

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 19, 2014
4:00 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

15-21	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 503,693.63
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 394.58
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 405.45
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 998.39
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,087,212.96
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,591,706.62

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 193,017.42
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 156,305.20
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leary thanked the DPW for opening up the Marshall Street Recycling Center last Sunday for leaf drop off. Mr. Leary said that a lot of residents took advantage of it.

Mr. Marsden said that on Washington Street just before the Milford line, there was a huge pothole. He said that he contacted Mr. Smith and it was taken care of right away.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Holiday Stroll will be on November 29th, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

There were no comments from the audience

BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 27, 2014, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 5, 2014, BUT NOT RELEASE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2014, BUT NOT RELEASE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT – HPTA

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC PERMIT FOR THE HOPKINTON PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION FOR A CHILI COOK-OFF ON JANUARY 24, 2015, AT THE CHRIST THE KING CHURCH FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

RESIGNATION – OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Mr. Conley said that Michael O'Brien has resigned from the Open Space Committee. The Board thanked him for his service to the Town.

APPOINTMENTS – ASSOCIATE MEMBER CONSERVATION COMMISSION AND OPEB TRUST COMMITTEE

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT EMILY KINGSTON AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT JOHN BECK TO THE OPEB TRUST COMMITTEE, AS A CITIZEN AT LARGE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

EXTERIOR HOLIDAY DISPLAY REQUEST – CHABAD CENTER

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOLIDAY DISPLAY FOR THE CHABAD CENTER, FOR A MENORAH, AT TOWN HALL, FROM DECEMBER 7, 2014, THROUGH DECEMBER 28, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

SOLID WASTE WARRANT

Mr. Le Beau said that the Town started a trash fee about ten years ago. He said that it was \$200.00 per year. He said about five years ago we started reducing the fee. He said that this is going to be the last year and the fee has been reduced to \$35.00 per household. He said that this is going to be phased out by fiscal year 2016. Mr. Le Beau said that it was suggested that we might consider phasing it out this year, one year earlier. He said the trash fee generates about \$120,000, if it was to be collected this year. Mr. Le Beau said that we have had some strong results in excise tax and revenues. He said that we can recoup the funds through the expected return for motor vehicle excise. Mr. Le Beau said that the Governor's Office announced that they were looking at a revenue short-fall in the State budget. He said that they are looking at mid-year cuts. Mr. Le Beau said that there was going to be a press conference to discuss this. He said that there may be cuts to local aid to cities and towns. Mr. Le Beau suggested that we wait until February 2015. Mr. Marsden said that this is the last year and we should send out the bills. Mr. Leary said why go through the expense of it? Mr. Marsden said that the Town will still be making money and it will not cost \$120,000 so send out the bills. Mr. Marsden asked if the Finance Committee had a chance to look at this. Mr. Leary said that he did not bring it up to them.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO DELAY THE DECISION ABOUT THE SOLID WASTE FEE UNTIL FEBRUARY 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC

Mr. Leary said that there was another meeting last week to talk about downtown and the traffic issues. Mr. Leary asked if the Board was willing to keep discussing putting lights in downtown, or should they be looking at this on a bigger level? Mr. Leary said that they have to start planning because something needs to be done.

Mr. Marsden said that he has been going downtown at different times during the day to look at the area in a different way. He said we could say that we have lights downtown to cross the street. He said that we should pick a plan and move forward with it. He said that McMahon are the experts on traffic plans and we should not tweak their plan.

Mr. Leary said we could use other safety products. When someone is in a crosswalk, there would be a flashing post to alert the drivers to stop. He said that he thinks it could be solar powered. He said that would be shorter money. The funds would not be wasted. They could always be moved to other locations.

Mr. Marsden said that he would not add those signals now because there are too many distractions already in downtown.

Mr. Leary said that the crosswalk lights are not effective. He said the drivers do not see them and the pedestrians do not know if they push the button if the light even works. He said that if there was a flashing light, you would see it. He said that this light would be lower to the ground and not overhead. Mr. Leary said that if we pick a plan, we still have to go to Town Meeting for approval or an override for the funding.

Mr. Conley said that we have to address the issue. He said that three lights would work. He said the turning lane from Milford to Central Street, make it right turn only. He said that Fiske's General Store would keep their parking spots in front.

Mr. Leary said that if it made sense from an engineering point of view not a problem, he said let's do it but only if it works.

Mr. Conley said that we need a left turn onto Central Street and onto Exchange Street coming from Sherborn.

Mr. Marsden said then we will be getting in the same trouble like Summer Street and Washington Street. He said if Washington Street was just a little wider, you could pass on the right.

Mr. Conley suggested the Mr. Le Beau have McMahon and Associates come back for another meeting.

Mr. Marsden said he thinks an e-mail or phone call could settle this.

Mr. Le Beau said that a representative from McMahon did contact him after Town Meeting and suggested that if we wanted to take the plans to Mass-Highway to get their input and explore funding options, they would be happy to be a part of that process.

Mr. Leary said that McMahon and Associates did a great job with the presentation at Town Meeting.

Mr. Leary asked what is our next step going to be with the Andrews School? Mr. Marsden said he has been approached by a developer who wants to look at the property. Mr. Marsden suggested that we

have an open house. Mr. Marsden said that Service Master has been contacted and are willing to come in and clean the building and bring it into shape for an open house and possible the sale. He said Service Master will be protected with haz-mat equipment. He said that the building has been vacant for so many years, we do not know what to expect. Mr. Marsden said that it will have to go before Town Meeting again before it can be sold or developed. But at least it will be clean and people can walk through the building.

AT 4:55 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON-UNION PERSONNEL AND THEY WOULD NOT RETURN TO OPEN SESSION ONLY TO SIGN DOCUMENTS THAT WERE ALREADY APPROVED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

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

MR. CONLEY SAID THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

AT 5:30 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION. MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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