

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 25, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Holliston Town Hall
703 Washington Street – Room 105

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

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT MR. LEARY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY ABSTAINED.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT KEVIN CONLEY AS VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT JAY MARSDEN AS CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR, LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN ABSTAINED.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

16-48	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 450,842.02
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$ 168,463.75
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) PLACENTINO	\$ 2,772.00
	PAY.COM (APPLICATION FOR MEDICARE-HEALTH)	\$ 657.80
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 32,028.00 (mm)
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 818.29
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 79.70
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,497.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,084,798.29
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,740,459.85

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 210,105.47
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 173,460.33
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Marsden thanked everyone who voted. He also is very happy that the light project is one step closer.

Mr. Conley congratulated Mr. Marsden on his victory as Selectmen. Mr. Conley said that Mr. Marsden does a lot for the Town. He also congratulated Jackie Dellicker for being elected as Moderator.

Mr. Conley thanked everyone who voted for the lights in downtown.

Mr. Leary congratulated Mr. Marsden for all the work that he does for the Town. He also congratulated all elected Officials.

DPW DIRECTOR – FY 17 PROJECTS AND WATER MAIN DESIGN CONTRACTS

Sean Reese, DPW Director, was present. He said that they have been very busy. He said that they have completed seven miles of road reclamation. He said most of it has been completed. The balance will be finished next Wednesday. He said that this project has run smoothly. He said that the Highway side is going to move into summer mode. They will take care of mulching, field maintenance, then catch-basins. He said they are going to be doing some drainage work.

Mr. Reese said that the water main on Pinecrest Road has been installed. He said that they were tapping the water service today. He said that three homes are on the new water main. He said that it will take two weeks to complete this. He said that they did not have any change orders on this project.

Mr. Reese said that the Pilot study that was passed a couple of years ago has been completed this past January. He said that they are waiting for approval from the State for the treatment technique that they would be allowed to do, then they will move forward with a filtration design.

Mr. Reese said that the design for Mudville and Shaw Farm Road have been approved by Town Meeting.

Mr. Reese said that the gas tank replacement at the Highway Department was approved and will be done by the fall. Mr. Reese said that the Highway Department had an employee who is moving to Vermont to become a police officer, and another employee who is going out for surgery. He said that they will be short staffed until they can hire a replacement.

Mr. Reese said that on the Water side, they came up with a five year capital improvement plan. He said that the Cedar Street booster station will need to be designed. He said that will be the next DPW project. He said that the water main will be replaced on Cedar Street. He said that he is hoping that will help with the pressure issue.

Mr. Conley asked if the roads were going to have striping? Mr. Reese said that if the road had a line before the construction, they will have a line again.

Mr. Leary thanked Mr. Reese and the DPW for all their hard work. He said that they work hard.

Mr. Leary asked when the work on Pinecrest Road will be complete. Mr. Reese said in about two weeks, then the final top coat will be done in the fall.

BOARD BUSINESS

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENTS – COUNCIL ON AGING, GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE, METROWEST REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY AND ON CALL EMT

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT ANNETTE HAMLET TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR. THIS IS FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT WALTER THORTON TO THE GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR. THIS IS FOR A TWO YEAR TERM.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT JAY MARSDEN TO THE METROWEST REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR. THIS IS FOR A ONE YEAR TERM.

MR. RITTER SUPPORTED THE APPOINTMENT OF NICOLE BAJDEK AS AN EMT

CLEARGOV CONTRACT

MR CONLEY MOVED TO SIGN THE CLEARGOV CONTRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

CONTRACT – REPUBLIC SERVICES RENEWAL

Mr. Ritter asked if this could be tabled.

The Board agreed.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR UPPER TOWN HALL – AMERICAN LEGION

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO WAIVE THE RENTAL FEE FOR THE AMERICAN LEGION FOR THE USE OF THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON JUNE 10, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL N FAVOR.

DRIVEWAY OPENING EXPANSION REQUEST

Mr. Leary said that Highway Superintendent, Tom Smith, has no problem with the expansion of the driveway.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE DRIVEWAY EXPANSION REQUEST FOR 51 DONNA ROAD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Tony Lukel, 35 Dalton Road, said that the Agricultural Commission is a group of volunteers. He said that they do not get any funding from the Town. Mr. Lulek said that what the Commission has gone through over the past two years is unacceptable he said that no one should be treated by members of their own board, members of the community and elected officials. He said that they are regular people who make mistakes like everyone else. He said that they have been living under a microscope for too long and it needs to stop. Mr. Lulek said that they have has some hostile members. He said that the Selectmen never went to any of their meetings. Mr. Lulek said that over the past year and a half, they did many things and did not get any recognition. He said that the new farm is competing with the Agricultural Commission for their garden plots. He said that is their only source of income. Mr. Lulek said that he and several other members were verbally attacked by Andrew Rissa. Mr. Lulek said that he emailed the Selectmen and the Town Administrator and he did not get any response from anyone. Mr. Lulek said that Mr. Reseska attended one of their meetings Mr. Lulek asked him if he wanted to say anything and Mr. Reseska said no. Mr. Lulek said that Mr. Reseska waited until the meeting was almost over to start yelling at the Commission. Mr. Lulek said that he was very loud and talk in an attacking manner. Mr. Lulek said that is when they adjourned the meeting. Mr. Lulek said that he sent another email to the Selectmen and the Town Administrator and he never heard back from them. Mr. Lulek said that it is unacceptable that Debbie Moore and P.J. Kilkelley come to a Selectmen's meeting and demand that they take over the Community Garden and the Aviary. Mr. Lulek said that he sent an email to the Selectmen and the Town Administrator and he did not hear back from them. He said that they have been asking to be to the Selectmen's Agenda and there was no response back from the Selectmen.

Mr. Lulek said that he stands by his decision, that Anthony Reseska is a bully and he does not communicate well. Mr. Lulek is resigning from the Agricultural Commission.

Mr. Conley said that this has been on-going for a while. Mr. Conley said that there are multiple sides to the issue. Mr. Conley wished Mr. Lulek well and thanked him for his service to the Town.

Mr. Marsden said that he understands Mr. Lulek's position.

Mr. Lulek said that Justin Brown is an Associate Member of the Agricultural Commission and Mr. Lulek would like him to be moved to a full member.

Mr. Leary said that he did not want to vote on that now. Mr. Leary said that he would like to have a conversation with the rest of the members of the Agricultural Commission. He said that the remaining members may want to dissolve and start over.

Mr. Leary said that the Selectmen did support the Agricultural Commission. Mr. Leary said that they invited the Agricultural Commission to many meetings. Mr. Leary said that the Selectmen try to get to every Board and Committee meetings. He said that it is hard to do.

Mr. Leary said that they visited the Serocki property on Rodgers Road to talk about turning on the power.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO EXCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TONY LULEK FROM THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT JUSTIN BROWN AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Marsden said that they should get together with the Agricultural Commission to see what their plans are. Mr. Leary said they would have to re-organize their Commission.

Andrew Reseska, 148 Adams Street, said that the Agricultural Commission is a great thing. He said that he and Donna Kramer have known each other for many years. He said that he pulled her aside after a meeting to ask why did you allow this to happen? He said that there are always going to be issues between farmers and residents. He said that there are guidelines that need to be followed to address the issue. He said that Paula Mark has been calling him a bully because he asked a question. Mr. Reseska said that he did not know anything about this until last year when he went to the Agricultural Commission to put bee hives on the Serocki property. He said that Ms. Mark said that people complained to her about Mr. Reseska and his bees. He said all the allegations were all a lie. He said that he looked at three year's worth of meeting minutes and nothing was ever mentioned.

Mr. Reseska said that he had the permission of Mass Audubon and Jim Poitras to stay on the property until November. Mr. Reseska said that he has had his bees on the Poitras property for many years.

Mr. Reseska asked if he could put his bees on the Community Farm property on Rodgers Road. Mr. Leary told Mr. Reseska to go to a Community Farm Meeting.

CHIEF CASSIDY

Chief Cassidy said the total limit from the response and recovery fund as approved by Town Meeting in 2015 is ten thousand dollars. He said that he is looking for approval from the Selectmen before he goes to the Finance Committee. He said that there is a lot training that is involved. He said that he has many accounts that he can use for this type of training. He said that if we have a natural disaster and he needs to call in a tree crew. He does not have the funds in his accounts to cover this. Chief Cassidy said that he would like to increase the amount that can be allowed in the response and recovery line. He said that things do come up. Chief Cassidy said that the east Holliston fire station is completed and all the labor was donated by his fire fighters and the community. He said that they only had to purchase materials. Chief Cassidy said that one of the fire trucks was involved in an accident during a training session. He said that they have received the check from the insurance company. He said that they are responsible for the deductible.

Mr. Conley said that the repairs to the fire station should have been a capital project. Chief Cassidy said that he is not sure that the timing would have worked out.

Mr. Marsden said that he and Chief Cassidy have talked about this and he has no issues.

Mr. Leary asked if the Gates Fire station is 100%. Chief Cassidy said yes. He said that the engine is in place but there is no sign. He said that they are looking for a donation for the sign. He said that there is a little electric work that needs to be done on the inside.

Mr. Leary thanked all the volunteers who put in so much time to complete this project.

Chief Cassidy said that in 1940, the two stations that we had were both built by volunteers. He said that we had two engines and a ladder truck.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE TO DATE. SO THAT THE FIRE CHIEF CAN GO TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

AT 8:24 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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