

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 6, 2010
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

7:30 P.M. TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Kathy Peirce, Principal Assessor, Peter Barbieri and John Cronin, from the Board of Assessors, were present.

Mr. Barbieri passed out information on the Tax Classification. He said that there were not many changes. He said that there were few commercial sales. Mr. Barbieri said that in general, there will be a 5% decrease in the value of property. Mr. Barbieri said that they are recommending a single rate of \$17.94. Mr. McColl asked about new growth. Ms. Peirce said that all new growth is on the residential side. Mr. Barbieri said that the tax bill will go up but the value of the property will go down. He said that the rate went up and it will include the override. Mr. Cronin said the average tax bill in FY 2011 is \$6,754. up from \$5,794 two years prior. Mr. Barbieri said that expenses of the Town have gone up.

Comments from the audience:

Jay Leary, 146 Karen Circle and Finance Committee, said the big question will be why did my tax bill go up \$1.60 per thousand. Mr. Cronin said that there are two factors. The Town needs to raise and appropriate more funds and values have dropped.

Mr. Le Beau said that the tax rate went up \$1.62. He said that .62 cents of that increase is solely to the changes in value. He said that .48cents is for the override. And then the allowed 2 ½ increase plus new growth of .52 cents.

AT 7:40 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL . TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADOPT A RESIDENTIAL FACTOR OF ONE FOR THE ANNUAL TAX RATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO NOT ADOPT THE RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO NOT ADOPT THE SMALL COMMERCIAL EXEMPTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO NOT ADOPT THE OPEN SPACE DISCOUNT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:

11-24	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 422,131.29
	VOIDS:	\$ (1,764.16)
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$2,478.625.00
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030)	\$ 28,896.69
	CONFISCATED TRUSTS (300)	\$ 2,022.42
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 442,543.43
	PAYROLL	\$ 946,067.11
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$4,318,512.78

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 279,122.71
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TREASURE'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 163,041.53
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McColl and Mr. Marsden congratulated the football team on their Super bowl win.

There were no comments from the audience.

BOARD BUSINESS

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO PUT UP SUPER BOWL SIGNS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION – HIGHLAND STREET SIDEWALK

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CERTIFICATE OF SUBSTANTIAL COMPLETION ON THE HIGHLAND STREET SIDEWALK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

CHANGE ORDER – HIGHLAND STREET SIDEWALK

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER FOR THE HIGHLAND STREET SIDEWALK FOR A CREDIT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$49,276.59. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

CHAPTER 90 REIMBURSEMENT – GORWIN DRIVE CULVERT

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAPTER 90 REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE GORWIN DRIVE CULVERT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR, MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

AT 7:48 P.M. MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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