

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

August 4, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

15-06	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 518,987.76
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) MILLER	\$ 200.00
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) PLACENTINO	\$ 4,175.00
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 427,461.83
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 2,220.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 305.15
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,096.39
	GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$ 120,768.86
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 121,865.25
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,075,214.99

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 24,367.34
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 14,157.75
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Marsden said that he was asked to look at the Rail Trail and the cutting of trees near the solar project. He said that the Board is very concerned about this. He said that several things happened. Mr. Marsden said that he contacted Robert Weidknecht on the Rail Committee to tell him that the Selectmen will support all the issues that have come up. He said that the Trails Committee has been working on the Trail for over 13 years. He said that he took a site visit to see for himself. He also said that Mr. Conley went to look as well. Mr. Marsden said that after they saw what was done and talked to Mr. Weidknecht, it was something that they had to act on. He said that they contacted the developer's Attorney and told them that Holliston has a zero tolerance policy for this type of action. Mr. Marsden said that they cut down so many trees that the area does not look the same. Mr. Marsden said that the Rail Trail Committee will work with the developer to make things right. Mr. Marsden said that he received a call from the developer who apologized and it was not their intention to have this happen. He said that they were hoping that this project would benefit them and the Town. He said that the developer wants to work with the Town and fix this. He said that they are working with the Rail Trail Committee to see what the fix will be.

Mr. Conley said that the Board is willing to help in any way that they can. Mr. Conley also wished Martha a happy birthday.

Comments from the audience

Peter Doyle, 560 Washington Street, lives next door to the police station. He said that a kennel has been constructed behind the police station next to the wetlands. He said that while Officer Stone was on vacation, the K9 was in the kennel. He said that the neighbors were not notified. He said that the dog barks for extended periods of time. He said that it is annoying. He said that he called the police station to complain and it was explained that the dog is very protective of its food. He said that they called the next day to thank them for keeping the dog quiet the rest of the night. He said that the next night the dog started barking again. He said that because the police station was constructed so well that they can't hear the dog barking. He also said that they have had a problem with the low battery alarm that goes off in the police cars. Mr. Doyle said that after looking at the construction of the dog kennel, he is concerned about safety. He said that there is fence around the kennel. He said that he checked around and Framingham had to put a roof on their kennel because their dogs were able to get out. He said that the location of the kennel is concerning. He said that there are deer and raccoons in the area. He said that there have been coyotes and fisher cats in the area as well. He said that if there is food left in the kennel a raccoon could get in. Mr. Doyle said that it is very annoying to have their sleep interrupted. He said that he is concerned about the dog.

Mr. Conley asked if the dog had been staying at the police station kennel all the time or only when Officer Stone is on vacation? Mr. Doyle said that while on vacation. But, if Officer Stone is working, he may be putting him in the kennel as well.

Mr. Conley said that he would look into it.

APPOINTMENTS – YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Conley read a note from Richard Falzone complimenting Sergeant Denman for all his hard work and the number of years he was on the Youth Advisory Committee.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT LYNNE RAHIN TO THE YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE THIS APPOINTMENT IS FOR A ONE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR. TO REPLACE SERGEANT DENMAN.

The Board thanked Sergeant Denman for all his years of service to the Committee.

EVENT PERMITS – AMERICAN LEGION/VFW AND MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR A KIDS EVENT AT BLAIR SQUARE ON AUGUST 9, 2014, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL BOOT DRIVE FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ON AUGUST 23, 2014, WITH A RAIN DATE OF AUGUST 24, 2014, FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. AT ROSSINI CORNER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

SECOND BANNER REQUEST – NEWCOMERS CLUB

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECOND LOCATION BANNER REQUEST FOR THE NEWCOMERS CLUB ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SECOND LOCATION BANNER REQUEST FOR THE NEWCOMERS CLUB ON OCTOBER 20, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENT – EMT JOSEPH CUMMING JR.

Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Cumming is highly qualified and he has many years of experience.

Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Cumming works in Holliston.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT JOSEPH CUMMING, JR., AS AN EMT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER – CHIEF CASSIDY

Chief Cassidy said that Engine 3 was on the way to a call when the axil fell off the pump assembly. Chief Cassidy said that it needed to be towed. Chief Cassidy said that he would like to repair it at the cost of \$18,700. He said that the other option is not to repair the engine and wait till the replacement engine comes in. He said the new engine will be here within 6 to 8 months. Mr. Conley said that there is value to this piece of equipment. Chief Cassidy said that the Board signed a contract for a new Pierce pumper with a \$5,000 trade in for the older engine.

Mr. Leary said that we are expected to take delivery of a new pumper in 6 to 8 months but in the meantime we are short an engine. He said that we will not have any trade-in value. Mr. Leary said that he is not comfortable leaving East Holliston without a pumper. Mr. Leary said that they would put a brush truck at the East Holliston station in place of Engine 3. He said that it does not have the capability of the pumper truck, but it would be there for emergencies. Mr. Leary said that we should preserve the trade in value of the vehicle. Mr. Leary asked how fast the repairs could be done. Chief Cassidy said about 3 weeks. Mr. Leary said that we have to maintain our front line equipment.

Mr. Marsden asked with the experience that Chief Cassidy has working with Pierce, is the turn-around time for a new engine is it closer to the 6 months or the 8 months? Chief Cassidy said that the engine will come off a production line within the 6 months then it will be outfitted by a local vendor. So it will be closer to the 8 months.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESERVE FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$19,000 FOR REPAIRS TO ENGINE 3. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

495/METRO WEST EDGE COMMUNITY LETTER OF SUPPORT

Mr. Conley said that this was discussed at last meeting recommending that Peter Barbieri be appointed to the 495/Metro West Edge Community.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PETER BARBIERI TO BE APPOINTED TO THE 495/METRO WEST EDGE COMMUNITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

DPW DIRECTOR APPLICATIONS

Mr. Conley said that they will rank the candidates in order. Mr. Conley said that the Board interviewed 6 candidates. Mr. Conley said that he liked J.T. Gaucher and Sean Reese.

Mr. Leary said that he liked them as well. Mr. Conley said that all the candidate were great. Mr. Leary asked if this was the final interviews and they would pick from the ranking or are we going to interview them again?

Mr. Conley said either. Mr. Leary said that he also liked Paul Keane. Mr. Leary said that he would like to interview them again. He said that the questions could be more intensive.

Mr. Marsden said that he was thinking along the same line. He liked Mr. Gaucher and Mr. Reese. He said that Mr. Gaucher gave a strong interview and his background speaks for its self. He said that he has a lot of experience. Mr. Marsden said that he has done exactly what we want to do by forming a DPW. Mr. Marsden said that he thinks that Mr. Gaucher could walk in and get to work. He knows what to do. Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Reese has a bit more water experience.

Mr. Le Beau said that he was impressed with Mr. Gaucher and Mr. Reese. He said that Mr. Reese had the most dynamic personality of the group of candidates. Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Reese does not have a lot of highway experience but had a lot of water experience. Mr. Le Beau said that would benefit us. Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Gaucher does not have water licenses that Mr. Reese has but he has many years of experience managing a water operation. Mr. Leary asked if we should have a second interview. Mr. Conley said that Tom Holder the Medway DPW Director has offered to sit in on the last round of interviews. Mr. Marsden said that there should be a site visit so that they can see what they are getting into. Mr. Marsden said that they might want to suggest that the candidates take a visit on their own If they are interested in the position. Mr. Leary said that he would like this done by next week.

The Board chose to re-interview Mr. Gaucher and Mr. Reese for the position of DPW Director on Wednesday, August 13, 2014. One will meet at 3:00 p.m. and the other 4:00 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Mr. Le Beau said that WhiteWater has been a big help. He said that he is going to meet with them next week.

JASPER HILL CAFÉ - ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR JASPER HILL CAFÉ FOR AUGUST 7, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR JASPER HILL CAFÉ FOR AUGUST 8, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR JASPER HILL CAFÉ FOR AUGUST 9, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

AT 8:20 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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