said that they will ask the Committee for three or four finalists for the position. Mr. Marsden thinks there should be five members for the Screening Committee. Mr. Porter said that he would like to see seven members. Mr. Porter named the potential members of the Police Screening Committee: John Cronin, Pat Duffy, Lisa Doolin, Carl Damigella, Tom Dumas Jr., Bill George and Marc Gromada. Mr. Porter asked if the candidates could attend the next Selectmen's Meeting on Monday, November 15th, so that the Board can interview them.

Mr. Le Beau asked if the Selectmen would sign the Financial Exemption for the Solid Waste bill. He said that if you qualify for the Fuel assistance then you will qualify for the Solid Waste exemption. Mr. Le Beau said that the fuel assistance works through the Senior Center.

Mr. Marsden asked if there had been any word about the truck exclusion from Milford. Mr. Le Beau said the he has not heard anything.

AT 8:40 P.M., MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted

Donna A. Muzzy

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