

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 17, 2014
7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

15-25	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 512,760.55
	VOIDS	\$ (77,546.01)
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,263,905.80
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,699,120.34

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

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Marsden wished everyone a happy holiday.

Mr. Conley said that the high school football team won the super bowl last week. Mr. Conley said that he also went to the Menorah lighting at the Temple last week he said that he enjoyed it.

Mr. Le Beau thanked Bob Nemet for painting the Senior Centers Director's office. He also thanked Mr. Nemet for taking all the boxes out of the Accountant's office and putting them into storage.

There were no comments from the audience.

BOARD BUSINESS

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2014, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SELECTMEN'S MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2014, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE AND NOT RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 2014. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING NOTICE

MR. CONLEY SAID THAT THIS NOTICE NEEDS TO BE SIGNED BY THE BOARD BEFORE JANUARY 1ST.

MR. MARSDEN SAID THAT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE ON MAY 4, 2015, AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM AT 7:30 P.M. AND WILL CONTINUE THE FOLLOWING NIGHTS UNTIL FINISHED.

MR. MARSDEN SAID THAT THE FALL TOWN MEETING WILL BE ON OCTOBER 26, 2015.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE TOWN MEETING NOTICE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

POLICE POLICY – FOLDING KNIFE

Mr. Conley said that this was brought to the attention of the Selectmen last week for consideration.

Mr. Conley said that a knife comes in handy if you have to cut someone out of a seatbelt.

Mr. Conley said that he is in favor of this policy to have Officers carry a knife.

Mr. Marsden said that he likes the idea of having a policy in place for this.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLDING KNIFE POLICY FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

WHEELABRATOR CONTRACT

Mr. Le Beau said that Holliston is one of 25 Communities that sends its solid waste to Wheelabrator/Millbury to burn. He said that when it is incinerated, it creates electricity back into the grid, and provides electricity to homes in Millbury. He said that we are in the middle of our second 20 year agreement with them. Mr. Le Beau said that it calls for a review of the annual tipping fee. Mr. Le Beau said that the pricing has been revised, and they were successful due to the efforts of Robin Chapell who is the Health Director in Walpole. Mr. Le Beau said that Wheelabrator is looking to sell the facility so they wanted to make it as attractive as possible. Mr. Le Beau said that the tipping fee will be reduced by \$11.00 per ton effective January 1, 2015. This will be in effect for eighteen months. Then it will go back to where it was before.

MR. MARSDEN MOVE TO APPROVE THE REDUCTION OF THE TIPPING FEE BY \$11.00 FOR WHEELABRATOR FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

Mr. Marsden read the Hearing notice.

At 7:45 P.M. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE TRANSFER HEARING – RT 16 CONVIENCE

Rita Patel, Navin Patel, Richard Aronoviz and Joseph Daniello were present. Mr. Aronovitz will be the owner and Mr. Daniello will be the store manager.

Mr. Conley asked if all the paperwork has been completed. Mr. Le Beau said all the paperwork is complete. Mr. Aronovis added the TIP certification for the manager and a copy of his liability insurance. Mr. Conley said that the background check done on both Mr. Aronoviz and Mr. Daniello was fine.

There were no comments from the audience about this transfer of the liquor license.

Mr. Marsden asked what brought them to Holliston from Carlisle.

Mr. Aronovis said that he had a long history in the area. He said that his family was in the drug store business in Milford, Lincoln Drug. Mr. Aronovis said that Mr. Daniello worked at Lincoln Drug with him. Mr. Conley asked Mr. Daniello if he has ever managed a package store. Mr. Daniello said yes.

Mr. Aronovis said that any person who would be working for him all would be TIP trained and certified not just the manager. Mr. Aronovis said that he does a lot of community service for the towns that he has worked in. He said that he has very little turnover in staff, because he treats them well.

Mr. Conley suggested the Mr. Aronovis get involved with the Town. Mr. Conley said that we have the Holliston Business Association, and it is a good way to get involved.

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER FROM THE PATELS TO MR. ARONOVIS, MALL LIQUORS INC. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

FLAGG BUILDING RECONSTRUCTION

Ed Nunes, Kristen Hedrick, Tom Chipman, Inga Daniels, Art Winters, Paul Healy, Jon Juhl and John Givner were present.

Ms. Daniels said that they have met with the School Committee and received their approval to conduct the feasibility study.

Ms. Daniels said that the Park Department needs more space. They are hoping to improve the building and then rent out some of the space to bring funds back into town.

Mr. Conley asked how many kids do you think would be using the building? Ms. Daniels said that they are not sure, but the property is next to the middle school and the kids should be able just to walk.

Mr. Conley said that the Senior Center has a card swip system, every time you go in you swip the card and it counts the number of people that come and go. Mr. Conley said that this is helping the Center with the number of people that go to programs.

Ms. Daniels said that they would be looking into that same system, but they would not be giving out cards, only the person who rented the room. She said that there will be a gym in the building and it could be rented out.

Mr. Juhl said that this system would count the number of people that come in and what programs they are taking. He also said it will be different from what the Senior Center has. He said that this system can do weekly reports, as well as monthly. Mr. Juhl said that this plan is not used just for drop ins, you need to be registered.

Paul Saulnier, said that the Senior Center uses this system because they can get more State Aid.

Mr. Marsden said that they do use the system for funding issues.

Mr. Conley said that he went to the abutters meeting and there are a few concerns. Ms. Daniels told Mr. Conley that the Flagg building is an eye sore and something needs to be done. Mr. Conley asked where would the Park Department go if the building was being renovated? Ms. Hedrick said that they have budgeted for rental property. Ms. Daniels said that it would have to be discussed. But, it would only be temporary office space for the other departments that are in the Flagg building now.

Mr. Conley asked how many cars do they think they can park? Ms. Daniels said 65.

Mr. Conley asked about a sidewalk? Ms. Daniels said that there has been a discussion about sidewalks and it will have to be incorporated into the site plan.

Mr. Conley said that the Park Commission would lease the land from the School Department for a number of years. Mr. Conley said that there was talk about blasting of the ledge. Mr. Nunes said that he does not think that there is ledge in the area. But he said you really would not know until borings are done. Mr. Juhl said that he has done a number of projects that have had to be blasted, and with all the new technology, it is not a problem. Mr. Juhl said that the treatment plant is in the backyard and they would be able to tie into it without major problems.

Mr. Conley asked if there was a basement in the Flagg building? Mr. Juhl said there is a partial basement. Mr. Juhl said that this building does have some lead paint issues. They will have to get a consultant in the building to check it out along with the asbestos that is in the building. He said that they would need an estimate from them for the final proposal. Mr. Conley said that new building will not have a basement it will be a slab. Mr. Juhl said yes it will be a slab.

Mr. Conley asked about the YMCA in Hopkinton? Ms. Hedrick said that the program that they ran they could only send 48 kids to it, but 77 kids signed up so they had to turn them away. She said that the YMCA bus could only fit 48 kids. She said that the program was called After School Fridays. She said that they kids were sixth, seventh and eight grades. She said that they were supervised, but it did give them a little freedom.

Mr. Conley talked about the traffic. Ms. Daniels said there is existing traffic. She said that the neighbors are concerned about more traffic. Mr. Conley said this was a school, so there was a lot of traffic at one time. Ms. Hedrick said that they can keep the traffic low by staggering programs. Ms. Daniels asked for a stop sign at Linden Street and Grove Street and a crosswalk.

Mr. Conley said that at the neighborhood meeting, there was talk about the property values.

Ms. Daniels said that as a neighbor, it should increase property values. She said that the building is an eyesore now, so anything done is an improvement.

Mr. Conley asked if they had done a traffic study yet? Ms. Daniels said that they are looking into it.

Mr. Conley asked how are we going to pay for this? Mr. Juhl said that the interest rate on bonds is low. He said that with the treatment plant in this area it will save the Town a lot of money. Mr. Juhl said that a project manager would have to be hired to over-see the project. He said that there will be an RFP for an architect and a Clerk of the Works. Mr. Juhl said that in the RFP would also include temporary relocation of the Park and Recreation Department and Youth and Family Services. Mr. Juhl said that they are looking for a long-term lease of 99 years to lease the building from the School Department.

Mr. Conley asked what the average payment would be to each house in taxes? Mr. Juhl said that he has not worked that out yet. He said that they would have to talk to Ms. Bousquet for that. Mr. Juhl said that Middle School age children will benefit from the programs that the Park and Recreation Department offer. Mr. Juhl said that Brad Jackson was asked about this and he did not see a problem with it. He said that there will a lot of co-operation on both sides, because it will benefit both.

Ms. Hedrick said that the Park and Recreation Department have never competed with the schools on programs. She said that they always offer something that the school is not offering. Ms. Hedrick said that most kids like getting off campus that is why they sign up for the Park and Recreation classes. She said that it gives them responsibility and independence. She said that they do not like to be monitored by teachers.

Mr. Chipman said that there is a big problem with the kids hanging around all the stores downtown. He said that the Park and Recreation Department is trying to help minimize that by offering programs. Ms. Hedrick said that they do not provide day care or after school care. They will provide programs that will go until 4:00 p.m. and then the child would go home. She said that this is a different kind of program than the schools offer.

Mr. Conley said that there is a great need for this.

Mr. Givner said that he has an office at Town Hall but he could use more space. He said that if he had the space he would have four student interns. He said that now he is in four towns Medway, Ashland,

Hopkinton and Holliston. If he had the space, he could be in one location. He said that it would be easier for the Veterans. He said that would be a plus for him.

Ms. Hedrick said that Youth and Family Services is in the building and it is right next to the school and that is a big plus.

Mr. Marsden said that his concerns would be who would own the building and how long the lease would be? Mr. Marsden said that some of those questions have been answered. He asked if this new building lay-out is the same size as the Flagg building now or is it bigger?

Mr. Juhl said that the building plan is smaller.

Mr. Nunes said that Park and Recreation will be the main user of the building, then the Veterans, then Youth and Family Services.

He said that Park and Recreation will have three class rooms and a game room that can be split into two. There will also be a kitchen so that cooking class can be taught. He said that there will be a shared break room. He said that there would be a shared entrance for Youth and Family Services with the Veterans' Agent. Mr. Nunes said that there will be a gym that can be rented out and will have a separate entrance. Mr. Nunes said that there is also space for storage.

Ms. Hedrick said that with this kind of space, they can expand some of their programs.

Ms. Daniels said that they had a neighborhood meeting yesterday to talk about this. She said that for the most part, the neighbors were supportive, but they are concerned about traffic.

Mr. Marsden asked Ms. Daniels if they were planning on bringing this proposal to Town Meeting in May? She said yes. She said that they have a lot to look at and they have a lot to prepare. She said that they are meeting with the Treasurer and then the Finance Committee in January.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Chairman of the Finance Committee would be attending the Department Head meeting on Friday to go over the guidelines for next year.

AT 8:40 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON-UNION PERSONNEL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

	AYE	NAY	ABSENT
MR. CONLEY	X		
MR. MARSDEN	X		
MR. LEARY			X

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

AT 9:10 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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