

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 10, 2013
7:30 P.M.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

14-03	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 38,343.14
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,017.54
	GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$141,555.50
	TOTAL PAYROLL	\$142,573.04
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$180,916.18

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 20,521.00
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley expressed the sympathy of the Board in the passing of Michelle Goldberg.

Mr. Conley said that Long Distance Tire won the softball championship.

Mr. Conley read a letter from one of the on-call firefighters (Gregg Lewis) in reference to putting a cross at the fire station for the Christmas holiday.

Mr. Leary said that Ms. Goldberg was a wonderful person and she will be missed.

Mr. Leary said that the Town is experiencing some water problems because of faulty equipment. He said that he thinks that the Water Commissioners will be placing a total water ban.

SOUTH STREET TRAFFIC ISSUES

Mark and Raquel Nelson, 1 Fisher Street, said that since the new servicing of South Street the trucks are flying by. He said that they use South Street as a cut through. Mr. Nelson said that they would like to have a sidewalk on South Street. He also said that they would like to have a truck exclusion. Mr. Nelson said that when the cars are driving down South Street, because of the stop sign, they could be as many as 5 deep.

Chief John Moore said that he has had police cars monitoring the speed of the traffic and has issued citations. Mr. Leary said that there are no funds for a sidewalk. For a truck exclusion, the Department of Transportation has to approve it and also the Towns of Milford and Medway. He said that the Department of Transportation thought it was a good idea. The Town of Milford previously said no.

Mr. Leary said that they would reach out to the Town of Milford again, but they made no promises.

MESSAGE BOARD POLICY

Lieutenant Shawn Moore drew up a new policy for the use of the Town message Board.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICY FOR THE USE OF THE TOWN MESSAGE BOARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE USE OF THE TOWN MESSAGE BOARD TO ANNOUNCE A TOTAL WATER BAN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

OLMSTEAD PROPERTY DISCUSSION

Mr. Leary said that he and Chief Michael Cassidy, Jay Marsden, Paul Le Beau and a member of the Housing Trust went on a tour of the Olmstead property a few weeks ago. Mr. Leary discussed the possibility of purchasing the property that abuts the municipal parking lot on Exchange Street. He said that they could enlarge the parking lot. There was a brief discussion and the Board saw no need to enlarge the parking lot and tear down the house. Mr. Leary suggested that the Housing Trust look into the house.

EVENT PERMITS – RECYCLING COMMITTEE AND BLAIR

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOUSE HOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY ON JULY 20, 2013, AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO NOON. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR A CONCERT AT BLAIR SQUARE ON JULY 13, 2013, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE AND WAIVE THE FEE FOR A BUILDING PERMIT FOR THE NEW GAZEBO AT GOOCH'S CORNER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AN EVENT PERMIT FOR A CONCERT AT BLAIR SQUARE ON JULY 19, 2013, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

LAND GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION – BULLARD FARM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE LAND GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATION FORM FOR THE BULLARD FARM CONSERVATION RESTRICTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR BULLARD FARM ON JULY 20, 2013, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 8:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

There was a request to waive the \$50.00 license fee for the Bullard Farm Liquor License. The Board did not take any action.

BOOT DRIVE FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY BOOT DRIVE AT ROSSINI CORNER ON AUGUST 17, 2013, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR. (rain date August 24, 2013.)

HIGHLAND STREET SIGN

Mr. Leary said that a resident would like a sign to say no jake brake area on Highland Street near Lake Grove Cemetery. Mr. Leary said that he did not have a problem with putting up that sign. Mr. Marsden said he did not have a problem with it. Mr. Conley said not a problem with him.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A NO JAKE BRAKE SIGN ON HIGHLAND STREET NEAR LAKE GROVE CEMETERY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE

Mr. Leary said that Ms. Sherman, the Town Planner has provided the Board with copies of the Open Space Recreation Plan. He said that this is for 2013-2020. Mr. Leary said that she is looking for a letter of endorsement from the Selectmen for the Open Space Plan. This is required to submit a grant application.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE OPEN SPACE PLAN UPDATE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS

Mr. Leary asked if the members of the Board have reviewed the evaluations of John Moore and Paul Le Beau.

Mr. Marsden said that Chief Moore has done an outstanding job. Mr. Marsden said that Chief Moore is great with communications. He will let us know what is going on in the department and what is going on around town. Mr. Marsden said that Chief Moore is very professional. Mr. Marsden said that he gave Chief Moore high marks across the board, he said that it is a pleasure to work with him.

Mr. Conley said that he also gave Chief Moore high marks, he said that he is very impressed with him. Mr. Conley said that Chief Moore has already saved the Town a lot of money by bringing in civilian dispatchers.

Mr. Le Beau said that Chief Moore is excellent in communicating with the Selectmen and other departments. Mr. Le Beau said that he is very impressed with Chief Moore. Mr. Leary said that Chief Moore is available at any time to talk about what is going on in Town. Mr. Leary said that the Selectmen get a monthly up-date on what the police department has done.

Mr. Leary said that Paul Le Beau's evaluation is next.

Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Le Beau is on the same page as Chief Moore. Mr. Marsden said that he gave Mr. Le Beau high marks across the board. Mr. Marsden said that the town has been challenged so much and Mr. Le Beau has handled it all so well. Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Le Beau is calm under pressure. Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Le Beau works well with the surrounding Town Managers.

Mr. Conley said that he appreciates all the hard work and long hours that Mr. Le Beau puts in. Mr. Conley said that he gave Mr. Le Beau high marks as well. Mr. Conley said that he can't thank Mr. Le Beau for all his help in bringing him up to speed with things that are going on in Town.

Mr. Leary said that Mr. Le Beau is a very hard working dedicated Town Administrator and has had many years of service to the Town. Mr. Leary said that it was a challenge by having two new Selectmen and Mr. Le Beau took his time in bringing them up to speed.

Mr. Leary thanked Mr. Le Beau for all his efforts.

Mr. Le Beau thanked the Board for all the nice comments. Mr. Le Beau said that the credit goes to the people that he works with and all the Department Heads. He said that it is a pleasure to work with everyone.

Mr. Leary said that he wants to talk about the compensation study that was done in executive session.

Mr. Le Beau spoke about the solar project and a few options that the Town was offered. He said that the Town could negotiate a fixed rate for 20 years, or go on a scale payment. Also there could be a pilot payment in lieu of taxes.

Mr. Le Beau said that there could be a net metering credit agreement or a power purchase agreement. The Town would be the consumer of the electricity that was generated at the solar farm. Mr. Le Beau met with Assessors, and they agreed to work together to try and balance this for the best interest of the Town.

Mr. Le Beau said that we would be working with the solar developer over the value of their equipment. The property itself would be separate. Mr. Le Beau said that the property may enjoy special tax because of the farm or agricultural area or forestry. He said that would have to be sorted out by the Assessors.

Mr. Le Beau said that the electricity that will be made from this solar farm could cover 60% of the Town owned buildings for electricity needs.

Mr. Leary suggested that Mr. Le Beau handle the negotiations with the developer.

GOALS DISCUSSION

There was a brief discussion. All three Selectmen had the Andrews School as their first goal. The discussion will be continued.

LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Mr. Leary said that they have been talking about this. He said that the last time they did the Liaison Assignments, they did it as a grouping. Mr. Leary said that Mr. Conley said that he would like to work with the Water Department, Highway Department, Council of Aging and Park Commission.

Mr. Marsden said that this was done by group so you would have a little bit of everything. Mr. Marsden said that he has an interest in the Flagg Building. Mr. Leary said that he could take the Andrews School as well.

Mr. Leary said that Mr. Conley would like the Public Works group. Mr. Leary said that he has the Highway and the Water Department. Mr. Marsden will take General Government. Mr. Marsden said that he will take Mr. Conley's previous assignments except for Council on Aging and Park Commission. Mr. Conley will keep those two. Mr. Leary will do the Pension and Benefits and Public Safety. Mr. Leary said he would like to stay with the schools.

Mr. Dowd from the Finance Committee said that they are still working on the Liaison list.

COUNCIL ON AGING – FUELS

Mr. Leary said that the bus that the Council on Aging has needs to use a low sulfur fuel. Mr. Conley said that if not, it could cause a problem with the injectors. Mr. Conley said that the Town dyes the fuel red in color. The MWRTA does not want their bus to use that dyed fuel. Mr. Conley said that the gas that the Town has is fine for the bus.

Mr. Le Beau said that temporary, the Council on Aging is using Holliston Oil, on Woodland Street. Mr. Le Beau said that until they get a definitive answer they will continue to use Holliston Oil for diesel fuel. Mr. Leary asked if the van has had any issues since it starting fueling at Holliston Oil? Mr. Le Beau said that he had not heard of any issues.

Chief Cassidy said that the ladder truck runs on low sulfur fuel because if not, the warrantee would be voided.

CASINO UP DATE

Mr. Marsden said that there will be a meeting this week. He said that they have been in discussion about having a law firm handle some of the casino issues. Mr. Marsden said that they are going to interview the firms, and then they will put together a proposal. Mr. Marsden said that the plan keeps changing and the locations. Mr. Marsden said that the proposed developer keeps changing the placement of the wires and the roads. He also said that there could be a water issue, will we have enough for the town. Mr. Marsden said that the surrounding towns are all working together well. Mr. Leary asked if other towns wanted to join us? Mr. Marsden said that there has been some interest but no other

towns have joined. Mr. Marsden said that he will be meeting with the Selectmen of Sherborn next week and fill them in on all the details of the proposed plans for the casino. He said that if traffic is going to go up Route 16 and that is the center of Sherborn.

AT 9:22 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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