

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 24, 2013
7:30 P.M.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

14-05	GENERAL WARRANT	\$151,346.40
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 73.44
	EXPENDABLE TRUST (722) CONSERVATION	\$ 5,000.00
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 2,630.00
	PINECREST AGENCY (8050)	\$ 2,500.00
	POLICE STATION BONDED (340)	\$ 989.58
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,017.54
	GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$106,948.26
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$107,965.80
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$270,505.22

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 26,425.86
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 15,648.50
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Marsden said we have been discussing OPEB obligations and the thought is to set up a separate account. Mr. Marsden said that they have asked legislators to allow us to have that separate OPEB Trust. Mr. Marsden said that when they spoke about this at a Legislative Committee hearing it was well received.

Mr. Marsden also wanted to thank Bobby Blair and Mark Ahronian for all their hard work for America in Bloom. Mr. Marsden said that the judges were in town this week and enjoyed all the plantings.

Mr. Conley said that the Town looks wonderful. Mr. Conley said that it was a lot of fun to have the judges in Town.

Mr. Leary thanked Mark Ahronian and the rest of the committee for a job well done. Mr. Leary said that the flowers are beautiful and there is a lot of history to our town, but it is the people who make it a special place to live.

Mr. Leary congratulated Robert Weidknecht who was nominated as Community Champion. Mr. Leary said that he put on a great show for the America in Bloom judges. Mr. Leary said that there have been a few challenges with the Water Department. He said that we have had a problem with some of the wells. He said that the wells are working overtime and they are having a hard time keeping up with the demand for water.

Mr. Leary said that there was a mechanical failure at one of the wells and it had to be shut down. Mr. Leary would like to have everyone follow the odd/even watering until they are able to get the wells back on line.

Mr. Le Beau said that paving has taken place on Church Street, Elm Street and Grove Street, he said that what is down now is a binder or a base coat. He said that the contractors will be going back to make adjustments to replace a fire hydrant, put in curbing and make driveway cuts so that residents can access their property. Mr. Le Beau said that in a few weeks, the final coat of pavement will be put down. He said that it is scheduled to be done before school starts.

There were no comments from the audience.

BOARD BUSINESS - MINUTES

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2013, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED.

ONE DAY LICENSES – HBA AND EXTRA HELPING HANDS

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE HOLLISTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION ON THE OCTOBER 24, 2013, FOR THE BREWFEST AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY FROM 6:30 P.M. TO 9:30 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR, MR. MARSDEN ABSTAINED.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR EXTRA HANDS ON AUGUST 31, 2013, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M., IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

EVENT PERMITS – BLAIR

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONCERT AT BLAIR SQUARE FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M. ON JULY 26, 2013. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

SECOND BANNER REQUEST – METROWEST BREWFEST CLUB

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECOND LOCATION FOR THE BANNER FOR THE METROWEST BREWFEST FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 14, 2013. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR, MR. MARSDEN ABSTAINED.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECOND BANNER LOCATION FOR THE BOY SCOUTS FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2013. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECOND BANNER LOCATION FOR KEEFE TECH FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 11, 2013. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECOND BANNER LOCATION FOR CELEBRATE HOLLISTON FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 15, 2013. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

CURB CUT REQUEST – GROVE STREET

Mr. Leary said that this curb cut is at 83 Elm Street. Chief Moore has given his approval, as long as you can still see traffic. Two cars can pass and the Highway Department has no problem with it.

Tom Smith, Highway Superintendent, said that he has spoken with the Engineer on the project and that it is not a problem.

Mr. Marsden asked if the curb cuts are right across from the “no parking signs” on Elm Street? Mr. Le Beau said that it is close.

Mr. Marsden asked if we would be taking more parking away from the Timothy Daniels House? Mr. Leary said that the Timothy Daniels House has a parking lot. Mr. Marsden said that he will go to the Timothy Daniels House and let them know what the plans are for the curb cuts.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CURB CUTS AT 83 ELM STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

PROPERTY TRANSFER DEED - CRISTOFORI

Mr. Leary said that this property was described in Article 25 of the May 10, 2013, Town Meeting. Mr. Leary said that this was approved at Town Meeting, it only needs to be signed by the Board.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO SIGN THE PROPERTY TRANSFER DEED AS APPROVED AT THE MAY 10, 2013, TOWN MEETING (ARTICLE 25) TO THE CRISTOFORI'S. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT – PAULA MARK

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT PAULA MARK AS A FULL MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION FROM AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

GOALS

Mr. Leary said that OPEB was one of his goals.

Mr. Marsden said that we should know something about the Andrews School soon. Mr. Marsden said that there was a motion before the Judge this week for a decision.

Mr. Leary asked if there was anything else that we needed to do to get a clear deed?

Mr. Le Beau said that the State has no problem with this and they have no interest in the property. Mr. Le Beau said that there is not any family left.

Mr. Marsden said that there are a few things that they, as a Board, need to do.

Mr. Leary said that they have been discussing the Compensation and Benefits study.

Mr. Marsden said that the water ways in Town need to be kept clear of trash so that the water can flow.

Mr. Leary said that they have had progress with infrastructure. He said that golf course may need a long range plan for updates at the club house.

Mr. Marsden said that the contract is up this year and they will put it out to bid.

Mr. Leary said that they will also talk about a reduction in the trash fee.

Mr. Leary said that they have been talking about forming a DPW. Mr. Leary said that the Selectmen think that it is the thing to do. The timing is right with the retirement of Ron Sharpin. Mr. Leary said the water rate money can only be used for water issues.

Mr. Leary said that when Town Meeting comes in October, he hopes to have a plan in place so that they can present it to the Town.

Mr. Conley said that he wants one person to be in charge of the day to day operations of the two departments. Mr. Conley said that the quality of the water is what is important.

Mr. Leary spoke about the Community Center.

Mr. Le Beau said that he spoke with someone from Natick about a Community Center and they suggested that they bring in an outside professional. He said that there are a few different departments that can be included in the structure. Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Conley has been talking to the Community Center Task Force Committee about different ideas and plans for a location.

Mr. Leary asked if Mr. Le Beau would be interested in having a media conference. Mr. Leary said that it would help keep residents up to date on what the Town is doing.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Police Chief and the Fire Chief meet twice a month and have a media conference. He said that they talk about what they have been doing in keeping the public safe. Mr. Le Beau said that if that is something the Board wants to do, he thinks it should be done separately.

Mr. Marsden said that we are always available by e-mail and that we do have coffee hours once a month.

Mr. Leary also wanted to know what the update is on the casino in Milford. Mr. Leary said that they should go on a site visit and talk to the people who have lived through a casino being built in their town.

Mr. Marsden said that all the information that they have gotten has all changed from what they first started out with. Mr. Marsden said that they were told that water was not going to be an issue, now it is an issue. He said that they were told that moving power lines was not going to be an issue, now it is an issue. Now the traffic plan is changing.

AT 8:22 P.M. MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-UNION CONTRACTS FOR THE POLICE CHIEF AND TOWN ADMINISTRATOR. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

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MR. LEARY	X	
MR. CONLEY	X	
MR. MARSDEN	X	

MR. LEARY SAID THAT A DISCUSSION IN OPEN SESSION MAY BE DETRIMENTAL TO THE TOWN'S BARGAINING POSITION.

HE SAID THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST ABOUT 30 MINUTES AND THAT THE BOARD WOULD NOT TAKE UP ANY FURTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS.

AT 9:15 P.M. THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. IT WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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