

TOWN OF HOLLISTON
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 7, 2012

The Annual Holliston Town Meeting commencing on May 9, 2012 was held at the High School Auditorium and was brought to order by Moderator, Kevin Clancy at 7:33 PM, with a quorum of 190 and growing.

Prior to the start of regular business, the Moderator read the warrant and went over the preliminary rules for Town Meeting then read the following Motion as required by the Town By-Laws.

Before the articles were discussed, Ericka Plunkett took a few minutes to recognize School Committee Member Tom Jones, for all his years of hard work and dedication to the School Committee. He is not seeking re-election this year.

Jay Marsden, Chairperson of the Board of Selectmen, mentioned that there are many openings on Town Boards and Committees, if anyone was interested in volunteering. Also due to the construction on the exterior of Town Hall, Summer Hours will take effect immediately.

PRIOR TO ARTICLE 1

MOTION: Moved that the following non-resident and non-voting Town Officials, consultants to committees and petitioners be allowed to speak during the course of this Annual Town Meeting:

Ann McCobb	Health Director/Agent
Leslie McDonnell	Library Director
Mary Bousquet	Treasurer/Collector
David Nalchajian	Town Accountant
Kathryn Peirce	Principal Assessor
Peter Tartakoff	Building Inspector
Brad Jackson	Superintendent of Schools
Sara Ahern	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Tom Smith	Highway Superintendent
Karen Sherman	Town Planner
James Lynch	Superintendent, Keefe Technical School
John Moore	Police Chief
Brenda Farrell	Housing Authority Director
Cheryl Rudolph	Animal Control Officer
Ronald Sharpin	Water Superintendent
Charles Corman	Technology Director
Charles Katuska	Conservation AgenCounsel)
Joseph Antonellis	Town's Legal Council

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Our By-laws require that the Town Meeting vote to allow non-residents and non-voters to address the Town Meeting

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen.

MOTION: Moved that the Annual Report of the Town for the 12 month period ending June 30, 2011 be accepted.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 1 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 2. To hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee.

MOTION: Moved that the Annual Report of the Finance Committee be received and laid on the table and that motions offered in the report be accepted as motions before this meeting as the articles and the budget are taken up.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St. and Chairperson of the Finance Committee, gave a presentation updating Town Meeting on the finances of the town. Bill Dowd, 95 Shaw Farm Rd., made a presentation to reform Chapter 32B, regarding Health Insurance premiums paid by the Municipality.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 2 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, to sell property acquired through foreclosure of tax titles by the Town and other real estate, after first giving notice of the time and place of the sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient place in the Town, by publishing such notice of such sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town and by posting such notice on a Holliston Cable Access Television (HCAT) bulletin board and on the Town's website at least fourteen (14) days before the sale. The Treasurer shall also give notice of such sale to the Executive Director of the Holliston Housing Authority and the Chair of the Holliston Housing Committee *and the Chair of the Holliston Housing Trust* or its subsequent equivalent by first class letter at least forty-five (45) days before the sale. The Treasurer may hold a public auction and may reject any bid which s/he deems inadequate, and any such advertisement, notice or indication that real property is to be offered for sale by the Town of Holliston, or any department, commission, or

other subdivision of the Town shall include the following statement: "Buyers should be aware that the Town of Holliston does not guarantee this property to be in conformity with existing zoning bylaws."

Whenever the proceeds of the sale or other disposal of real estate, other than that acquired through tax title foreclosure, by the Town of Holliston exceed five hundred dollars, the same shall be applied to the payment of indebtedness incurred in acquiring such real estate or shall be added to the sinking fund, if any, from which said indebtedness is payable, or if no such indebtedness is outstanding will be applied to the Town's Capital Expenditure Fund as established by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1993. The proceeds of a sale in excess of five hundred dollars of any park land by the Town shall be used only by the Town for acquisition of land for park purposes or for capital improvements to park land; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that this Article be approved as presented in the Warrant

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain St., made a motion to amend the article to include the words *and the Chair of the Holliston Housing Trust*, inserted after Holliston Housing Committee. The Amendment was seconded and unanimously voted in favor of.

VOTE: Passed by majority voice vote to accept Article 3 as stated in the motion, and amended above in italics.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 29, Job Classification Plan, by reflecting those revisions, deletions and/or additions to be effective as of July 1, 2012; or take any action relative thereto. (**Town Administrator**)

SECTION 29, JOB CLASSIFICATION PLAN (Full-time Permanent Positions)

POSITION	GRADE	POSITION	GRADE
Assistant Cataloger, Library	8	Laborer	5
Administrative Aide	2	Librarian, Asst. Director	11
Building Inspector, Assistant	11	Librarian, Children's	10
Clerk, Principal	8	Mechanic	10
Clerk, Assistant	5	Mechanic, Head	13
Clerk, Senior	8	Mechanic, Assistant	8
Crew Chief, Highway	10	Operator, Heavy Equipment	9
Custodian	7	Operator, Equipment	8
Dispatcher, Days	7	Operator, Water Systems	9
Dispatcher, Nights	8	Outreach Coordinator	6
Dispatcher, Head	11	Program Coordinator	6
Foreman, Highway	13	Reference Librarian	9
Foreman, Tree	10	Senior Center Director, Assistant	10
Foreman, Water	11	Town Clerk, Assistant	11
Head of Circulation, Library	8	Treasurer/Collector, Assistant	11

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

MOTION: Moved that this Article be approved as presented in the Warrant.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 30, Job Compensation Plan, to reflect the rates listed below, and the inclusion of any new rates resulting from reevaluation or new or revised positions to be effective as of July 1, 2012; or take any action relative thereto. (**Town Administrator**)

SECTION 30, JOB COMPENSATION PLAN, PART I, SCHEDULE B, HOURLY RATES

GRADE	STEP 1 MAXIMUM	STEP 2	STEP 3	STEP 4	STEP 5	
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14	24.97	26.71	27.83	28.99	30.20	30.87
13	23.56	25.21	26.26	27.35	28.49	29.13
12	22.22	23.77	24.76	25.80	26.87	27.46
11	20.97	22.44	23.37	24.35	25.36	25.91
10	19.76	21.15	22.03	22.95	23.91	24.45
9	18.65	19.96	20.79	21.66	22.56	23.07
8	17.61	18.84	19.62	20.44	21.30	21.75
7	16.61	17.77	18.51	19.28	20.09	20.51
6	15.65	16.75	17.45	18.17	18.93	19.37
5	14.77	15.80	16.46	17.15	17.86	18.27
4	14.06	15.05	15.67	16.33	17.01	17.39
3	13.40	14.34	14.94	15.56	16.21	16.58
2	12.77	13.66	14.23	14.82	15.44	15.79
1	12.15	13.00	13.55	14.11	14.70	15.03

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 30, Job Compensation Plan, by implementing the rates shown in the Article effective July 1, 2012.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Bill Dowd, 95 Shaw Farm Rd., commented that there are certain employees/positions that are not covered by this Job Compensation Plan, and that it is difficult to find out what certain employees salaries are. Paul LeBeau, 147 Karen Cir., stated that there is currently a Compensation Study being done. Ken Szajda commented that all Town Employee Salaries are listed at the back of the Annual Town Report.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 5 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for unpaid bills from prior years; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$11,011.05 for bills from fiscal year 2011.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Voted by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 6 as stated in the Motion..

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing various accounts of the Town's fiscal year 2012 annual budget, previously voted by the Town under Article 15 of the Warrant for the 2011 Annual Town Meeting and under Article 2 of the Warrant for the October 24, 2011 Fall Town Meeting; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to make the following changes in the 2012 Omnibus Budget:

1. appropriate \$51,598 from fiscal year 2012 supplemental state aid to Police Department Account 51000; and
2. appropriate \$20,000 from Water Surplus Water Department Account 54000.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 7 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold a public auction for the purpose of disposing of surplus departmental equipment; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to indefinitely postpone Article 8.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to use and expend sums received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as reimbursements under the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways program for further construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments of approved public ways within the Town; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Highway Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to use and expend sums received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as reimbursements under the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways program for further construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments of approved public ways within the Town.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 9 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E1/2, as amended, to reauthorize the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2013:

1. an ambulance fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for ambulance services and from which account expenditures for labor, materials, supplies and equipment associated with the provision of ambulance services in the Town may be made in an amount not to exceed \$368,702;
2. a Council on Aging fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for the use of the Senior Center and from which account expenditures for Senior Center expenses may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
3. a Composting Kit revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received from the sale of composting kits and from which account expenditures for purchasing composting kits may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;
4. a Response and Recovery fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees and reimbursements for response to natural and man-made emergencies and from which account expenditures for planning, response, recovery and mitigation efforts by Town departments may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;

5. an abutter's list fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for abutter's lists and from which fund expenditures for preparing and issuing abutter's lists, including technologies, may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
6. a Building Inspection revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees received by the Building Inspection department for plumbing, gas and wiring permits and from which account expenditures reasonably related to inspectional services for plumbing, gas and wiring may be made in an amount not to exceed \$50,000;
7. a Town Hall revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees for rental of the Town Hall facility and from which account expenditures reasonably related to maintaining the Town Hall for purposes of rental may be made in an amount not to exceed \$25,000;
8. a Senior Center Van Services revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees, reimbursements and contracted receipts for use of the Senior Center van and transportation program and from which account expenditures reasonably related to maintaining the Senior Center van service and transportation program may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
9. an Agricultural Commission programs revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment for all programs and activities of the Agricultural Commission and from which account expenditures reasonably related to the programs and activities of the Agricultural Commission may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
10. a Sealer of Weights and Measures revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for Sealer of Weights and Measures services and from which account expenditures related to the services of the Sealer of Weights and Measures may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;
11. a fluorescent bulb recycling revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received from recycling fluorescent bulbs and from which account expenditures for recycling fluorescent bulbs may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;
12. a banner revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for banners over Washington Street and from which account expenditures for placing the banners may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
13. an accident fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for motor vehicle accident investigations and from which account expenditures for investigating motor vehicle accidents may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;

14. an inoculation revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for reimbursement for inoculations and from which account expenditures for inoculations may be made in an amount not to exceed \$20,000;

15. a passport revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for processing of passport applications and from which account expenditures for processing of passport applications may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;

16. a cost of prosecution account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for court imposed penalties and from which account expenditures for the costs of prosecution may be made in an amount not to exceed \$30,000;

Provided that expenditures from said accounts shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and expenditures in excess of the amounts stated shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee; or take any action relative thereto.
(Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: Moved that the Town authorize an ambulance fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for ambulance services and from which account expenditures for labor, materials, supplies and equipment associated with the provision of ambulance services in the Town may be made in an amount not to exceed \$368,702;

Provided that expenditures from said accounts shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and expenditures in excess of the amounts stated shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee. **(Board of Selectmen)**

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Liz Theiler, 17 Norland St., asked why we needed \$50,000 in a Building Dept. revolving account. Paul LeBeau, 147 Karen Cir., answered that this fund is made up of permitting fees and that the part time inspectors get paid from this account. Liz Theiler asked if these part time inspectors received benefits. Paul LeBeau answered, no. Pam Zicko, 180 Fiske St., asked if there had been any activity on the Prosecution Account. John Moore, Police Chief, stated that this is a fairly new idea and that he is hoping it will catch on in the future. However he was awarded \$1800 in restitution from a case.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 10 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E1/2 as amended, to authorize the creation of a Senior Center Nutrition revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for nutrition programs at the Senior Center and from which account

expenditures for nutrition programs at the Senior Center may be made with the approval of the Board of Selectmen in an amount not to exceed \$10,000 during fiscal year 2013, except that expenditures from said account in excess of said \$10,000 may be authorized by vote of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee; or take any action relative thereto. (**Council on Aging**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town authorize the revolving account, as described in Article 11, for fiscal year 2013.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 11 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, authorizing the Board of Assessors to grant an increase of twenty percent (20%) to all exemptions from property taxes excluding those granted under clause 18 of section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Assessors**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, authorizing the Board of Assessors to grant an increase of twenty percent (20%) to all exemptions from property taxes excluding those granted under clause 18 of section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Pam Zicko, 180 Fiske St., asked who receives the 20%. Peter Barbieri, 47 Juniper Rd., stated that the money goes back to exemptions, such as elderly and veterans.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 12 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to amend the interest rate per annum from 8% to 6% under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5, clause 41A, which regulates tax deferral for homeowners 65 years or older, pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, thereby amending said clause 41A; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Assessors**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of clause 41A of section 5 of General Laws Chapter 59, as amended by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005,

amending the interest rate per annum from 8% to 6% for tax deferrals for homeowners 65 years or older, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2012.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept Article 13 as stated in the motion

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to institute a fee for curbside rubbish collection and disposal services; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to institute a fee for curbside rubbish collection and disposal services in an amount not to exceed ~~\$155~~ \$140 per user for the period ending June 30, 2013, with waivers for: (1) those households where a property owners is 65 years or older; (2) those households on income assistance; and (3) users that submit evidence that they have engaged a private trash hauler.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Jack Blaise , 25 Mitchell Rd., asked if the fee should be \$140, as stated in the Warrant or \$155 as stated in the Motion. Jay Leary, 146 Karen Cir., answered that it was an error in the Motion and made a motion to Amend the Article to change the amount from \$155 to \$140. The Motion passed unanimously. Jack Blaise asked if the Town could be getting more money by recycling more materials and reduce the trash fee. Paul LeBeau, 147 Karen Cir., explained that we do have a very comprehensive recycling system in place and it is based on a percentage, between cardboard and metals we receive \$6000 to \$7000.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 14 as stated in the amended motion.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the compensation of elected officials, or take any action relative thereto. (**By Petition**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town set the compensation for elected officials as shown below:

Town Clerk	\$56,835 annually
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Those persons holding elected positions not listed here shall receive no compensation of any kind in connection therewith.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Bill Dowd, 95 Shaw Farm Rd., and Petitioner of this Article, made a presentation explaining his reason for the Article. Mark Schultz, 21 Wedgewood Dr., spoke against this Article stating that elected and appointed officials give many hours of their time and professional services to the Town. Doug Foss, 1225 Washington St., said that as a taxpayer he is watching where every dollar goes and looking for ways to cut back spending. Jarad Adams, 3 Peter St., has been volunteering on different boards and committees for 29 years and feels that all members of boards and committees work very hard for nothing, and being on the Board of Water Commissioners is the first stipend he has ever received that a mere \$30 to \$40 annual stipend is just a nice Thank You. Liz Theiler, 17 Norland St., agrees that we are talking about a democracy, she compared surrounding town's benefits and stipends to Holliston. Peter Barbieri, 47 Juniper Rd., and member of the Board of Assessors, said that his Board receives \$7,500 combined stipend, and with the time the board takes off from their regular jobs for education and time working on the board and the free legal services, the Town saves more than the \$7,500 in stipends. Mr. Barbieri agreed that Town Meeting should come back in the Fall and vote to remove the Health Care benefit from elected officials. Mary Greendale, 57 Roy Ave., made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone Article 15, which was seconded and passed by majority voice call vote.

VOTE: Indefinitely postponed by majority voice call vote.

ARTICLE 16. To see what money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to meet expenses and outlays to Town departments, salaries of Town Officers, sundry and miscellaneous but regular expenditures, for a Reserve Fund, Conservation Fund, Stabilization Fund, and to appoint trustees or caretakers or authorize the Selectmen to appoint caretakers of the cemeteries of the Town not otherwise provided for, for the ensuing year; or take any action relative thereto. (**Omnibus Budget**)

MOTION: The Finance Committee recommends favorable action on the amounts appearing in the recommended column of the Omnibus Budget.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: The Moderator read the omnibus line by line and each budget was seconded, discussed if needed and voted on:

Board of Selectmen 01122	
51000 Personnel Services	\$177,567
52000 Purchased Services	45,100
54000 Supplies & Materials	1,650
57000 Other Expenses	177,750
TOTAL	\$402,067
Finance Committee 01131	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 1,472

52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	50
TOTAL	\$ 1,522

Town Accountant 01134	
51000 Personnel Services	75,608
52000 Purchased Services	3,250
54000 Supplies & Materials	350
TOTAL	\$79,208

Board of Assessors 01137	
51000 Personnel Services	\$171,721
52000 Purchased Services	9,541
54000 Supplies & Materials	700
TOTAL	\$181,962

Treasurer/Collector 01138	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 244,603
52000 Purchased Services	42,200
54000 Supplies & Materials	4,200
TOTAL	\$ 291,003

Other Financial Administration 01149	
57810 Reserve for Transfers	\$ 212,675
TOTAL	\$212,675

Technology 01154	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 78,709
52000 Purchased Services	5,512
54000 Supplies & Materials	300
58000 Capital	7,157
TOTAL	\$ 91,678

Town Clerk 01161	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 111,774
52000 Purchased Services	7,464
54000 Supplies & Materials	2,540
TOTAL	\$ 121,778

Elections 01162	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 13,444
52000 Purchased Services	3,107
54000 Supplies & Materials	9,507
TOTAL	\$ 26,058

Conservation Commission 01171	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 39,124
52000 Purchased Services	3,514
54000 Supplies & Materials	523
TOTAL	\$ 43,161

Planning Board 01172	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 65,464
52000 Purchased Services	5,000
54000 Supplies & Materials	570
TOTAL	\$ 71,034

Zoning Board of Appeals 01173	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 10,229
52000 Purchased Services	200
54000 Supplies & Materials	150

TOTAL **\$ 10,579**

Public Buildings 01192

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services	173,692
53000 Repair & Maintenance	37,000
54000 Supplies & Materials	1,000
TOTAL	\$ 211,692

Employee Benefits 01194

51750 Insurance	\$4,422,113
51780 Benefits	1,718,323
TOTAL	\$6,140,436

Police Department 01210

51000 Personnel Services	\$2,162,540
52000 Purchased Services	97,555
53000 Repairs & Maintenance	21,763
54000 Supplies & Materials	9,440
588000 Capital	3,500
TOTAL	\$2,294,798

Auxiliary Police 01211

52000 Purchased Services	\$ 5,203
54000 Supplies & Materials	7,071
57000 Other Expenses	190
TOTAL	\$ 12,464

Fire Department 01220

51000 Personnel Services	\$558,822
52000 Purchased Services	47,375
53000 Repair & Maintenance	16,500
54000 Supplies & Materials	12,250
58000 Capital	10,000
TOTAL	\$ 644,947

Building Inspection 01251

51000 Personnel Services	\$120,935
52000 Purchased Services	4,250
53000 Repair & Maintenance	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	800
TOTAL	\$125,985

Sealer of Weights & Measures 01254

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 1,000
52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	0
TOTAL	\$ 1,000

Emergency Management 01291

52000 Purchased Services	\$ 10,000
54000 Supplies & Materials	64
57000 Other Expense	300
TOTAL	\$ 10,364

Animal Control 01292

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services	38,359
54000 Supplies & Materials	0
TOTAL	\$38,359

Schools 01300

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 22,310,017
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52000 Purchased Services	2,141,042
53000 Repair & Maintenance	1,033,435
54000 Supplies & Materials	490,449
55000 Fuels	102,335
56000 Intergovernmental	1,923,523
57000 Other Expenses	357,433
58000 Capital Outlay	141,766
TOTAL	\$ 28,500,000

Keefe Technical School: **01371**

57000 Intergovernmental	\$554,869
TOTAL	\$554,869

Highway Department **01420**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 692,675
52000 Purchased Services	68,474
53000 Repair & Maintenance	22,495
54000 Supplies & Materials	65,953
58000 Capital	346,973
TOTAL	\$1,196,570

Snow & Ice Removal **01423**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 50,000
52000 Purchased Services	106,215
54000 Supplies & Materials	93,785
TOTAL	\$ 250,000

Street Lighting **01424**

52120 Street Lighting	\$ 66,990
TOTAL	\$ 66,990

Solid Waste **01433**

52120 Solid Waste	\$ 1,051,679
TOTAL	\$ 1,051,679

Wastewater Treatment **01440**

52000 Purchased Services	\$ 66,235
53000 Repair & Maintenance	1,500
TOTAL	\$ 67,735

Other Public Works **01499**

54000 Motor Vehicle Fuels	\$ 142,100
TOTAL	\$ 142,100

Board of Health **01512**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 110,741
52000 Purchased Services	11,580
54000 Supplies & Materials	600
TOTAL	\$ 122,921

Council on Aging **01541**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 117,091
52000 Purchased Services	37,980
53000 Repair & Maintenance	3,900
54000 Supplies & Materials	8,800
TOTAL	\$ 167,771

Youth Services **01542**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 105,831
52000 Purchased Services	2,848
54000 Supplies & Materials	300
57000 Other Expenses	0
TOTAL	\$ 108,979

Veterans' Services: 01543	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	0
56000 Intergovernmental	20,783
57000 Benefits	15,000
TOTAL	\$ 35,783

Library 01610	
51000 Personnel Services	\$281,485
52000 Purchased Services	72,428
53000 Repair & Maintenance	9,266
54000 Supplies & Materials	72,986
TOTAL	\$436,165

Park Commission 01650	
51000 Personnel Services	\$89,913
TOTAL	\$89,913

Debt Service 01710	
52000 Purchased Services	\$ 3,169
57600 Debt Service	\$5,702,356
TOTAL	\$5,705,525

Ambulance 26231	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 259,873
52000 Purchased Services	94,025
53000 Repair & Maintenance	8,825
54000 Supplies & Materials	18,400
58000 Capital	2,100
TOTAL	\$383,223

Water Department 60150	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 745,713
52000 Purchased Services	377,550
53000 Repair & Maintenance	75,000
54000 Supplies & Materials	226,850
56000 Intergovernmental	3,600
57000 Debt Service	1,105,177
58000 Capital	2,500
TOTAL	\$2,536,390

DISCUSSION: Employee Benefits Account: Doug Foss, 1225 Washington St, asked the Finance Committee if the half million dollars put into the Stabilization Fund for retiree's benefits, do we still have unfunded liabilities with this package. Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., explained that this is a pay-as-you-go package and it includes retirees for this year and future retirees are still unfunded. But there is some funding for future liabilities and eventually there will be two big pieces to these liabilities. Tom Jerome, 42 Carl Rd., notes a 42% increase in Keefe Tech's budget and wants to know how many children go to that school and how much it costs per student. James Lynch, Superintendent of Keefe Technical Vocational High School, said that there are 31 children each costing about \$12,000. Snow and Ice Removal Budget; Jack Blaise, 24 Mitchell Rd., made a motion to amend the budget to FY 2012 amount of \$200,000. The motion was defeated. At 10:51 PM John Varrell, 928 Washington St., made a motion to reconsider the School

Committee Budget; the original vote had been taken at 10:30 PM. The Motion was debated and defeated.

VOTE: As read each article was voted on and passed by at least majority voice vote to accept the Motions in Article 16 as read.

The second night of the Holliston Annual Town meeting, May 8, 2012 was brought to order by Moderator Kevin Clancy at 7:30 pm with a quorum of 101 and growing.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of capital expenditures, including replacement and new vehicles and equipment, for the School, Police, Fire, Highway and Water departments and Town Hall, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or sell used equipment toward part of the purchase price; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town appropriate \$236,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for extraordinary repairs to the Adams Middle School Gymnasium floor.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept Article 17 as stated in the motion

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2013 community preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year; or take any action relative thereto. **(Community Preservation Committee)**

MOTION: To appropriate \$900 for fiscal 2012 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve for the Holliston Historical Commission for the replacement of Town cemetery signs, each of which will provide an historically accurate description of the cemetery.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain St., wanted to recognize that this is the 10th Anniversary of the Community Preservation Committee, and made a presentation of all the projects funded with the money.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

MOTION: To appropriate \$60,000 for fiscal 2012 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve and \$140,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Budget Reserve for the Holliston Housing Trust for the purchase of land to be donated for a Metro West Greater Worcester Habitat for Humanity housing project in Holliston. The purchase of the land must be completed within two years of the May 2012 Town Meeting.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Jared Adams, 3 Peter St., asked the Finance Committee what their recommendation is, Ken Szajda responded that they are in favor of it.

VOTE: Passed by hand count vote to accept the above motion.
Yes: 93 No: 23

MOTION: To appropriate \$1,200 for fiscal 2013 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust for materials to build four kiosks at entrances at the 109 acre Wenakeening Woods located between Highland Street and Summer Street in Holliston. The construction of the four kiosks must be completed within two years of the May 2012 Town Meeting vote.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain St., explained that the money is for the materials to build the kiosks, which he hopes will be built by an Eagle Scout or a Keefe Tech Project.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

MOTION: To appropriate \$17,000 for fiscal 2013 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for the Holliston Conservation Commission to develop a management plan to preserve, restore and improve the environmental benefits of Lake Winthrop. This plan will identify strategies to manage the non-indigenous invasive vegetation that is affecting the current and future health of the lake and it's viable use. The development of this plan must be completed within two years of the May 2012 Town Meeting vote.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain St., explained that the lake is being overrun with vegetation and organic matter. The lake is home to the rare Eastern Pond Mussel; therefore it is labeled a priority & habitat for rare species. Chuck Katuska, Conservation Agent, said they have a plan to set up a committee to address these issues with community input and have a program in place by 2013.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$486,479 for the Stabilization Fund.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain St., made a motion to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$500,000 for allocation into the OPEB Trust Fund. The Motion was seconded and defeated on a voice call vote.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Expenditure Fund; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$486,000 for the Capital Expenditure Fund.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws of the Commonwealth to provide for a separate Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and a funding schedule for the fund; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from

available funds a sum of money for the purpose of funding the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program in accordance with the provisions of Section 5K of Chapter 59 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$5,000 from fiscal year 2012 supplemental state aid for the purpose of funding the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Program in accordance with the provisions of Section 5K of Chapter 59 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of complying with the Federal Communications Commission mandate requiring all public safety licensees using 25 kHz bandwidth channels to migrate to a 12.5 kHz “narrowband” by January 1, 2013; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000 from fiscal year 2012 supplemental state aid for the purpose of funding the conversion of public safety communications systems to narrowband.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize a payment in lieu of taxes agreement for a portion of the Bullard Farm property; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of securing an easement along the eastern edge of Mohawk Path and Mayflower Landing from Lot 101 of Block 4 on

Assessors' Map 11 to Lot 1 of Block 2 on Assessors' Map 12 for the purpose of installing and maintaining a water main; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$250 from Water Surplus and authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to secure an easement by eminent domain or otherwise for the purpose of installing and maintaining a water main along the eastern edge of Mohawk Path and Mayflower Landing from Lot 101 of Block 4 on Assessors' Map 11 to Lot 1 of Block 2 on Assessors' Map 12.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of completing the modifications to the Joseph M. Finn Water Treatment Facility; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved to amend the previous vote under Article 23 of the Warrant for the 2010 Annual Town Meeting which appropriated and authorized a \$1,500,000 borrowing for preparing DEP replacement well permits, pumping report, and necessary bidding plans and specifications for installing a replacement well adjacent to well #02G, 41 Maple Street; said project to include a 60 foot deep production well, 80 feet of piping to the existing well house, a new well house with chemical feed pump, tanks, electrical service, required recording monitors and all necessary auxiliary infrastructure, so as to also permit the use of such funds for the completion of modifications to the Joseph M. Finn Water Treatment Facility adjacent to Well #4, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Dennis Ferreira, 734 Adams St., made a presentation on this article. A study was done to determine "where we stand" with water pipes. It was determined that most of our pipes need to be replaced. Eco Graphics was hired to do a sonogram test on pipes between hydrants to determine how structurally sound the pipes are without tearing up the roads. He said that the pipes are wearing from the inside out.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of providing the necessary additional funding to complete the installation of a new pumping station and well house at Well #7; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town appropriate \$101,678.67 for the purpose of completing the installation of a new pumping station and well house at Well #7, said \$40,048.43 to come from the following available funds:

1. \$37,755.96 from Article 30 of the Warrant for the 2006 Annual Town Meeting;
2. \$5,998.11 from Article 38 of the Warrant for the 2007 Annual Town Meeting;
3. \$20,844.95 from Article 26 of the Warrant for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting;
4. \$10,000 from Article 27 of the Warrant for the 2008 Annual Town Meeting; and
5. \$27,099.65 from Article 11 of the Warrant for the October 27, 2008 Special Town Meeting.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Jay Leary, 146 Karen Cir., asked what the terms of the lease are and is it renewable. Dennis Ferreira, 734 Adams St., stated that the lease with the Army Corps of Engineers is automatically renewable every 7 years.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain that property shown as Lot 41 of Block 4 on Assessors' Map 8E, located at 17 School Street and known as the Andrews School property; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain that property shown as Lot 41 of Block 4 on Assessors' Map 8E, located at 17 School Street and known as the Andrews School property and appropriate \$10,000 from fiscal year 2012 supplemental state aid for this purpose.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Jay Marsden, 32 Wendy Ln., said the Board of Selectmen has been working with Town Council to locate a title going back 200 years when the land was donated to the Town. There is a case pending in Land Court to locate the actual lot plan as originally donated. The \$10,000 is set aside for any relative if they claim ownership.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 29. To see whether the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Holliston by inserting the following new section 20 of Article XXIV (Miscellaneous):

Section 20 (Public Consumption of Marijuana or Tetrahydrocannabinol). No person shall smoke, ingest, or otherwise use or consume marijuana or tetrahydrocannabinol (as defined in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94C, section 1, as amended) while in or upon any street, sidewalk, public way, footway, passageway, stairs, bridge, park, playground, beach, recreation area, boat landing, public building, schoolhouse, school grounds, cemetery, parking lot, or any area owned by or under the control of the town; or in or upon any bus or other passenger conveyance operated by a common carrier.

This By-law may be enforced through any lawful means in law or in equity including, but not limited to, enforcement by criminal indictment or complaint pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, section 21, as amended, or by noncriminal disposition pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, section 21D, as amended, by the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, or their duly authorized agents, or any police officer. The fine for violation of this By-law shall be \$300.00 for each offense. Any penalty imposed under this By-law shall be in addition to any civil penalty imposed under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 94C, section 32L, as amended (\$100 for a first offense). Said fines shall be issued by way of a Town By-law Citation given in hand or mailed (first class) to the last and usual address of the violator.; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Holliston as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: John Varga, 559 Winter St., wants an explanation from the Police Chief. Police Chief, John Moore, said that when the decriminalization of Marijuana under one (1) ounce passed in 2008, Towns had the option to raise the fines given that it was approved by Town Meeting and the Attorney General. Chief Moore clarified further that this is in addition to the current possession of marijuana fine. The one before Town Meeting is a fine for Public Consumption. Michelle Zeamer, 583 Winter St., noted that there is a fine for smoking tobacco on town property and the laws should be consistent. Bob Norton, 95 Marshall St., asked the Chief why he wants this new fine. Chief Moore hopes the new higher fines will deter people from smoking in public. Walter McClennen, 432 Fiske St., made a motion to indefinitely postpone Article 29, which was defeated.

VOTE: Passed by a hand count vote 98 yes, 49 no.

ARTICLE 30. To see whether the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Holliston by adding the following new section:

Every keeper of a jewelry store, within which the manager and/or owner chooses to receive for resale or consignment any articles of personal property, of any value, shall ~~keep a book, in which shall be written~~ *take a digital photograph of the item and a copy of the person's license for* at the time of every purchase of said articles of personal property. ~~a detailed description thereof, the name, age, and residence of the person from whom, and the day and hour when such purchase by the manager and/or owner was made.~~ Such ~~book photograph and copy of license~~ shall at all times be open to the inspection by the ~~Board of Selectmen, or their designee, or~~ personnel of the Police Department, and every manager and/or owner of said stores or shops shall keep said ~~book~~ *record* in a suitable and conspicuous place in the store or shop, and all articles of merchandise ~~therein~~ *noted in the photograph* shall be associated and connected ~~in a documentary fashion to~~ *with* the person who delivered said personal property to the manager and/or owner. The manager and/or owner shall allow ~~the Board or Selectmen, or their designee, or~~ the personnel of the Police Department to inspect said personal property during store or shop hours or upon any other reasonably and mutually acceptable place and time determined by the manager and/or owner and the inspecting party. Said personal property taken in, or purchased by the manager and/or owner shall not be resold or consigned for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of the taking custody or purchasing by the manager and/or owner; or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Holliston as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Judith Landers, 15 Northway St., proposed to amend the article to not keep a log book, but to take a digital picture with the seller's license.

VOTE: Passed by voice call vote as amended above.

ARTICLE 31. To see whether the Town will vote to amend #9 of ARTICLE III – BOARD OF SELECTMEN of the General By-laws of the Town of Holliston by striking out the last sentence thereof as follows:

#9. LICENSING AUTHORITY. The Board of Selectmen may issue permits and licenses for a variety of purposes as provided by the General Laws and these By-laws and shall act as the licensing authority of the Town except where otherwise provided by law or the zoning By-laws. The Board of Selectmen may license suitable persons to act as pawnbrokers or as dealers in junk, old metals or second-hand articles and may make rules and regulations relative to such businesses and their supervision. ~~The number of Class II Used Car Dealer licenses in effect in the Town at any one time shall not exceed twelve (12);~~

or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Holliston as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Doug Foss, 1225 Washington St., asked why we are doing this. Town Council Bill Mayer, 30 Erin Way, said that we are updating our By-Laws to conform to Massachusetts State Law.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Holliston Zoning By-Laws by amending Section I-A Purpose as follows:

Note: Text in bold and italic is new.

I-A PURPOSE

The purpose of this Zoning By-law is to promote the ***general*** health, safety, convenience, morals and welfare of the inhabitants of Holliston ***under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 40A (the Zoning Act)***; to encourage the most appropriate use of the land; ***to preserve the cultural, historical and agricultural heritage of the community; to conserve the value of land and buildings, including the conservation of natural resources; to provide for appropriate commercial and industrial uses of land to provide for the economic prosperity of the community; to protect water quality and supply; to secure safety from fire, flood and other dangers; to regulate land uses that have an impact on the Town's natural, fiscal and physical capacities; to encourage housing for residents of all income levels; and to provide for other purposes authorized under the Zoning Act.*** For this purpose, the use, construction, repair, alteration, height, area, and location of buildings and structures, and use of premises in the Town of Holliston, are regulated as hereinafter provided.;

or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Holliston as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: * The Moderator read a letter from the Planning Board.

Sandra O'Neil, 110 Bullard St., made a motion to amend the Article by striking, *to provide for the economic prosperity of the community*, the motion was duly seconded. Mary Greendale, 57 Roy Ave, asked the Planning Board what type of measurement would be used to determine "appropriate commercial and industrial uses of land." Jack Donovan, 676 Central St., Chair of the Planning Board, said that Town Council helped

write the language in the by-law. Douglas Hathaway, 705 Adams St., disclosed that he is on the Board of Directors of Bullard Farm. He noted that a recent solar project was denied by the Planning Board based on existing Town By-Laws and State Laws. He is curious as to why this by-law is needed if that project could be turned down with our existing laws. Karen Sherman, Town Planner, stated that this Article is the purpose of the Zoning By-Law not the criteria which decisions are made. John Varrell, 928 Washington St., feels this By-Law is too vague. Ron West, 91 Bullard St., supports this article stating that it determines where in town something like this would be allowed. Marty Lamb, 57 Wingate Rd., is in favor of this article stating that it maintains local control. Dennis Ferriera, 734 Adams St., feels that land owners should be able to do what they want with their land. Geoff Zeamer, 583 Winter St., said the Planning Board's job is to interpret the communities wishes, including making accommodations for abutters. The motion to amend Article 32 passed by voice call vote.

VOTE: Article 32 passed, as amended in the Article above.

107 yes, 10 no



**TOWN OF HOLLISTON
PLANNING BOARD**

703 Washington Street
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May 1, 2012

Kevin Clancy, Town Moderator
c/o Elizabeth Gwendale, Town Clerk
703 Washington Street
Holliston, MA 01746

RE: Articles 32, 33 and 34 – Zoning By-Law Amendments

Dear Mr. Clancy:

With regard to the proposed amendments to Zoning By-Laws, I would respectfully report that the Planning Board held a public hearing as required by MGL, c. 40A, s. 5 on March 19th. Following that public hearing session, a motion was made and duly seconded to recommend support of the proposed articles as amended through discussion. That amended text is what is printed in the Warrant.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, other Board members and myself will be present at Town Meeting.

Sincerely,

Jack Donovan
Chairman

cc Elizabeth Gwendale, Town Clerk

* Letter from Planning Board

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Holliston Zoning By-laws by adding the following text to Section VI-E Special Permit Granting Authority:

Note: Text in bold and italic is new.

VI-E SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTING AUTHORITY (SPGA)

5. Before granting a Special Permit, the SPGA shall consider the proposed use in relation to the site as well as the adjacent uses and structures and shall find that there will be no significant adverse effects to the neighborhood or the town, considering the following criteria:

- a. The degree to which the proposed use complies with the dimensional requirements of the By-law, is in an appropriate location and does not significantly alter the character of the neighborhood; the project is compatible with existing uses and other uses allowed by-right in the district and is designed to be compatible with the character and the scale of neighboring properties.*
- b. To the extent feasible, the proposal has been integrated into the existing terrain and surrounding landscape, minimizing the impacts to the aquifer and/or recharge area, wetlands, steep slopes, and floodplains.*
- c. Adequate and appropriate facilities shall be provided for the proper operation of the proposed use, including screening and provisions for convenient and safe vehicular and pedestrian circulation within the site and in relation to adjacent streets and properties.*
- d. The proposed project shall not create any significant emission of noise, dust, fumes, noxious gases or any other adverse environmental impact including stormwater, erosion and sedimentation.*
- e. There shall be no unreasonable glare from lighting, whether direct or reflected, onto ways, the night sky or onto adjacent properties.;*

or take any action relative thereto. **(Planning Board)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Holliston as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain St., made a motion to amend the Article by changing some of the wording. The motion was seconded and defeated by a voice call vote.

VOTE: Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept the above motion.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-law to provide for the regulation of solar energy systems as a principal use as follows:
Note: Text in bold and italic is new.

1. BY ADDING the following to Section I-E Definitions

Large-scale solar energy system – A roof or ground-mounted solar power generation system which has a rated nameplate capacity of 250 kilowatt or more (i.e. the maximum rated output of electric power production of the solar energy system in Direct Current).

Small-scale solar energy system – A roof or ground-mounted solar power generation system which has a rated nameplate capacity of less than 250 kilowatt (i.e. the maximum rated output of electric power production of the solar energy system in Direct Current) and is not deemed accessory to an individual residential or business use.

2. BY ADDING the following to Section III-A Schedule of Use Regulations:

III-A SCHEDULE OF USE REGULATIONS

District	Ag-Res Dist. A	Ag-Res. Dist. B	Res. Dist.	Village Res. Dist.	Comm. Dist.	Vill. Ctr. Comm. Dist.	Ind. Dist.	Apt. Dist.
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30. Solar Energy Systems

<i>a. Small-scale solar power generation system</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>P</i>	<i>A</i>
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<i>b. Large-scale solar power generation system</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>O</i>	<i>A</i>	<i>O</i>
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P - Permitted Use

A - Use allowed under Special Permit by the Special Permit Granting Authority as provided in Section VI-E hereinafter.

O - Prohibited Use

Note: Small scale solar energy systems intended for non-commercial, single residential or business use are permitted accessory uses per Section V-A.

3. BY AMENDING Section IV-B Schedule of Intensity Regulations as follows:

“For all ground-mounted small- and large-scale solar power generation systems, minimum perimeter setbacks shall be 50 feet from any component to any lot line.”

4. BY ADDING the following to Section VII Site Plan Review (2)(b) “Applicability of Site Plan Review”:

“and v. No new drive-thru facilities *or non-accessory solar energy generation systems* shall be allowed except in conformity with a site plan bearing an endorsement of approval by the Planning Board.”;

or take any action relative thereto. **(Planning Board)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Holliston as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Jack Donovan, Chairman of the Planning Board, made a presentation to explain the Article. Any new Solar Facilities would have a 50ft. set back from the property lines. Mary Greendale, 57 Roy Ave., wants to make sure we don't prohibit farmers from earning revenue with their land to help subsidize their income. Geoff Zeamer, 583 Winter St., said that a farm would be an allowable use. Karen Sherman, Town Planner, said that the Building Inspector would determine principal or accessory use. And that there is a provision in the By-Law that enables an applicant to apply for a “use variance” from the Zoning Board of Appeals. J. Michael Norton, 95 Marshall St., made a motion to amend the Article by changing the Large-scale solar power generation system under Ag-Res. Dist. A from an “O” to an “A”. Town Counsel says the amendment exceeds the scope of the Article and that the amendment is ruled out of order. Mr. Norton then made a motion to indefinitely postpone Article 34. The motion was seconded and defeated by voice call vote.

VOTE: Article 34 passed as stated in the Article.
92 yes 21 no

A motion was made by the Moderator to take up the last Article after 11:00 PM, it passed by a unanimous voice call vote.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Deer Run (Sta. 0+00 to 6+77.43), as shown on the plan entitled “Acceptance Plan of Deer Run, Holliston, MA (Middlesex County)” dated September 20, 2011, prepared by GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc., 19 Exchange Street, Holliston, MA 01746, such way having been laid out as a Town Way by the Board of Selectmen; or take any action relative thereto. **(Planning Board)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town accept Deer Run (Sta. 0+00 to 6+77.43), as shown on the plan entitled “Acceptance Plan of Deer Run, Holliston, MA (Middlesex County)” dated September 20, 2011, prepared by GLM Engineering Consultants, Inc., 19 Exchange Street, Holliston, MA 01746, as a public way.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Article 35 passed by a unanimous voice call vote.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:29 PM.

A True Record, ATTEST:

Elizabeth T. Greendale
Town Clerk