

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 29, 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

15-44	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 998.39
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$100,185.48
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$100,185.48

### ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID:	\$ 10,201.15
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### TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST:	\$ 887.50
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leary said that he has spent some time at a few water main breaks. He said that one was on Gorwin Drive and the other on Prospect Street. He said that the DPW did a great job in locating the problem and fixing it. He said the work was done in a professional and timely manner. He said it is amazing to watch a water main being fixed.

He also thanked the Police and the Fire Departments for their professional manner. Mr. Leary reminded everyone that there is a Town Meeting on May 4<sup>th</sup>. He said that an e-mail went out and a text blast reminding everyone about Town Meeting.

Mr. Marsden said that Town Meeting is very important and we need everyone to come and vote on the Warrant Articles. The purchase of a building on Washington Street for the Park and Recreation Department and Youth and family Services.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Water Department is flushing hydrants on the east side of Town. He said that they are flushing overnight.

### Comments from the audience

Vasu Brown, 49 Central Street, said that she would like to put a sign in front of her house advertising her business. She said that the sign that was there was taken and she wants it put back. She said that her sign has been out front for nine years. She said that the Building Department said that she need a permit for it.

### PUBLIC HEARING – VERIZON POLE LOCATION PINE OAK STREET

At 7:30 P.M. Mr. Leary read the hearing notice.

Thomas Blichars, from Verizon, was present. He said that this pole that they are talking about is 5/s. He said that the s means it is a stub. He said the guide wire is in a tree across the street supporting it. He said that this tree is starting to rot, so the support wire is not really helping. They need to move the support wire. Mr. Marsden asked if Verizon was going to remove the rotten tree when they move the

guide wire? Mr. Blichars said that they do have a sub-contractor that does tree work. He said that they will trim the rotten pieces of the tree. Mr. Bilchars said that he will send an e-mail to Verizon letting them know that the Town would like their tree crew to remove the rotten branches of the tree.

Mr. Leary said that Town has a Tree Warden who is very helpful.

**MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLE WORK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

Michael Kerrigan and Joe Mongelli were present to talk about what they have done. Mr. Kerrigan said the Knights were founded in 1882. He said that back in those years, the men went to work and some got hurt. The families had no income. He said that this groups has banded together to help families who have a hardship. He said that the Holliston Council was started in 2007 with 30 members and they have grown to 55 members. They are dedicated to helping St. Mary's Church and the Holliston Community. He said that they have donated over 3,500 hours. They do a lot of fundraising.

Mr. Mongelli said that they donate to the Food Pantry, Senior Center and Veterans' groups. He said that about 90% of what is raised goes to community donations and the 10% goes to the church.

### **BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

John Cronin, Brian Loughlin, Peter Barbieri, Katheryn Peirce and Mary Bousquet were present. Mr. Conley wanted to talk about the Senior Incremental Real Estate Tax Deferral Program. Mr. Conley said that the original plan was if a resident reached the age of 65 and they have been living in Holliston for 20 years, they could apply for the deferral program. He said that some of the biggest complaints is that that taxes are too high and they are forcing people out of Town. Mr. Conley said that this could give residents the chance to stay in Town longer. Mr. Conley said that if the taxes go up, they would only pay their original tax bill. The new growth would be paid with interest when the property sells.

Mr. Cronin said that personally he thinks it is a worthy program. Mr. Conley said that this is a different program from the tax differed program that the State offers. Mr. Conley said that it may put the Town in a short fall for about 10 years, then it could double the income.

Mr. Cronin said that the Assessors met yesterday to discuss this Article. He said that the Board has a lot of questions. He talked about the language. Mr. Cronin said that if we are going to do a program we have to do it right. Mr. Cronin said that they really have not had enough time to really look at this program. Mr. Cronin said that it needs work to be spelled out correctly. He suggested that Ms. Peirce look at this much further.

Mr. Leary asked if this should be post-poned? Mr. Cronin said yes it should be post-poned. Mr. Leary asked for a date so this does not drag on and on. Mr. Leary suggested the next Town Meeting in October.

Mr. Marsden said that he likes the idea. He wants it done correctly. He said that we do have some programs in place and he does not want to recreate the wheel.

Mr. Cronin said that this could have a financial impact on the Town.

Mr. Barbieri said that if there is a mortgage on the property, the bank will not allow this.

Mr. Loughlin said that most of the people who sign on for these programs have some kind of a mortgage.

**BOARD BUSINESS – EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2015**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 1, 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Leary asked Mr. Bates when someone retires from his business, do you offer them health insurance at the same rate that they were paying while working? Mr. Bates said the only person in his employ was his partner.

There was a discussion about Town Meeting Motions.

Mr. Conley said that the Town Administrator Screening Committee has received 20 applications. He said that they will be going over the applications to narrow it down.

**AT 8:55 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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