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TOWN OF HOLLISTON SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 30, 2017

The Special Town Meeting of October 30, 2017 was held at the High School Auditorium and brought to order by Moderator Jacqueline Dellicker at 7:32 with a quorum of 125

The moderator read the warrant and went over the preliminary rules for Town Meeting and then read the following motion as required by the Town By-Laws.

PRIOR TO ARTICLE 1

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

Scott Moles
Leslie McDonnell
Library Director
Mary Bousquet
Kathryn Peirce
Peter Tartakoff
Brad Jackson

Health Director/Agent
Library Director
Treasurer/Collector
Principal Assessor
Building Inspector
Superintendent of Schools

Peter Botelho
Dan MacLeod
Director of Learning Technology

Sean Reese DPW Director

Tom Smith Highway Superintendent

Karen Sherman

Matt Stone

Dona Walsh

Town Planner

Police Chief

Animal Control Officer

Chris Meo Technology Director
Jeff Ritter Town Administrator
Sharon Emerick Town Accountant

Rochelle Wagner Petitioner, Owner of The Wine House

Jay Talerman Town Counsel

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Our Town 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 see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing various accounts of the Town's

Fiscal Year 2018 annual budget, previously voted by the Town under Article 14 of the Warrant for the 2017 Annual Town Meeting; or take any action relative thereto. (Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to make the following change in the fiscal year 2018 Omnibus Budget:

- 1.) Appropriate \$1,400,000 from Free Cash for the downtown signalization project;
- 2.) Raise and Appropriate \$120,000 for the "Other Financial Administration/Reserve Fund For Transfers" Account;
- 3.) Raise and Appropriate \$1,165 for the Town Accountant's budget;
- 4.) Raise and Appropriate \$340 for the Town Clerk budget; and
- 5.) Raise and Appropriate \$170 for the Treasurer/Collector budget
- 6.) Raise and Appropriate \$20,000 for the DPW Tree Removal budget

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., made a motion to Amend Article 1 by removing #6, Raise and Appropriate \$20,000 for the DPW Tree Removal Budget.

VOTE ON MOTION TO AMEND: Passed by unanimous voice vote to Amend Article 1.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 1 as amended in the motion.

ARTICLE 2. 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. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to the Stabilization Fund from Free Cash.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 2 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 3. 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. **(Board of Selectmen)**

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$608,203 from Free Cash to the Capital Expenditure Fund.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 3 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold a public auction and or sale for the purpose of disposing of surplus departmental equipment; or take any action relative thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

MOTION: Moved that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to dispose of

- (1) 1983 International Cargostar Rescue Truck (Fire Department)
- (3) Office Chairs

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 4 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of capital expenditures, including replacement and of old vehicles and equipment, for the following departments: Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Department of Public Works (Highway), Police and Fire Departments 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 vote to raise and appropriate \$855,330 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for the following items;

\$30,000 FOR DOOR REPLACEMENTS AT THE TOWN HALL (Selectmen);

\$78,440 FOR A NEW SOUND SYSTEM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL (School Committee);

\$100,000 FOR TECHNOLOGY (MILLER/PLACENTINO) (School Committee);

\$100,000 FOR INFORMATION SYSTEM (NEW STUDENTS) (School Committee);

\$52,000 FOR A PICK-UP TRUCK WITH PLOW (DPW/Highway);

\$17,245 LIVESCAN FINGER PRINT MACHINE (Police);

\$77,645 TWO (2) POLICE VEHICLES (Police);

\$400,000 FIRE TRUCK, RESCUE ONE REPLACEMENT & EQUIPMENT (Fire Department)

For a total of \$855,330 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for the purposes detailed above.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Mark Whittacker, 543 Central St., asked what the \$78,440 would include. Joan Shaughnessy, 87 Morton St., responded that it would include an entire new sound and board system.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 5 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the amount of money to be raised through property taxes for fiscal year 2018; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to indefinitely postpone Article 6 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 7. SPONSORED BY: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to act on the Report of the Community Preservation Committee regarding the fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for 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.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$27,000 in Fiscal Year 2018 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve (8/17/17 unencumbered balance: \$93,971); \$50,000 in Fiscal Year 2018 from the Community Preservation Fund Historic Reserve, (8/17/17 unencumbered balance: \$200,538); and \$123,000 in Fiscal Year 2018 from the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve, (8/17/17 unencumbered balance: \$1,239,559) for a total of \$200,000 in addition to the \$590,000 appropriated at the 2017 Annual Town Meeting, in order to assist the 8 Arch Bridge Committee with the preservation of the Bogastow Brook Viaduct and the creation of recreational open space through the installation of a new concrete slab and railings for the purpose of incorporating the Viaduct into the Upper Charles Rail Trail. All funds appropriated for this project to be expended by October 30, 2018; or to take any action relative thereto.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Frank Chamberlain, 333 Hollis St., gave an overview of the status of the Community Preservation. Jay Robinson, 233 Chamberlain St., explained that they received 7 bids ranging from \$644,000 to over a Million Dollars. He said they approached it in two pieces, the first fixing the bridge due to water causing deterioration and the second for safety, by installing a railing. The RFP was very specific in how the repairs would be done, which would be labor intensive, because of the location on a busy street and not allowing the use of a crane, all while keeping its historic integrity, and therefore the bids came in higher than what we had appropriated in the spring.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept the above motion under Article 7.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$800 in Fiscal Year 2018 from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve to assist the Upper Charles Conservation Land Trust with the construction of boardwalks within the Wenakeeing Woods Conservation land, with all funds to be expended by October 30, 2018; or to take any action relative thereto.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept the above motion under Article 7.

ARTICLE 8. SPONSORED BY: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Surplus (Retained Earnings) \$350,000; and from the Water Infrastructure Reserve \$1,350,000 dollars for tasks related to the replacement of approximately 6,500 linear feet of water mains and a booster station in the Cedar Street area including Cheryl Lane and portions of Turner Road including 1,200 linear feet of water mains for the water extension on Hanlon Road to Forest Park Drive. The scope of work includes new water mains, service connections, valves, fire hydrants and a pressure booster station; and all related work; or to take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$350,000 from Water Surplus (Retained Earnings), and \$1,350,000 dollars from the Water Infrastructure Reserve to complete all related work as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 8 as stated in the Motion.

ARTICLE 9. SPONSORED BY: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Surplus (Retained Earnings) \$78,000 for tasks related to engineering services for the design and tasks related to the replacement of approximately 10,600 linear feet of water mains in Winter Street including new water mains, valves, hydrants, service connections and all related work in Winter Street from Ashland Street to Washington Street; or to take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$78,000 from Water Surplus (Retained Earnings) to complete all related work as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 9 as stated in the Motion.

ARTICLE 10. SPONSORED BY: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000 from the Water Surplus (Retained Earnings), for a power aeration and vent system for the Hopping Brook Water Storage Tank allowing for improved water quality and enhanced removal of volatile organic compounds (VOC's) and all related work; or to take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$100,000 from Water Surplus (Retained Earnings) to complete all related work as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article10 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 11: SPONSORED BY: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Water Surplus (Retained Earnings) \$33,600, for all tasks related to exterior cleaning and interior cleaning of the Holliston Water Storage Tanks,

pursuant to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) regulations that all public water supply water storage tanks be cleaned every five (5) years and all related work; or to take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to appropriate \$33,600 from the Water -Surplus (Retained Earnings) to complete all related work as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 11 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 12: SPONSORED BY: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to re-affirm the May 2010 Town Meeting acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws, Expedited Permitting, as amended pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 5205 of the Acts of 2006 further amended by Section 25 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012 and to enable the Town Planner/Economic Development Director as the designated single point of contact for the community, to file an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at 0 Hopping Brook Road (Map, 4 Block 6, Lot 15 – Hopping Brook Park Phase II) as a Priority Development Site, or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the town vote to reaffirm the May 2010 Town Meeting acceptance of the provisions of Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws, Expedited Permitting, as printed in the Warrant, and further to enable the Town Planner/Economic Development Director to serve as the designated single point of contact for the community, to file an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land at 0 Hopping Brook Road (Map, 4 Block 6, Lot 15 – Hopping Brook Park Phase II) as a Priority Development Site.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Ann Chipman, 116 Stagecoach Rd., asked for an explanation. Karen Sherman, Town Planner, stated that we previously accepted this, but never designated a particular site. The Hopping Brook site has the potential for 1.5 to 2 million sq. feet, with 5 to 6 potential buildings. Projects within the designated area would be permitted by the local permitting board within 180 days of filing. Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., asked why we have to re-affirm the acceptance. Ms. Sherman explained that in 2010 the Town didn't complete the process.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 12 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 13: SPONSORED BY: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of engaging a roofing and or HVAC building consultant to assist the

Town in the preparation of bid documents for repairs, replacement of the Holliston Public Library roof and HVAC system; or to take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town appropriate the sum of \$15,000 from Free Cash for the purposes as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 13 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 14: SPONSORED BY: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow \$5,100 to be expended by the Rail Trail Committee for the purposes of providing equipment to be under the care and custody of the Department of Public Works for continuous maintenance of the Upper Charles River Rail Trail in Holliston or to take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,100 for the purposes as stated in the Article.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Passed by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 14 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 15: SPONSORED BY: Board of Selectmen/Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section VIII - Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments which are not included in the definition of Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers, as follows:

SECTION VIII. TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WHICH ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE DEFINITION OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA TREATMENT CENTERS VIII-A PURPOSE.

By vote at the State election on November 8, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law entitled the Regulation and Taxation of Marijuana Act, codified in G.L. c. 94G, Regulation of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed, as amended by Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016 and Chapter 55 of the Acts of 2017 (the "Act"), regulating the control, production and distribution of marijuana under a system of licenses and regulations. Currently under the Zoning Bylaw, a Marijuana Establishments are not defined, not established as a permitted use or otherwise regulated in the Town. Regulations promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission are expected to provide guidance to the Town in its regulation of marijuana

sales and distribution. The regulation of marijuana establishments raises unique and complex legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation thereof to appropriately address such unique and complex issues. The local impacts resulting from this new land use should be evaluated and addressed in a comprehensive manner by appropriate zoning and planning regulations prior to the permitting of a Marijuana Establishments. Consequently, the Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Marijuana Establishments to permit the Town sufficient time to engage in a planning process to address the impacts of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a manner consistent with sound land use planning goals and objectives.

VIII-B DEFINITIONS

- 1. "Marijuana" and "Marijuana Product" shall have the meanings set forth in the Act.
- 2. "Marijuana Establishments" shall have the meaning set forth in the Act.

VIII-C TEMPORARY MORATORIUM

For the reasons set forth above, and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for Marijuana Establishments as defined by the Act, which shall not include Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers. No building permit, special permit, variance, site plan or other permit may be issued under this zoning by-law for the purpose of establishing Marijuana Establishments. The moratorium shall remain in effect through December 31, 2018. During the moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of the cultivation, distribution and sale of marijuana in the Town, consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Marijuana Establishments, and adopt Zoning Bylaws to address the impact and operation of Marijuana Establishments, or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that Town vote to adopt a temporary moratorium on recreational marijuana establishments as it is printed in the Warrant.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Mark Shultz, 21 Wedgewood Drive, is opposed to this moratorium and asked Town Meeting if anyone would decline the Tax Revenue.

VOTE: Passed by unanimous hand count vote to accept Article 15 as stated in the motion. Yes: 180 No: 67

ARTICLE 16: SPONSORED BY: Petitioners

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature on behalf of the Wine House, Inc. for one additional off premise license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. This license would be granted to The Wine House, who is currently operating under a 'Wine & Malt' Beverages License.

MOTION: Moved that the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the State Legislature on behalf of The Wine House Incorporated (76 Central Street, Holliston), for an additional off-premise license for the sale of all alcoholic beverages. Upon the state's approval and providing that The Wine House has met all other town and state requirements, The Wine House's license would then be amended from "wine and malt beverages" to "all alcoholic beverages."

"All-alcoholic" licenses are issued based upon the quota system (town population) - when the population increases by 5,000 people, a new license may be obtained and issued. Holliston's population has surpassed 15,000 people in 2017, which would theoretically allow for an additional license to become available. However, the ABCC (Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission) only recognizes the census once every ten years, the next time scheduled for 2020. Therefore, this is not an uncommon petition in small towns. Recently, stores in the towns of Marlboro and Orleans have been granted a license going through a similar legislative process.

Rochelle R. Wagner, Owner The Wine House, Inc. October 26, 2017

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., asked Town Counsel to explain the legally binding provisions of this Article. Jay Talerman, Town Counsel, explained that this is not binding on the Selectmen, it is a necessary step if they wish to petition the State Legislature. Selectman, Kevin Conley, explained that this is an existing business with a Beer and Wine License and Ms. Wagner would like to add some specialty spirits. Michelle Zeamer, 583 Winter St., asked if the Selectmen decided to move forward with the petition, would the additional license be open to anyone or limited to this Petitioner? Town Counsel, said that this would be limited to this address. David Duda, 6 Great Meadow Rd., said that this is a reputable business that only wants to augment what is already there and the Town should support local business.

VOTE: Passed by voice vote to accept Article 16 as stated in the motion.

ARTICLE 17: SPONSORED BY: Petitioners

To see if the Town will vote to provide curbside refuse and recycling pickup to condominiums provided their Board of Trustees request such service, allowing the Town or its agents access to any private roads and agrees to ensure the Town from any liability or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Move that the Town of Holliston vote to provide curbside refuse and recycling pickup to condominiums provided their Board of Trustees request such service, allowing the

Town or its agents access to any private roads and agrees to insure the Town from any liability or take any action relative thereto.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Larry Dennin, Petitioner, 20 Glacier Way, said that this Article seeks to treat all tax payers fairly and equally with regards to Municipal Refuse and Recycling pickup. Mr. Dennin made a Motion to Amend the Article to include amending the Town's By-Laws, which Town Counsel deemed out of order. Tracy Jabs, 375 Concord St., asked the Selectmen why they didn't support this. Selectman Jay Marsden, 32 Wendy Ln., said there are a lot of misconceptions around this Article, one being, that this is commonplace for most Condominium Complexes and he feels that it's unclear as some do have it and some don't. He also stated that we could be setting ourselves up for more and more, with all the new and future construction. As a Board, they tried to stay away from these individual arrangements and have some continuity across the board. Cost is also a factor, and after speaking with Republic Services, they estimate an additional \$110,000 to \$150,000. Additionally there could be some liability issues, as Condominiums have their own association and are run by their own set of by-laws etc. Paul Chapula, 24 Piedmont Dr., stated some comparative figures and noted that 36 towns in Massachusetts collect trash for Condominiums. Michelle Zeamer, 583 Winter St., said that this is also a Private Road issue. Private roads are not accepted by the Town, because they have not yet met Planning Board specifications and they may not ever meet the criteria. Also, Private Roads do not get snow plowed or have School Busses pick up and drop off on them, and not all of the condos are 55 and older. She also asked Town Counsel for his opinion on the legal fees required to arrange for easements. Mr. Talerman said that the fees would be irrelevant. Pat Duffy, 5 Regency Dr., said that the Town has been picking up their trash for the last 10 years, and prior to that they had a dumpster in a fenced in area. They will have to rebuild a new area to provide for dumpsters. She's asking the Town to continue to provide Trash/Recycling services for Condominium Residents. Mark Shultz, 21 Wedgewood Dr., feels that this should be reconsidered to find a fair solution, he then made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone Article 17, which was Seconded and Defeated by a hand count vote: 105 Yes and 110 No.

VOTE: Passed by Hand Count Vote to accept Article 17 as stated in the motion. Yes: 135 No: 77

ARTICLE 18:

SPONSORED BY: Petitioners

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the non-public portion of Mohawk Path, a portion of Governor Prence Way, Indian Circle, and Mayflower Landing, all within the subdivision designated as "The Highlands at Holliston", and to include the necessary easement rights related thereto, all as shown on the plans prepared by Guerrier & Hanlon, Inc. dated September 6, 2017 or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: Moved that the Town vote to accept as a public way the non-public portion of Mohawk Path, a portion of Governor Prence Way, Indian Circle, and Mayflower Landing, all within the subdivision designated as "The Highlands at Holliston", and to include the necessary

easement rights related thereto, all as shown on the plans prepared by Guerrier & Hanlon, Inc. dated September 6, 2017 or take any action relative thereto.

SECONDED

DISCUSSION: Paul Beattie, 159 Dalton Rd., as counsel for the Petitioner, he spoke in favor of this Article. Kevin Conley, 44 Cranberry Ln., said that the Developer has a list of criteria that needs to be met before a road is accepted by the Town, and we would be remiss by accepting any road before they have been met. Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., stated that the last thing the Town should do is accept a sub-standard road and need to repair it on our dime.

VOTE: Article 18 failed by voice vote.

Motion to adjourn at 10:13 pm

A true record, ATTEST:

Elizabeth T. Greendale, CMC/CMMC

Town Clerk