

## Town of Holliston Finance Committee

### Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

The meeting convened at 7:00pm in Room 105 at Holliston Town Hall. In attendance: Chairperson Ken Szajda, Vice Chairperson Michelle Zeamer, Clerk Benjamin Sparrell, Vincent Murphy, Suzanne Nersessian, Dan Alfred and Tim Maxwell.

Robert Weidknecht and Ken Henderson of the Rail Trail Committee presented a capital request for \$5,100. for equipment for the maintenance of the trail, including a utility cart, a weed whacker, a shed, a leaf blower, goggles and support and repair. Discussion included tool storage at DPW, whether purchasing regulations applied and that repair is not a capital expense. Mr. Alfred suggested that the Town develop a sustainable plan for trail maintenance. Mr. Weidknecht said that the Rail Trail Committee hoped to save the Town money by using volunteers. Mr. Szajda suggested that the request be appropriated by putting \$4,100 in Capital request and \$1,000 in the DPW line item budget adjustment in Article 1. (See action below.)

Mr. Szajda made a motion to reconsider Article 9 to make an adjustment to the appropriation of funds for the water main construction costs for Cedar St. area to \$350,000 from the Water Enterprise Fund and \$1.35mil from the Water Infrastructure Fund. Ms. Nersessian seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

The vote for action on Article 14 requesting \$15,000. for bid specification engineering for the library roof was postponed until next meeting.

Mr. Szajda made a motion for favorable action on Article 15 to appropriate \$5,100. for tools for maintenance of the Rail Trail. Ms. Nersessian seconded and the motion passed with a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Zeamer made a motion to recommend unfavorable action on Article 18 to authorize the Town to petition the State Legislature on behalf of the Winehouse, Inc. for an additional off premise license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. Ms. Nersessian seconded the motion and it was passed by a vote of 7-0.

A vote on Article 19 to provide curbside refuse and recycling pickup to condominiums was postponed awaiting legal opinion from Town Counsel regarding issues including easements for the Town, whether question is within the purview of Town Meeting and services for private vs. public way.

On the Article 20 petition for the acceptance as public way portions of Mohawk Path and Governor Prentice Way, Indian Circle, and Mayflower Landing, there was a discussion regarding the Town's working with Fafard Development to define what is needed to be accepted as a public way and further that the Article bypasses the process for establishing a public way. Mr. Szajda made a motion to recommend unfavorable action on Article 20. Mr. Alfred seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

Ms. Nersessian made a motion that the Finance Committee recommend favorable action on Article 16 for a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments. Ms. Zeamer seconded and the motion was passed by a vote of 6-1, with Mr. Alfred opposed.

Mr. Alfred made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Nersessian, the motion was passed by a vote of 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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