

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

February 11, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

Town Hall – Room 105  
703 Washington Street

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

15-33	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 663,664.48
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 10,774.73
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 998.39
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,095,319.25
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,769,758.46

### ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 200,184.27
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### TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 157,843.84
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leary said that we have had a lot of snow and he is asking everyone to have patients. He praised the Highway Department and Public Safety officials for maintaining the safety of the residents. He said that most roadways are passable. He said that they will be pushing back snow banks and clearing intersections. He said that when we get this much snow, we are running out of places to put it. It takes a long time to get rid of it. Mr. Leary said that the DPW employees have been putting in all kinds of hours clearing roads and sidewalks.

Mr. Marsden said that there is a lot going on and it is difficult to get around. He said that they have been working around-the-clock. He said that the DPW does not have a lot of sand and salt. It was ordered weeks ago but it is slow coming in. He said that they are saving it for the main roads and the hills until they are able to get more.

Mr. Conley said that the DPW has been working around-the-clock and we have had to bring in private contractors to help. He said that equipment is breaking down.

Mr. Le Beau said to vent frustrations on social media is not constructive and it will not solve problems. It will create more problems. Mr. Le Beau said that if you see a problem please call the DPW or the Selectmen's Office and it will be addressed as soon as possible.

There were no comments from the audience.

### HOLLISTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

Coach Kiley and the Super Bowl Champion Captains were present. Mr. Leary said it was a great year for the team. Mr. Leary read the proclamation for the team.

Coach Kiley thanked the Board for all the support.

Co-Caption Athy thanked the Board and said that they had a great time and it was a lot of fun even in the rain.

#### **SENATOR SPILKA AND REPRESENTATIVE DYKEMA**

Ms. Dykema said that she is planning to have the football team come to the State House to be recognized on the State House Floor. Ms. Dykema said that Ms. Spilka will work hard for Metrowest and Holliston in her new position as Chairman of Means and Ways. Ms. Dykema said that the budget season is starting a little late this year. She said that we still do not have the budget from the Governor. She said that she should have it by the 4<sup>th</sup> of March. She said that the House has started working on the budget. She thinks that we will be getting an increase 4.8%. She said that this is still in the planning stages. Ms. Dykema said that the Governor is committed to Local Aid. Ms. Dykema said that Holliston has its fair share of water problems but every town has the same issues. She is proposing a Chapter 90 request for water pipes, to go hand-in-hand with road reconstruction. She said that this will not move forward quickly but she will continue to push this forward. Ms. Dykema also spoke about education and will be talking to the Superintendent of schools and the School Committee. Ms. Dykema also said that utilities are off the chart. Electricity is going up daily. She also spoke about the deaths of people from drugs, and not a single community is exempt from this. She said that this is happening daily. She said that Massachusetts has a prescription monitoring system and it helps track patterns of abuse from people who are doctor shopping or using prescriptions flagellant. Ms. Dykema just filed a bill for on-line prescriptions only, to do away with the paper ones. She thinks that if this Bill passes, it will help. Mr. Leary asked how are they going to solve the deficit from one administration to the new one? Mr. Leary said that it would be hard if there was a mid-year cut to the budget. Ms. Dykema said that the Governor put forward a proposal to address this issue. She said that it was voted on today. She said that there was an agreement on how this was going to be approached. She said that there is a huge shortfall in the budget, and Towns have been held harmless. She said that the largest amount is from the Health Connector.

Mr. Leary asked if there was going to be an increase in the gas tax? Ms. Dykema said that she does not think that they will be talking about this. Ms. Dykema did say that there is a need for a new and improved rail system. She said that some companies are looking for the employee who lives in the city but wants to work in the suburbs who could take a train to work. She said that some companies are looking to move out of MA because other states can offer more in the way of public transportation. Mr. Conley asked about a term limit for the Speaker and if it passed? Ms. Dykema said the term limit was defeated. She said that the limit was eight years and it was put in place in 2009. Leadership can stay the same. Ms. Dykema said that change is healthy. There was a brief discussion about the possibility of the Olympics coming to Boston.

The Board thanked Ms. Dykema for all her hard work and for always being available for Town functions. Mr. Le Beau said that there is a lot going on with the new DPW and he thanked Ms. Dykema for all her help in pushing this through the State House.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

##### **CONSERVATION COMMISSION BUDGET – POSTPONED**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2015, BUT NOT TO BE RELEASED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – SHERBORN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE AN ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE SHERBORN UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH ON MARCH 7, 2015, IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL, FROM 6:00 TO MIDNIGHT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR. SNOW DATE MARCH 14, 2015.**

**EAGLE SCOUT LETTERS – HENDRICKSON AND BAGGE**

Mr. Conley said that Daniel Hendrickson and Nathaniel Bagge have both reached the rank of Eagle Scout.

Mr. Leary read a letter of congratulation to Mr. Hendrickson.

Mr. Conley said that Mr. Hendrickson did his project of markings on utility poles to find fire hydrants.

Mr. Marsden read a letter of congratulation to Mr. Bagge.

Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Bagge did his project by making a foot bridge at Weston Pond.

**CONSTABLE RE-APPOINTMENT GUYON**

Mr. Conley said that Robert Guyon is requesting re-appointment as a Constable.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO RE-APPOINT ROBERT GUYAN AS A CONSTABLE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2018. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – MALL LIQUORS AND CRAFTED**

Mr. Conley said that this was approved a few weeks ago, we just need to sign the licenses.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR MALL LIQUORS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. CONLEY SAID THAT THERE IS THE CORRECTED LICENSES FOR CRAFTED**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE CORRECTED LICENSE FOR CRAFTED FROM DECEMBER 2014 TO DECEMBER 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Conley said in a memo from Walter R. McGrath, Adjutant they are recommending three members to be appointed to the Memorial Day Committee, Robert Blair, Stephen Bradford and Stephen Napolitano.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE AND APPOINT ROBERT BLAIR, STEPHEN BRADFORD AND STEPHEN NAPOLITANO TO THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – LIONS' CLUB**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE LIONS' CLUB SPIRIT SOCIAL, IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL, ON FEBRUARY 27, 2015, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED. SNOW DATE FEBRUARY 28, 2015.**

Mr. Le Beau said that he received a memo from Highway Superintendent Tom Smith asking permission to over-spend the snow and ice budget.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE OVER-SPENDING OF THE SNOW AND ICE BUDGET FOR FY 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**AT 8:35 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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