

**HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2014**

The Board convened at 7:03 p.m. in Room 105 at Town Hall. Chairman Kevin Conley, Clerk Jay Leary and Town Administrator Paul LeBeau were present. Vice Chairman Jay Marsden was absent.

**WARRANT**

**Mr. Leary moved, Mr. Conley seconded and it was voted two in favor with Mr. Marsden absent to approve Weekly Warrant #15-10 in the amount of \$1,025,920.46.**

**BOARD BUSINESS**

**Mr. Leary moved, Mr. Conley seconded and it was voted two in favor with Mr. Marsden absent to approve one day licenses for September 4, 5 and 6, 2014 for the Jasper Hill Cafe and Bistro.**

**Mr. Leary moved, Mr. Conley seconded and it was voted two in favor with Mr. Marsden absent to appoint Charlotte Noponen Gallant as interim Town Accountant for the term expiring November 21, 2014.**

**TRAILS COMMITTEE**

The Board met with Ms. Ellis and Messrs. Varrell, Weidknecht, Brockert, Connelly, Henderson and Kaplan of the Holliston Trails Committee.

Mr. Varrell said they met on the site with Solect representatives late last week. It appeared that the contractor had done more site work on the trail property. Solect said it would stop. Solect is preparing a restoration/mitigation plan to include a bridge, vegetation, stone wall, bridge, and relocating the trail at Hopping Brook Road, all a distance of 2400 feet.

Mr. Weidknecht said it would cost \$1,100 to \$1,500 for an expert appraisal of the tree damage. A rough calculation of value is \$140,000. Mr. Henderson said an informal estimate of the value of additional solar panels is \$10,000 to \$14,000 per year for a 10 foot by 100 foot area.

Mr. Conley noted the possibility of treble damages and the diminution of value. He said the options were negotiation or litigation. The consensus of the Committee was a preference for negotiation.

Mr. Leary said it is important to determine the value of the damage and the value of the work proposed by Solect so we don't sell ourselves short. We would want a clerk of the works if Solect is allowed to do work on the trail.

**Mr. Leary moved, Mr. Conley seconded and it was voted two in favor with Mr. Marsden absent to authorize the Chair of the Trails Committee and the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to engage consultants to appraise the damage to the trail by Solect.**

Representatives of Solect made a presentation to the Committee regarding proposed mitigation/restoration on the trail.

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**At 9:40 p.m., Mr. Leary moved, Mr. Conley seconded and it was voted two in favor with Mr. Marsden absent to adjourn the meeting.**

Respectfully submitted,

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Paul D. Le Beau  
Town Administrator