

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 13, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Holliston Town Hall
703 Washington Street – Room 105

Present; Jay Leary, Chairman; Kevin Conley, Vice Chairman; Jay Marsden, Clerk and Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator.

AT 6:30 P.M. MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PROPERTY ACQUISITION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

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MR. LEARY	X	
MR. CONLEY	X	
MR. MARSDEN.	X	

MR. LEARY SAID THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST ABOUT ONE HOUR.

AT 7:32 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO OPEN SESSION.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

16-54	GENERAL WARRANT	\$503,391.82
	CAPITAL PROJECTS (3900)	\$ 534.60
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 1,000.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 3,319.71
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$508,246.13

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

17-02	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 62,088.90
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$ 36,648.00
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) PLACENTINO	\$ 1,744.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,411.55
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$115,979.58
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$216,460.48

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 30,518.09
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 18,922.21
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leary said that Holliston is participating in America in Bloom. He said that Holliston in Bloom is looking for a town-wide cleanup before the judges arrive. Mr. Leary said that there will be a reception for the judges at the Historical Society on July 21, 2016, starting at 6:00 p.m. and the entire town is invited.

There were no comments from the audience

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that on July 19, 2016, the Planning Board will be hosting a discussion about Central Street and Blair Square improvements. He said that the Planning Board received a grant to study this area.

Mr. Ritter said that the Board is scheduled to meet with the Collins Center to talk about the Capital Improvement Plan. This will take place next week. He said that they will be receiving an up-dated report on how they have moved forward. Mr. Ritter said that the closing date to look for a new Conservation Agent closed on July 1, 2016. He said that we received 14 resumes. He said that the Commission is going through all the applications and then they will set-up interviews. He said that by July 25, 2016, the Selectmen will have the chance to interview the candidates.

Mr. Ritter said that the Economic Development Committee has been working hard over the past few weeks. He said that they have created a new logo (Holliston Economic Development). He said that will be their brand. He said that they will have this put on letter head paper. He said that there is a design for the Town website. He said that they have created a video about Holliston. He said that HCAT will produce it. He said that this will be out for the public to see the first week of September. Mr. Ritter said that he would like to have a reception at Pinecrest Golf Course to unveil the website and the video. Mr. Ritter also had an up-date on the Green Community Program. He said that the Fire Station was approved for \$3,600. He said the estimated savings at Central Station is about \$2,061.

Mr. Ritter said the Police Station is next, then the Town Hall. He said that the estimated time of completion would be the end of September. Mr. Ritter said that we will be having a driving simulator in Town. He said this was provided to us by our insurance carrier MIIA. He said that the simulator is intended to help with the skills of the Town staff. He said that the Police, Fire, Ambulance and the DPW will benefit from this. He said that the simulator will be at the Central Street Fire Station the week of July 18, 2016.

Mr. Ritter said that the work on the Senior Center parking lot has started. He said that Verizon is going to be moving three poles, and they should be returning tomorrow July 14th to take care of this. He said today they graded the lot and they are leveling it. Mr. Ritter said that this project will cost \$185,000. He said that we are halfway there. He said that paving will start the week of July 18th, 2016. He said that we are on schedule and on budget.

Mr. Leary asked about the MIIA driving simulator, he asked if all the Department Heads have been notified? Mr. Ritter said yes. He said that they have different simulators for different drivers.

Mr. Leary said that we had a change order on the Senior Center parking lot. He asked if it ready to be signed off on yet? Mr. Ritter said not yet. He said that he would like the engineer to look at the change

order first. Mr. Leary said that the change order is a retaining wall in the parking lot. Mr. Ritter said that the bid came in at \$2,500.

CHIEF CASSIDY – HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN

Chief Cassidy was present. He said that he would like to Board to adopt the current Hazardous Mitigation Plan. He said that this is a multiyear project. He said that he has presented this to the Board twice before. He said that the project team involved Tom Smith, Highway Superintendent; Karen Sherman, Town Planner; Paul Le Beau, Former Town Administrator; the advisors from MAPC and himself. He said that their plan was submitted to the state for review. He said that there was some recommended edits and they have made those modifications. He said that it was sent on to FEMA for their review and approval. He said that our current status is approved pending adoption. Chief Cassidy said that in order to continue, the Board needs to adopt the Hazardous Mitigation Plan. He said that if the Board adopts this, there will be the option to apply for grants.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADOPT THE HAZARDOUS MITIGATION PLAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

BOARD BUSINESS – APPOINTMENT YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES

Mr. Conley moved to except the resignation from Robert Naughton from the Youth and Family Services Advisory Committee.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT KATHRYN CUMMING TO THE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MIIA MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT

Mr. Ritter said that this is an annual agreement with the Town and MIIA our insurance company.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO SIGN THE MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH MIIA FOR OUR CONTINUED INSURANCE COVERAGE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

BID REVIEW – GASOLINE STORAGE AND ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE GASOLINE STORAGE BID FOR MECO IN THE AMOUNT OF \$219,590. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

FLAGG ASBESTOS

Mr. Ritter said that we went out to bid for the removal of the asbestos at the Flagg Building. He said that at next week's meeting, the Board will have a report from the Environmental Consultant. Mr. Ritter said that we received two bids, one was \$688,000 and the other was \$398,000. Mr. Ritter said that the Environmental Consultant will give the Board a briefing.

EVENT PERMIT – LIONS CLUB CARNIVAL

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR THE LIONS CLUB CARNIVAL ON JULY 27, 2016 THROUGH JULY 30, 2016 AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED. (Mr. Conley is a Lions Club member).

CHAMBERLAIN STREET RESIDENTS

Mr. Leary said that the residents of Chamberlain Street are attending this meeting to talk about the striping of the road.

Peter Hendrickson, 220 Chamberlain Street, said that he has lived in Holliston for 17 years. He said that his wife grew up in Holliston. He said that when he woke up and to his amazement, he saw a double yellow line down the middle of the road. He said that after talking to some of the neighbors they decided to start a petition about the double yellow line. He said that the street does not need it. Mr. Hendrickson said that he will refer to the double line as a "highway line". He said that for the past 50 years, these lines were not there. He said that they are looking to have the lines removed. He said that they have 56 signatures.

A resident gave a power point presentation. He said that the residents want the lines removed. He said that if that can't happen what other options do they have?

Mr. Leary said that the lines are there because it is warranted.

Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain Street, said that this meeting will go better if the Board explains why a yellow double line was put on Chamberlain Street.

Mr. Leary said that it was done for safety purposes. He said it is for delineating where the roadway is. He said that it is a very curvy road. He said that people cut corners when they go around them.

Mr. Leary said that in your presentation, you say that it is not a busy road. Mr. Leary said that there was a roll over in March. Mr. Leary said that the lines were put in for safety.

The resident continued with the power point presentation. He said that if you are coming from Prentice Street, there are fog lines and double yellow when you take the left onto Chamberlain Street. He said that he sent an e-mail to the Highway Department and has not heard back from them, but the Office Manager was very helpful. He said that a double yellow line makes you want to drive faster. He said that if you are walking in the street cars are not crossing the lines to go around you, they are getting closer to them as they are walking, because they are focused on the yellow line. He said that he has been researching about the double lines. He said that his house is his most valuable asset and his home has increased in value. He said that his concern is a double line is a red flag. It means it is a busy street. He said that if his house were for sale, he would not buy it because of the double yellow line. He said that a sidewalk would be great. But, he does not want to see fog lines added.

Mr. Conley said that Gorwin Drive and Chamberlain Street would be a great place for a four way stop sign.

Someone said that there is a two way stop there now.

Peter Hendrickson, said that the reason that there is not a four way stop is because of the hill you would keep sliding back in the winter.

Mr. Conley said that he thought that the double yellow line would slow drivers down especially at night.

Mr. Conley said that Bullard Lane was paved a few years ago and all he heard was that the road had become a speed way.

Mr. Conley asked if they painted the lines black, would that be a good thing for the residents?

The residents said yes.

James Faletra, 273 Chamberlain Street, said that there has to at least twenty kids all under the age of twelve that live on Chamberlain Street. He said that there is about twenty kids at the bus stop at 8:30

a.m. and that is a lot kids running around waiting for the bus. He said that the kids have been playing in some one's backyard.

Harvey Hayett, 240 Chamberlain Street, said that there is a stop sign on Gorwin Drive, but you can't see it until you are on top of it. He said that there was a young woman walking a baby carriage with a toddler holding on and she was stuck between the wooded area the brush was too thick and there was car driving very fast down the street. He said that there was not a place for her to get out of the way. Mr. Leary said that we received a complaint about Hanlon Road and cars driving too fast, so the Police did 112 speed checks. He said that one person was cited for driving too fast. He said that the average speed was 27 miles per hour. Mr. Leary said that they can ask the Police to enforcement in the area of Chamberlain Street. Mr. Leary said that he is not in favor of blacking out the lines. He said that they will fade. Mr. Leary said the Highway Department told him that the paint is a water base paint and in about one year to one and a half years it will have started to fade. Mr. Leary said that the cost of adding a sidewalk is off the charts. He said that it would be too expensive. He said that they could have the word STOP painted on the street by Gorwin Drive so you would see that there is a stop ahead.

Mr. Dickerson, 388 Chamberlain Street, said that not many houses have sold since the yellow double lines went in.

Mr. Leary suggested that the police do a study of the area on speed.

A resident asked the Board since the double yellow lines are a water based paint, could they be power washed away?

Mr. Leary said that he is not sure how easy that would be.

Mr. Leary said that this road was re-done with Chapter 90 funds from the State. He said that we re-did seven miles of roadway.

Mikala Derubeis, 407 Chamberlain Street, said that she has lived on Chamberlain Street for nine years and she would not have purchased a house there if there were a double yellow lines going down the street. She said that when she was looking for a neighborhood, not a thruway. She said that there is traffic at times. She said that the lines are doing the opposite of what they were installed for. She said that her friend Kathy Chisolm is a realtor and her opinion is that the lines have lowered the value of their property on Chamberlain Street. Ms. Derubeis said that if there was a meeting before hand to discuss the striping of the road they would be at this meeting tonight?

Mr. Leary said that we never have a hearing about striping roads. He said that they put a lot of stock in the professionals that do this for a living.

Ms. Derubeis said that it is a big deal to the residents of Chamberlain Street, they do not want the double yellow lines.

A resident said that you Mr. Leary said that you do not mind the double yellow line but you do not live on Chamberlain Street and the residents of Chamberlain Street do not want the double yellow lines. She suggested that they black out the double yellow lines.

Mr. Leary said that he thinks that it will make the roadway look worse.

She asked if Mr. Leary was the only Selectmen to vote on the decision of removing the double yellow line?

Mr. Leary said that the Board votes, not just him.

Mr. Faletra, 273 Chamberlain Street, asked if Mr. Leary represented the people as a Selectmen?

Mr. Leary said yes.

Mr. Faletra said that he gets the feeling the Mr. Leary is fighting with the residents of Chamberlain Street. Mr. Faletra said that he spoke with Mr. Conley on the phone and he was very helpful.

Mr. Faletra said that Mr. Conley suggested that a petition get started about the double yellow lines.

Mr. Falstra told Mr. Leary that he did not think that Mr. Leary should be adding his personal opinion.

Mr. Faletra said that he takes that back, he said that yes you can give your opinion, but you should be working with the residents not fighting them.

Mr. Faletra said that when he talked to Mr. Conley, he was trying to work with him.

Mr. Faletra said that when this resident was talking and asking a question, you Mr. Leary were reading something and not giving your attention to her. He said that is disrespectful.

Mr. Faletra asked Mr. Leary if he was going to work with the residents of Chamberlain Street or are you going to be fighting them?

Mr. Leary said that in your opinion, he is not working with them. He said that he stated personally he does not have a problem with the double yellow lines. He said that he sees it as a safety issue. He said that safety is more important. Mr. Leary said that you presented data and with all due respect is not substantiated with anything concrete. Mr. Leary said that he offered to get the police Department to do some factual data. He said that a radar study would be helpful.

A resident said that he parks his car in the street to slow the cars down.

Mr. Conley said to paint the double yellow line black.

Mr. Marsden said that in the power point presentation, they said that the double yellow line could cause cars to go faster or slower. Mr. Marsden said that is some ways that would be a wash.

Mr. Marsden said that the double yellow lines are used to delineate traffic. He said that it is not permissible to remove the parking markings or paint over existing lines with black paint instead of removal. Mr. Marsden said that they can't just paint over the lines. Mr. Marsden said that he got this information from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) section 3 B01. He said this section addressed this issue.

Mr. Marsden said that the double yellow line will fade, and he can see from the residents that they do not want the road re-striped when that happens.

Another resident asked if any radar was done on Chamberlain Street before the striping was done?

Mr. Leary said no.

Another resident said that the double yellow line gives you the perception that it is a main road. She said that this will not help the safety issue.

Erick Nall, 143 Chamberlain Street, said that you said the double yellow lines were put down for safety.

Mr. Leary said that this yellow double yellow line may help the snow plow driver this winter.

Another resident said that the residents on this side of the table do not like the double yellow line. He said that the Town spent money to put the line down, without a radar check on the street. He said that there is no back-up to confirm that a double yellow line was needed.

Mr. Leary said that it is for safety.

The resident said that it was not a safety issue for the past twenty years. So why is it a safety issue now?

Mr. Leary said that this was not a data driven decision. He said that new roadways usually get striped.

He said that the new roadway is very long, he said that all the other work that was done on the road was in bits and pieces.

Mr. Marsden said a section of the Highway Administration Manual said that the center line shall be used when they want to delineate a traffic lane.

A resident said that the speed limit on Chamberlain Street is 30 MPH. He said that cars are going faster than that.

Mr. Leary said that it will take one year to one and half years for the double yellow lines to fade, and they will not repaint them if the residents do not want them to.

Another resident said that they do not want the lines painted over, they want them removed. He said that it could be grinded out.

The resident said that the residents of Chamberlain Street want the double yellow lines removed. He said that it would be up to the Board to find a way how to do it.

Mr. Leary said that the road width is between 24 and 27 feet. He said that there is at least 12 feet on either side of the double yellow line. Mr. Leary said that when you narrow a road you make it 10 feet.

Mr. Leary said that they did not narrow the road. It may look it but the road is at least 24 feet wide.

The resident said that he sees drivers come closer to the curb. He said that he walks on Chamberlain Street and also rides his bike and the cars are getting closer. He said that because of the double yellow line, it is changing the way drivers are driving on Chamberlain Street.

Mr. Leary said that for the safety issues the road was done appropriately. He said that he did not see a need to remediate the lines.

Mr. Marsden said that they have some homework to do on this. He said that he would like more information on this. Mr. Marsden said that the Board will do their homework and then schedule another meeting about this.

The resident asked how long before the next meeting? He said that there could be more residents interested in petitioning the Town over the lines.

Mr. Ritter said that he would put this on next week's or the following week's agenda.

Mr. Marsden said that vacation time may stop residents from attending the meeting.

Another resident said that their house values would be going down with the double yellow line. He said that it changes the character of the neighborhood. He said that they have 56 signatures about removing the lines, he said that they can get more if the Board would like. He said that it shows that the neighbors are concerned.

Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain Street, he said that he has been a resident for 43 years, he said that he has a concern about the decision making process. He said that the double yellow lines are excessive. He said that for the past 40 to 50 years the road has not had any lines. He said that the lines were put down in the middle of the night. He said that all they had to do was send out an email so all the residents would know what is going on. He said that they would have had feedback before the decision was made to put the lines down. Mr. Tyler said that they do not have to line every road, it would depend on the history of the road. Mr. Tyler said that the neighbors should have been considered.

Mr. Conley said that this is a learning process for everyone.

Mr. Leary said that they would bring this up again on the July 27, 2016, meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING
POSTPONED**

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO POSTPONE EXECUTIVE SESSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

AT 9:50 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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