

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 26, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

Mr. Leary said that this meeting is being taped so that minutes can be transcribed and that this is being broadcast on HCAT TV. Mr. Leary said that the general public may record this meeting, but first must notify the Chairman of the Board. This recording may not interfere with the meeting.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

14-36	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 172,494.50
	VOIDS	\$ (18.15)
	MEALS TAX (220)	\$ 62.42
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 325.60
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,086.51
	GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$1,078,483.91
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,079,570.42
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,252,434.79

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 178,844.54
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 144,381.53
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Comments from the audience

John Greendale, Highland Street, is very concerned about potholes. He said that he has been collecting all the hot top that comes out of the pothole at the end of his driveway on Highland Street and is keeping it in a 5 gallon pail. He said that he getting to old to be picking it up. He said that this past summer the pothole was dug up and re-patched and it keeps breaking up. Mr. Greendale would like the Highway Department to take the broken patch with them when they come to patch the hole. Mr. Marsden said that when you have a lot of patch at the end of your driveway, call the Highway Department and they will come and pick it up. Mr. Greendale said that the roads are falling apart with age. Mr. Leary said that this winter has been tough on the roads.

YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES BUDGET REQUEST

Margaret Fitzpatrick, Director was present to discuss her budget. She is happy to report that they had low numbers for the court diversion program. She said that they went from 45 to 8 this year. She said that it can happen like that from year to year. She said that there were many community service hours put in. They were able to place them at the Recycling Center, Senior Center, Town Hall and the Food

Pantry. She said that they have been able to help with fuel assistance this year. She said that they are working with the schools to pinpoint high risk kids. She said that they can maintain the current level she said that there is more need than they can give.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES BUDGET REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,735. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

COUNCIL ON AGING BUDGET REQUEST

Lina Arena-Derosa, Director and Carmen Chiango were present to discuss the budget. Ms. Arena-Derosa wanted to thank the Highway Department because they have been able to stay open with all the bad weather that we have had. She said that they plow, shovel and sand and salt the parking lot and the steps. She said that they could not stay open without them. Ms. Arena-Derosa said that starting on March 4th they will be open on Tuesday evenings until 8:00 p.m. She said that they have many programs that they want to run at night. She said that in keeping in line they went with a 1% increase in salary. She said that you will notice that they are over budget by \$1,800 because of a new key card system. She said that everyone who comes in gets a card and they swipe it as they enter that way they will have an accurate number of visitors. She also said that they are going to have portable devices for the bus and van. She said that would be starting in March. Ms. Arena-Derosa said that van traffic is very busy she said that as the days get colder and icy residents want to be picked up and not drive themselves. She said that they will be asking for a reserve fund transfer in the spring to keep up with the needs for the van.

Mr. Chiango said that one of the vans will be out of warrantee soon. Ms. Arena-Derosa said that the MWRTA can service most of the vans and buses. She also said that they will be having an intern for three months and she will be helping them put all their information on the Town's web-site. She also spoke about the parking issue. She said that they have 55 parking spots and they would like 20 to 30 more. She said that the Town Planner and the Tree Warden have been very helpful. She said that they have already spoken with the Conservation Commission. She said that the front stairs are falling apart and they need to be replaced. She has Keefe Tech coming to look at them for replacement. She said that they will take care of the ramp as well. Ms. Arena-Derosa said that the job descriptions continue to grow and she is hoping that their salaries can. She said that they would like to hire more staff because of the additional hours that the Center is open. Ms. Arena-Derosa said that at the spring Town Meeting it was approved to put a new roof on the Center. She said that we have had so much snow it still is not done. Ms. Arena-Derosa said again that they need more help. She said that there is a lot of paperwork that needs to be done for the State and the Town and more staffing would help. She said that in the next 5 years they will need a new dishwasher, stove, oven and refrigerator. She also said that the bathrooms need to be updated. She also said that to have bigger classes they would like to take down a wall and put up a false wall that can be opened and closed in case the office space was needed.

Mr. Leary asked about the van issue. How do you identify the costs by the Center. Ms. Arena-Derosa said by driving around. Mr. Leary asked how much does a ride cost? She said that she has no idea, she will figure it out and let him know. Mr. Le Beau said that a ride costs about \$10.00.

Ms. Arena-Derosa said that if they have a program going on and we have a problem with the van or weather, they have a sign up list and they call everyone to let them know that something has come up.

Mr. Chiango asked if the police could drive by at closing just make sure that it is safe. Ms. Arena-Derosa said that she will check with Chief Moore.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE COUNCIL ON AGING BUDGET REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$173,735. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION – POSTPONED

BOARD BUSINESS – EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 12, 2014

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE BUT NOT RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 12, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

CHANGE TO TRAFFIC RULES AND ORDERS – OBEDIENCE TO TRAFFIC CONTROL – POSTPONED

EAGLE SCOUT LETTER

Charles Jacobs said that Brian Jacobs is a member of Troup 14 and has completed his Eagle Scout project building dugouts at Damigella Field.

The Board presented Brian a letter of achievement. The Board thanked him for all of his hard work. Mr. Marsden said the he did a great job.

EVENT PERMITS – O'NEIL AND KRIEGSMAN

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR THE RELAY FOR LIFE FOR A YARD SALE AT BLAIR SQUARE ON MAY 17, 2014, WITH A RAIN DATE OF MAY 18, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FOR A 5K ROAD RACE ON MAY 25, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

SECOND BANNER LOCATION REQUEST – HBA

MR. LEARY MOVED TO INVOKE THE RULE OF NECESSARY FOR THE FOLLOWING VOTE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED MARS DEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT. (MR. MARSDEN IS A HBA MEMBER)

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECONDED LOCATION FOR THE BANNER FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28, 2014 FOR THE HBA SPRING STROLL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

APPOINTMENT – ARTS COUNCIL

Mr. Marsden said that the Board received a letter from Carol Sussman-Ghatak asking to be appointed to the Arts Council. The Chairman of the Arts Council has approved this appointment.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT CAROL SUSSMAN-GHATAK TO THE ARTS COUNCIL WITH HER TERM ENDING IN JUNE 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Mr. Leary said that Sergeant Denman is resigning at the end of June from the Youth Advisory Committee. Mr. Leary said that Sergeant Denman has been in the Committee fifteen years. Mr. Marsden thanked Sergeant Denman for all his years of service.

Mr. Leary said that they would like to get together with the Planning Board to talk about the Traffic Study.

AT 8:35 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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