

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 29, 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 and Andrea Minihan Administrative Assistant.

### **MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:**

11-23	TOWN PAYROLL	\$101,606.33
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$101,606.33

### ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID  
\$ 29,529.06

### TREASURE'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST  
\$ 18,147.50

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

### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. McColl congratulated the cast and crew from the Sound of Music that was put on by the High School.

Mr. Marsden congratulated and thanked the Holliston Business Association on the Holiday Stroll. He also congratulated the Foreign Language Department for the Award that they won.

Mr. Porter said Breakfast with Santa will be at the Miller School sponsored by the Lions' Club. He also thanked Pam and David at the Holliston Grill for opening up so that the football parents could cook breakfast before the Thanksgiving game. Mr. Porter said that there will be a football playoff game on Tuesday night at the High School with Rockland. He said that this is a MIAA game. Mr. Porter also said that Pack 2 Cub Scouts were in the audience.

### Comments from the audience

Jack Blais, 25 Mitchell Road, said that he heard on the news that the President of the United States has frozen the wages of all government employees. He said that Holliston should follow in those footsteps. He asked about the Recycling Center. He thinks in the fall we could have the center open on Saturday and Sunday. He also said that we could bring in more revenue by recycling more.

### **COUNCIL ON AGING VACANCY**

Henry Dellicker, Chairman of the Council on Aging, was present to ask the Selectmen to appoint Michelle Goldberg to the Council. He said that they had three candidates and it was a unanimous decision that Ms. Goldberg was the most qualified.

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPOINT MICHELLE GOLDBERG TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE BUT NOT TO BE RELEASED THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2010, AS WRITTEN, FOR THE 7:00 P.M. MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES BUT NOT TO BE RELEASED FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2010, AS WRITTEN, FOR THE 8:18 P.M. MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**APPOINTMENT TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPOINT JAMES GILMOUR TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST – ZBA**

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$375.00 FOR LEGAL FEES FOR THE ZBA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – HEF**

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE HOLLISTON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FOR A PARTY IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**THE HEARING FOR THE HIGHWAY FUEL TANK WAS OPENED**

At 7:45 P.M., Tom Smith, Highway Superintendent, was present as well as and Fire Chief Michael Cassidy.

Mr. Smith said that the tanks were installed in 1991 and the license is missing. He said that the D.E.P. said that they will need a new license.

**Comments from the audience**

Graham Koblenzer, 43 Arch Street, asked if this was a State regulation or a Federal requirement. Chief Cassidy said that when the tanks were put in, they met all the qualifications for the Fire Department. This was for the State regulation. Mr. Koblenzer said that if there is a leak, could go into the canal or the pond? The water table is high. He asked if the State requires environmental site testing to show that there are not any

leaks? Chief Cassidy said that there is continuing monitoring that takes place with audio and visual alarms. He said that the D.E.P. took over many years ago with a third party audit of all underground installations. Mr. Smith said that the third party inspection passed the tanks for fuel storage. He said that both tanks were tested.

**AT 7:50 P.M., MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE UNDERGROUND FUEL TANK LICENSE FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT ON 63 ARCH STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

#### **RAIL TRAIL - UPDATE**

Mr. McColl said they are waiting for CSX to come to the table for the rest of the purchase of the trail. Mr. McColl said that the Trails Committee has been working hard to finalize this. He said that the portion that they are hoping to sign soon is the portion from Casey's Crossing to Cross Street and a small portion from Hopping Brook Road to South Street. They will have access from Hopping Brook Park. Mr. Porter asked if they will have to have more police presence. Acting Chief Edison said that when the Town owns the property they will be able to control it. Mr. McColl said that there are no funds left so there will not be any construction. Acting Chief said no motorized vehicles will be permitted on this property. Mr. McColl said they have a small grant from REI to do plantings. Mr. McColl said that there is still environmental testing that needs to be done.

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO SIGN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT AND THE LEASE AGREEMENT FOR THE CSX RAIL TRAIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

#### **SOUTH STREET STOP SIGNS**

Acting Chief Edison was present to talk about stop signs on South Street. Mr. Porter said that they are still going to Milford for truck exclusion. Acting Chief Edison said that Milford has had a lot of complaints from the residents along route 16 from the Holliston town line to Milford. He also said that the Milford Selectmen spoke about dispersing traffic along route 85, route 126 and route 109 as well. Mr. Porter said that he would like to request from Milford their permission for a truck exclusion on South Street. Acting Chief Edison said that South Street is not a safe street for a large 18 wheeler.

The Board has agreed that they will ask permission of the State for a truck exclusion on South Street. The Board will send in documentation and photos. Acting Chief Edison said that they have been policing the street and have written up several speeding citations. Acting Chief Edison said that if they had sidewalks on South Street and crosswalks, people would pay attention to them. He said that they would drive slower. There was some discussion about stop sign and if they are legal to have on South Street. Mr. McColl said that he would like to see a crosswalk at Kampersal field and stop signs

around the Fisher Street area. Mr. Porter said that they may put up a sign that says stop ahead and one that says crosswalk ahead.

Comments from the audience: Michael Alves, Holliston Trucking, Washington Street said that they use South Street all the time. He said that you want to put a stop sign at Fisher Street. He said it is a dead-end street. He said that this ridiculous. Why don't we conform to the laws and open up that road for truck traffic as it should be. Put sidewalks in. Spend a little money do it right. You will have your public safety, no one will get hurt and the trucks will safely go up and down that road. He said that if Acting Chief Edison wants to control the speed on that road, that is great. Mr. Alves said that everything that he has heard about the stop signs and the crosswalks is not right. He said that you are trying to take over with restriction signs, why? He said that he has been using that road since the early the early 70's now with people moving in, they do not want trucks going up and down the street. Mr. Alves said that he objects to the whole thing of putting a truck exclusion on South Street. Mr. McColl said that South Street was not always a paved road. David Wolfson, 293 South Street, said that he is in favor of the stop signs to try and keep the trucks off of it. He said that it will at least slow them down. A resident said that he has had wires taken off his house from a truck that was too tall. Another resident said that two trucks can't pass each other because the road is not wide enough. Another resident said that there should be a height restriction on trucks that go down South Street or the wires need to be up higher. She also said that she is afraid to get her mail from the mailbox because of the trucks that go down the road. Mr. Marsden agrees that we will need to put in stop signs. Mr. McColl asked Mr. Porter why don't you want to put a stop sign at Rockland Street and South Street? Mr. Porter said that he would like to go up to South Street with Mr. Smith, the Highway Superintendent. Mr. McColl said that this will be phase one of this project. Mr. Porter said that he is open to ideas.

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC RULES AND ORDERS FOR A STOP SIGN AT FISHER STREET AND BOTH SIDES OF SOUTH STREET AT FISHER STREET WITH A CROSSWALK AT KAMPERSAL FIELD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Le Beau said that he will place the legal ad in the paper by the end of the week. He said that there is a three business day requirement. Mr. Porter said that in the meantime they will go up to look at South Street.

**AT 8:25 P.M., MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Porter thanked the Cub Scouts that were in attendance for the evening meeting.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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