

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 20, 2010
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

11-13	GENERAL WARRANT	\$444,089.52
	PAYROLL	\$ 87,348.15
	TOTAL PAYROLL	\$531,437.67

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	
	\$ 29,218.29

TREASURE'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	
	\$ 18,921.75

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

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McColl said that the final pavement has been done on Brook Street. He said that the road will be striped at a later date. Mr. McColl said that Gorwin Drive is now open. He also said that South Street was paved with a binder coat. In 6 months, the top coat will be put down. Mr. McColl thanked all the volunteers that helped at the State primary.

Mr. Marsden thanked everyone who helped with the Rail Trail clean up. He said that they worked for about three hours and did a great job.

Mr. Porter said that the annual turkey dinner to benefit the Pantry Shelf will be after Celebrate Holliston at the High School. Mr. Porter said that Celebrate Holliston will be on Saturday September 25th, with a parade then field day.

There were no comments from the audience.

HOUSING PLAN APPROVAL

Karen Sherman, Town Planner, was present. Ms. Sherman presented a five year plan that was given to her by Ms. Doyle from the Housing Committee. She said that they put the plan on the web and comments were added. Ms. Sherman said that she needs a letter of approval from the Selectmen.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO SIGN A LETTER OF APPROVAL FOR THE HOUSING PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

CUTLER HEIGHTS UPDATE

John Juhl, was present to say that there is an application available for the affordable units. Paul Kaeller, of Corcoran Management was present. Mr. Juhl thanked the Town and the Selectmen for all the support. Mr. Juhl said that they are hoping to complete the project by the end of December or January. He said that they are on schedule. They are also starting the marketing efforts in regards to publicizing to Town residents that may be eligible for the affordable units. Mr. Juhl said that they will be putting a catch-basin in at the bottom of Jasper Hill Road and then re-paving the road. He said that they will be in touch with all the abutters.

Mr. Kaeller said that he is a property manager with Corcoran Management. He said that they have been marketing the new units. They have been at Cole Court giving out and accepting applications. They have also been answering questions. He also said that there is a Website with all the information www.cutlerheights.com. Mr. Kaeller said that there will be a lottery on November 8th. They plan on opening the first week of February.

BOARD BUSINESS

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 23, 2010, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER ABSTAINED.

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – NEWCOMERS CLUB
MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE NEWCOMERS CLUB AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BARN ON OCTOBER 23, 2010, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

PARADE PERMITS – CELEBRATE HOLLISTON AND HAMPSHIRE STREET BLOCK PARTY.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE BLOCK PARTY ON HAMPSHIRE STREET ON SEPTEMBER 18TH RAIN DATE SEPTEMBER 19TH FROM 3:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE CELEBRATE HOLLISTON PARADE FOR SEPTEMBER 25, 2010 STARTING AT 9:00 A.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER RECUSED HIMSELF. (Mr. Porter is the Co-Chair of Celebrate Holliston)

WATER DEPARTMENT ENTERPRISE FUND

Jared Adams, Board of Water Commissioners, was present. Mr. Porter said that Mr. McColl and Mr. Le Beau had a meeting with Mr. Weise of the Board of Water Commissioners about establishing a Water Enterprise Fund. Mr. McColl said that they are going to look into it. He said that they were going to calculate the in-direct costs.

Mr. McColl said that they were going to take the last three years of water usage and see if they can make it a three year rolling average. He said that they could predict the usage for the Enterprise Fund. Mr. Adams said that the purpose of the Enterprise Fund is to change the bookkeeping in the system. He said that an Enterprise Fund will protect any water funds from disappearing. Mr. Porter said that this is the first time that they have been asked to co-sponsor this article. Mr. Porter said that if Mr. McColl is comfortable with this, then he would be more than happy to back him. Mr. McColl said that the next step is the important one, understanding that we have an agreement with the Water Department on the in-direct costs and the process that follows. Mr. Porter asked if the Water Department was looking for a vote tonight. Mr. McColl said that we need to wait. He said assuming that we have a full conversation that resolves all the questions, and we would be willing to support this, we could go forward. Mr. Porter said that this will need to go into the Warrant. Mr. Adams said that the Water Commissioners have not taken a firm stand yet on the details. Mr. McColl said that if you want the Finance Committee to agree, you might want to get all the details in order. Mr. Porter said that there is a place holder for this article on the Warrant.

There was a discussion about the potential re-zoning of the property on Washington Street at the corner of Hopping Brook Road.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO SUPPORT THE RE-ZONING ARTICLE OF THE PROPERTY ON WASHINGTON STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MCCOLL ABSTAINED.

**REQUEST FOR LAWN SIGNS – WALK AGAINST BREAST CANCER
MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO PUT LAWN SIGNS UP AROUND TOWN FOR THE AGAINST BREAST CANCER WALK ON OCTOBER 17TH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

PROCLAMATIONS – CITIZENS OF THE YEAR

Mark Ahronian and Sheila Johlin

AMENDED LIQUOR LICENSE – FAIRVIEW AT PINECREST

Mr. Porter said that this is to sell beer on the back nine holes of the golf course. He said that this was approved weeks ago, and now just needs to be signed.

POLICE CHIEF VACANCY

Mr. Porter asked if the Board wanted to go public for applications or keep it in-house? Mr. McColl said that if we keep it in-house we will still need a screening committee. If we go public, how big of a committee do we want to have? Mr. McColl said that if you go only in-house, the screening committee could be small. But, if you go outside, it may be bigger. Mr. Porter said that historically, they would get three or four applicants from in-house. Mr. McColl said that there was some input from the departing Chief for

candidates for promotion. Mr. McColl said that he would be comfortable just looking from with-in the Department. Mr. Marsden said that he has been looking back at all the information from the past, and he thinks that we should go public with the search. Mr. Porter said that Millis and Ashland are going to get approval for Public Safety Centers. (police and fire together.) Mr. Porter said that he thinks that there should be a two year contract to start. Mr. Porter said that he would like to keep this in-house with a shorter contract until they figure out what they are going to do with Public Safety. He said that in two years, they may be looking at things in a different way. He said that he thinks that there will be money, because that is what the Governor has said. Mr. Porter thinks that when they form the committee to research the applicants, there should be a committee of five. Mr. Porter asked people of interest in being on the Committee to send a letter to the Selectmen at Town Hall with your qualifications. Mr. Porter said that they will keep this open until the first October meeting.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE IN-HOUSE APPLICANTS FOR THE POLICE CHIEF'S POSITION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. PORTER. WITH A TWO YEAR CONTRACT, APPROVED BY A FIVE MEMBER BOARD. ALL IN FAVOR.

AT 8:12 P.M. MR. PORTER SAID THAT THERE WAS A NEED TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS HICKEY V THE TOWN OF HOLLISTON. HE SAID THAT LITIGATION IN A PUBLIC FORUM WOULD COMPROMISE THE TOWNS POSITION.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

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MR. PORTER	X	
MR. MCCOLL	X	
MR. MARSDEN	X	

MR. PORTER SAID THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST APPROXIMATELY 15 MINUTES AND THAT THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY FURTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS EXCEPT TO SIGN DOCUMENTS ALREADY APPROVED.

AT 8:25 P.M. MR. MCCOLL MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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