

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 15, 2015
6:00 p.m.

Town Hall – Room 105
703 Washington Street

Present; Jay Marsden, Vice Chairman; Jay Leary, Clerk and Paul Le Beau, Town Administrator. Kevin Conley, Chairman was absent.

AT 6:00 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS STRATEGY WITH RESPECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING WITH THE LABORERS’ COUNCIL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

| | AYE | NAY | ABSENT |
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| MR. MARSDEN | X | | |
| MR. LEARY | X | | |
| MR. CONLEY | | | X |

AT 7:30 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

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| 15-42 | GENERAL WARRANT | \$ 5,574.98 |
| | AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL | \$ 1,208.39 |
| | TOWN PAYROLL | \$94,161.81 |
| | TOTAL PAID WARRANT | \$99,736.79 |

ACCOUNTANT’S NOTE:

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| ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID | \$27,197.45 |
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TREASURER’S NOTE:

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| WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST | \$16,572.61 |
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leary said that the Holliston Garden Club will be planting a tree on April 24, 2015, at the Rail Trail on Cross Street for Arbor Day.

Mr. Marsden thanked Tom Smith and the Highway Department who helped with the installation of the walkway between the Central Street Fire Department and the Exchange Street parking lot. He said that the Highway Department put up a fence and paved the walkway. They also put up the curbing.

Mr. Leary said that there has been a lot in the news about police. Mr. Leary read a memo from Chief Moore. That said Holliston police go out of their way to help people. Chief Moore said that their officers are very professional.

Mr. Le Beau passed along congratulations from Mr. Conley to the Highway Department for doing a great job on the walkway.

There were no comments from the audience.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Tony Lulek was present. He wanted to talk about 34 Rodgers Road. He said that there has been lots of talk about the property. Mr. Lulek said that they would like to save the building on the property. He said that it will be a large task. He said that there are a lot of questions out there. Mr. Lulek said that Mr. Conley asked him to come up with a budget for the property. He said that they have to see if the building is worth saving. He said that there are some structural issues with it. He thinks that a house inspection should be done. Mr. Le Beau said that the Selectmen hold the deed to the property unless another department is granted the deed. Mr. Le Beau said that Town Council has said that any Conservation Restriction should be passed by Town Council for review about the use of the house. Mr. Lulek said that he would like to have the house inspected. Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Tartakoff, the Building Inspector, could look at it. Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Tartakoff could address code issues. Mr. Le Beau asked if Title V inspection was going to be done. Mr. Leary said it could cost about \$600.00 for a Title V inspection and a house inspection. Mr. Leary and Mr. Marsden both agreed to the inspections. Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Tartakoff should look through the house first. Mr. Leary said that we can get an opinion form the Board of Health about the Title V. Mr. Leary said that if he remembers correctly, the Agricultural Commission wanted the property with the house and they were going to maintain the property and house. Mr. Leary asked what has changed. Mr. Lulek said that they are very excited about this property but it is going to be a long term project. They have to make sure that funding is in place before they start anything. He said that Rolf Briggs has been involved and is taking down trees that are dangerous. Mr. Lulek was thinking about having a community garden just like what is behind the golf course as a way to bring in funds.

Mr. Marsden said he remembers asking the Agricultural Commission if they could maintain the property. He remembers the Commission saying that they can. Mr. Lulek said that was before the house was included in the property. Mr. Lulek said that they are not sure who has been in charge of this project. Mr. Lulek said that they would like to run a few classes out of the house. He said other groups as well. Mr. Leary said that if the house is used for classes, then there will be code issues including the septic. Mr. Leary said that the Selectmen are in control of the house and property until they decide to pass it along to another Board. Mr. Leary suggested that Mr. Lulek get in touch with Mr. Tartakoff about the building, and Mr. Moles about the Board of Health issues. Mr. Marsden said to start with these two people than we will see how much more needs to be done. Mr. Lulek asked if they could start with garden plots on the property? He said that they can advertise it. Mr. Lulek said that they started the Community Garden behind the golf course with just a shovel. Mr. Marsden said yes, you can start leasing the plots for gardens. Mr. Leary asked if these gardening lots were away from the house? Mr. Lulek said that they are on the far side of the property.

At 7:45 p.m., Mr. Leary read the hearing notice for STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARING – ROCKY WOODS TRAIL, CONNOLLY WAY AND COURTLAND PINES DRIVE

Chris Nation, 17 College Street Hopkinton, was present. Mr. Marsden said that the Board has received information from all the departments and there are no issues with Rocky Woods Trail. Mr. Le Beau said that the road acceptances are all sponsored by the Planning Board.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE ROCKY WOODS TRAIL AS AN ACCEPTED STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Sean Themeli, 75 Prospect Street, was present. Mr. Marsden said that the Board has received the information from all the departments and there are no issues with Connolly Way.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE CONNOLLY WAS AS AN ACCEPTED STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Robert Girvin, 22 Courtland Pine Drive, was present. Mr. Marsden said that the Board has received the information from all the departments and there are no issues with Courtland Pine Drive.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE COURTLAND PINES DRIVE AS AN ACCEPTED STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

AT 7:55, P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO CLOSE THE STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARINGS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES MARCH 11, 2015 AND MARCH 18, 2015

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 11, 2015 AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2015 AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

APPOINTMENT – ARTS COUNCIL AND OPEN SPACE

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT LESLIE LEE KAUFFMAN TO THE ARTS COUNCIL FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT JOHN BELING TO THE OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

EVENT PERMIT – BRAKING AIDS RIDE

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR BRAKING AIDS RIDE ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – SPECIAL OCCASIONS SERVERS

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PROJECT JUST BECAUSE FOR AN EVENT ON JULY 23, 2015, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M., IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT – DISCUSSION

Mr. Le Beau said that the last thing that needs to be done is approval the final Warrant. The deadline would be April 22, 2015. Mr. Le Beau said that a few articles are incomplete at this time. There was also a discussion about the thought of the Finance Committee going from an elected position to an appointed position.

Mr. Leary suggested that we add a couple of articles for the citizen's petition to allow the Town to be flexible in the way that it handles spousal coverage for people who have passed away. Mr. Leary said that this would cover the concerns that were brought up at the last meeting. Mr. Leary suggested a fallback article to adopt Massachusetts General Law Chapter 32B section 9D ¾. He said that this would allow some flexibility to the Town as far as providing benefits for surviving spouses. Mr. Leary said that we do have a program in place. A surviving spouse can stay in the Town's benefits plan, but they are responsible for 100% of the cost. The Town does not cover any of the costs. Mr. Leary is looking for more flexibility for the Town.

Mr. Marsden said that if we adopt Section 9D ¾ we can never get rid of it. Mr. Leary agreed
Mr. Le Beau said that the Planning Board has asked to add an article to the Warrant. He said that it is for the acceptance of Indian Ridge South.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO OPEN THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADD TWO ARTICLES FOR THE SPECIAL LEGISLATION RELATED TO THE ACCEPTANCE OR NON-ACCEPTANCE OF CHAPTER 32B SECTIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADD TO THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT THE ACCEPTANCE OR NON-ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION 9D 3/4. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADD TO THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT THE ACCEPTANCE OF INDIAN RIDGE SOUTH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TOW IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO CLOSE THE WARRANT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

AT 8:20 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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