

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 16, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

15-03	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 35,000.00
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$ 35,000.00

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

14-55	GENERAL WARRANT	\$402,520.04
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 212.22
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$402,732.26

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

15-03	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 523,474.66
	WIRE/MANUAL: HOUSING AUTHORITY LAMB ASSOC	\$ 135,500.00
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$ 10,955.73
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) MILLER	\$ 4,950.00
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$ 13,837.19
	MEDICARE (001)	\$ 661.00
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 17,017.63
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,058.51
	GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$ 620,202.03
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 621,260.54
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$1,327,929.75

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 128,775.05
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 98,813.65
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COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Marsden said that there is a Holliston in Bloom reception next week, at the Historical Society, on Wednesday, July 23, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Comments from the audience

Elizabeth Theiler, 17 Norland Street, read a memo about forming a DPW. See attached.

Leo Sullivan, Global Companies, said that he is looking for an up-date on the Community Choice Program. He said that it was approved at Town Meeting almost two years ago. He said that he is looking for an up-date.

Mr. Le Beau said that we went through a process where they submitted a proposed program to the DOER. He said that DOER came back with several comments and recommendations and suggestions regarding the document. Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Sullivan is firm revised the document and then they re-submitted it to the Board. Mr. Le Beau said that it has been passed along to Town Council for review. Mr. Le Beau said that is what we are waiting for.

Mr. Marsden said that we will check with Town Council and get an up-date and get back to Mr. Sullivan.

PUBLIC HEARING – VERIZON UTILITY POLE

AT 7:45 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO OPEN THE VERIZON POLE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Mr. Blicharz was present from Verizon was present. Mr. Marsden said that a letter went out to all the abutters about moving the pole. He said that no one complained to the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Blicharz said that they would like to move pole #5 on Chestnut Street. He said that a Solar Farm is going to go in on the property at the end of Chestnut Street. He said that pole #5 needs to be up-dated and they have to extend the pole line. He said that if the pole is re-located, it will help with the lines. He said that they would like to move the pole to the other side of the street.

Dennis and Tanya Corbett, 11 Wedgewood Drive, said that the pole is on their property line. He asked if there was going to be a new transformer on the new pole? He also asked if they were going be cutting down more trees? Mr. Corbett said that for the past six months, they have been disrupted.

He said that trucks are going down Wedgewood Drive to Chestnut Street at 5:00 a.m. and they are loud. He said that a tree line has been removed from the property line. He said that they would like to know everything that is going to happen. Mr. Corbett said that when this first started, they were made promises that the Solar Farm would not be seen from their property.

Mr. Marsden said that he understands that they are upset about what has been going on with the Solar Farm, but this about a pole moving. Mr. Marsden suggested that they contact the Planning Board about the trees being cut down.

Mr. Blicharz said that he checked the work order for the pole and there is no trimming of the trees or removal. He said that there will be a transformer on the new pole.

Mr. Leary said that he would like to have a meeting with Blue-Wave about cutting the trees.

Simone Zaglia who works for Blue-Wave Capital was present. Mr. Marsden asked Mr. Zaglia if the Corbett's concerns were justified. Mr. Zaglia said that he just recently just joined Blue-Wave Capital so he is not aware of what is going on.

AT 7:50 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO CLOSE THE VERIZON POLE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR VERIZON TO MOVE POLE #5 ON CHESTNUT STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MINUTES

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 28, 2014, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

ONE DAY LICENSES – KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND METROWEST CATERING

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR A WINE TASTING IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL, ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2014, FROM 3:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSE FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS WINE TASTING IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE USE OF THE UPPER TOWN HALL FOR THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOR A WINE TASTING ON SEPTEMBER 13, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR METROWEST CATERING FOR A WEDDING IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL, ON AUGUST 9, 2014, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

APPOINTMENT

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF TONY DAMIGELLA TO THE HOUSING TRUST. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

WATER SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Marsden said that on July 10, 2014, the Governor signed the DPW into effect immediately.

Mr. Marsden said that there are some outstanding invoices for the Water Department. Mr. Marsden said that there needs to be a vote to allow the Selectmen's Office and the Town Administrator to sign and process those bills.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO ALLOW THE SELECTMEN VIA THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE WATER DEPARTMENT INVOICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Mr. Marsden said that now we have a DPW, we are still in a transitional stage and we have contacted Whitewater who runs our treatment plant and they have offered to help until we can hire a Director.

Mr. Le Beau said that this will be a contracted service for the position of Water Superintendent through Whitewater. He said that this will be on an interim basis. Mr. Le Beau said that there is another company that may offer their services as well. He said that this could be up to six months. He said that after a DPW Director is hired and after he looks at the operation, he may recommend keeping this service or hire a Water Superintendent, on a payroll basis not a contract. Mr. Le Beau said that the person from Whitewater has a Grade 4 Distribution License and a grade 4 treatment license. He also has backflow prevention, and operation of equipment. He has a hoisting license, CDL Driver's license. Mr. Le Beau said that he has many years of experience. Mr. Marsden said that there are a few Communities that use this type of company for all their services.

Mr. Le Beau said that Whitewater will assign one person to work in Town. He said that if our assigned person needs a day off they will have a back-up for him. Ms. Theiler asked how much is this going to cost? Mr. Leary said that it is \$3,150.00 per week. Mr. Leary said that this could last two weeks or two months, maybe even two years. Ms. Theiler said that it is going to cost the Town more money. Mr. Leary said he is not sure of that. Mr. Leary said we are in a transition stage. Mr. Leary said that their plan was to keep Mr. Valovicin, but he found another job. Ms. Theiler said they cut his salary over seven thousand dollars. Mr. Marsden said that we have hired a company to move us through the transition from Water Department and Highway Department to a DPW. Mr. Marsden said that there will be interviews done next week for the DPW position. He said that when that person is hired they will make the decision as to whether they want to continue with Whitewater as a back-up for the things that they want to do for the Water Department. Mr. Marsden said that it was not the Boards intention to have anyone leave the department, but people are going to make their own choices.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE HIRING OF WHITEWATER TO RUN THE WATER DEPARTMENT ON AN INTERIM BASIS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

AT 8:05 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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