

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 18, 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

15-38	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 998.39
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$101,569.52
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$101,569.52

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 16,622.36
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leary read Years of Service awards for Chief John Moore and Sergeant Glen Dalrymple.

Mr. Marsden said that Chief Moore has been a fantastic leader. He is an asset to the Department. And Sergeant Dalrymple has been working in town for many years and he is a wonderful Sergeant.

Mr. Conley said that he has heard some great things about Peter Tartakoff, Building Inspector.

BOARD BUSINESS - RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST

Mr. Tartakoff said that he has taken over an old police car that he will be using for his inspections. He is going to pass his old one to the Assessors. He said that the new to him car does need some work. He said that it needs some front-end work, brakes and air condition repairs. Mr. Tartakoff said that the repairs would cost about \$3,300.

Mr. Leary said that if you did not do the air condition work it would save one thousand dollars. Mr.

Tartakoff said that the air condition helps keep the car cool and he visits a lot of job sites in the summer.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Finance Committee will have final approval of this request.

Mr. Conley said that the Board will bring this up at their next meeting.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2015, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2015, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Leary asked when is the Warrant going to close? Mr. Le Beau said tonight. Mr. Le Beau said that they just received some Zoning Articles that will have to be added. Mr. Le Beau said to anyone who was going to take out papers for an elected position, the deadline is the first week of April.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Warrant is going to have close to forty Articles.

PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT – RAIL TRAIL

Mr. Conley said that Robert Weidknecht, of the Trail Committee has given the Board a copy of the purchase and sale agreement from CSX for the remainder of the rail trail property.

Mr. Leary said that the trail is a benefit for the town. He said that Mr. Weidknecht has done a wonderful job.

Mr. Marsden said that a lot of work has gone into this trail. He said that Mr. Weidknecht has been receiving grants to help with the purchasing the property from CSX.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO SIGN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE CSX PROPERTY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SCREENING COMMITTEE

Mr. Conley asked the Board if they have recommendations for Committee members? Mr. Leary said that he has two. He said Jackie Dellicker, retired Town Clerk, and Fran Colantonio local business owner and he is on the Economic Development Committee.

Mr. Marsden said that he has one member and he is waiting for other responses. He said John Cronin is an Assessor.

Mr. Le Beau said that his choice is Leslie McDonnell. She is the Library Director.

Mr. Conley said that Steve Apesos, resident of town, is his choice. He said that he has someone else in mind and he was hoping to bring it to the table tonight, but he is still waiting.

CHAPTER 90 REQUEST

Mr. Conley said that Mr. Smith is looking for Chapter 90 funds to re-pave Birchwood Road, Day Road, Dodd Drive, Mill Street, Oakridge Road, Pinecrest Road, a portion of South Street, and a portion of Westfield Drive, and Woodland Street.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHAPTER 90 REQUEST FOR STREET PAVING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

EVENT PERMIT

Mr. Conley said that the Holliston Youth Baseball and Softball parade will be on May 3, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. starting at the Placentino parking lot and ending at Damigella Field.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PARADE PERMIT FOR THE YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PARADE ON MAY 3, 2015, AT 1:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

METROWEST PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Conley said that Mr. Marsden is requesting the stipend to pay the 495 Partnership. He said that he has been working with them about land use issues. He said that they provided a lot of help with the casino. Mr. Marsden said that this is a minimal amount to pay in order to keep up our dues in the partnership. He said that he is requesting \$500.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE \$500 STIPEND FOR THE METROWEST 495 PARTNERSHIP. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN ABSTAINED.

OFFICIAL FLOWER

Robert Blair, School Street, would like the Selectmen to vote to have the marigold be the Town flower.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MARIGOLD AS THE TOWN FLOWER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Conley said that there are two positions for the Finance Committee. Mr. Conley said that no-one has taken out papers for this position. Mr. Leary said that there are openings on other Boards as well. He said that School Committee may have one and also the Board of Health. Mr. Conley said that now might be the time to think about making these positions appointed and not elected. Mr. Conley said that it is getting more difficult to fill these positions. For example he said that the Finance Committee could have three elected members alternating every year and four appointed. Mr. Leary said like a split Committee or a hybrid Committee? Mr. Conley said yes. Mr. Conley said that there a lot of good people out there who do not want to run a campaign. Mr. Leary said that is not un-common. He said that in a lot of towns, the Finance Committee is appointed. Mr. Leary asked Mr. Le Beau what would we have to do to make that kind of change. Mr. Le Beau said he would have to check the statute to be sure. He said that there would have to be a By-law change. He is not sure about going to Legislature. He said that he would look into it and see what needs to be done in order to make the change.

Mr. Leary said that the Board is planning on having a meeting at the Senior Center on May 12, 2015.

Mr. Leary talked a little about insurance for surviving spouses. He had another idea about it. Mr. Leary said that that it is a lot of money. He said that from a financial point of view covering the spouses insurance could last many years. He said that there are eight people now who could benefit, but this will open a can of worms. He said that he has asked other towns what they do and he said that Worcester will give the spouse a time frame from the date of the event he said usually about 90 days. He also said that if this were to happen, they used years of service. If something were to happen the town would put the number of years of service into a percent and that is what they would contribute to the spouses medical insurance. Mr. Conley said that if someone worked for the Town for 20 years, the Town would pay 20% of the medical insurance. Mr. Leary said that he is not sure how long the Town even paid the percentage. Mr. Leary said that he would consider the 50%-50% for a limited time. Mr. Marsden said that it would be a financial burden would be substantial. Mr. Marsden said that he is willing to keep the medical insurance going until the next fiscal year if something were to happen to a spouse. Mr. Conley said that he would be in favor for 12 months. He said that way, the spouse can find out what other options there are for insurance. Mr. Conley asked Mr. Le Beau if this was involved with section 32B? Mr. Le Beau said yes. Mr. Le Beau said that he will look into it. He said that section 9D has to ask the voters at a Town Meeting or Election to endorse the concept of paying 50% of the premium of the surviving spouse. Mr. Leary said forever. Mr. Le Beau said yes. Mr. Le Beau said that he will look into to if the Town can vote for a limited amount of participation without the necessity to accept the standards of section 32B. Mr. Leary asked if they could have another meeting with the IAC group. Mr. Conley said that this was presented as a Citizens Petition.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Fire Chief, Highway Superintendent, DPW Director and Police Chief all presented their budgets and they each did a professional job. He said that they were well prepared and could answer all questions that were asked. Mr. Le Beau said that the Finance Committee was impressed with all the budget presentations.

Mr. Marsden said yes the Department Heads that the Town has are so professional and know what they are doing. He said that it all starts at the top with Mr. Le Beau.

AT 8:30 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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