

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 10, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

Town Hall – Room 105  
703 Washington Street

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

### MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

15-49	GENERAL WARRANT	\$853.449.99
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$853,449.99

**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

15-50	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 403,106.29
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) MIDDLE	\$ 7,472.92
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) PLACENTINO	\$ 4,490.05
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 26,202.00
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 429,312.44
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 1,193.62
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,208.39
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 147,668.40
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,019,445.72

### ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 38,328.08
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### TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 26,054.51
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### COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley via a memo from Chief Moore, he wanted to congratulate and thank the Auxiliary Police for all their hard work and the number of hours that they have put in over the past years.

Mr. Conley said that in a second memo from Chief Moore, he wanted to congratulate Dispatchers Kasey Richards and Kate Hickey for 3 years of service. He said that Ms. Hickey will soon be graduating from the Police Academy.

Mr. Leary said that Holliston was voted one of the safest towns to live in. He also said that there is a water ban in effect.

Mr. Marsden thanked Mr. Ahronian for all the work that was done at Town Hall for Holliston in Bloom.

Mr. Marsden also congratulated the graduating class of 2015.

Mr. Le Beau said that the DPW did a great job doing the work in removing all the grass so that plants could be put around Town Hall.

**RE-APPOINTMENTS AUXILIARY POLICE AND SPECIAL POLICE**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO RE-APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS AUXILIARY POLICE AND SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – MICHAEL AW, JOSEPH CIBOTTI, JUDY GRAY, MARK HADDAD, MICHAEL HAMLET, ALAN LISAK, EDWARD LOFTUS, SEAN MCDOWELL, JEFF OTERI, JOSEPH QUINTIN, JUDITH RIZOLLI, DANNY LEE AND JAMES RAY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO RE-APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AS AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS – CRAIG DENMAN, ROBERT RAMRATH, BRIAN REAM, DONAVAN SEAY, DAVID CHARETTE AND ROBERT GUYON. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS – MICHAEL CASSIDY, JANET DETTORE, MARTHA ELLIS, KATE HICKEY, JUDITH JOHNSON, JAMES PETERSON, KASEY RICHARDS, CYNTHIA VALOVGIN AND DONA LEE WALSH.**

**MR. WOLFSON – RAIL TRAIL**

Mr. and Mrs. Wolfson were present to ask the Town to put up a fence along the property line that abuts the Rail Trail. Mrs. Wolfson said that they have lived in their home for 24 years. She said that when they purchased it, there was never talk about a Rail Trail going in. She said that the Rail Trail is wonderful for the Town and for people who do not live on it. She said that there are people on the Rail Trail all the time, sometimes even before 6:00 a.m. and up until 10:00 p.m. She said that the night walkers are loud, and they where head lamps so that they can see, and they let their dogs off leash. She said that the dogs that are off leash sometimes come onto their property.

Mr. Wolfson said that the early walkers bring their dogs and then his dog hears them and they are very noisy. He said that they have no privacy any more. Mr. Wolfson said that the Trails Committee planted trees but they have died. He said that he watered them, but he could not keep up with it. Mr. Wolfson said that the railroad had abandoned the property many years ago. He said that they could come back at any time and reclaim it, but most of the property has been sold. He said that the only thing that was left of the railroad were the railroad ties. He said that the rails were gone. Mr. Conley said that there was talk of a Rail Trail back in the 1986. Mr. Wolfson said that they did not know that. Mr. Wolfson said that their basement is a walk-out and people on the trail can look right into their house. He said that he wants his privacy back. Mr. Wolfson said that trees will prevent people coming onto their property. Mr. Wolfson said that when Milford put in their trail, they talked to all of the abutters about their concerns. He said that they put up fences for them. He said that Holliston never contacted them about a trail.

Mrs. Wolfson said that now that they have resurfaced the trail, there are more and more people on it at all times of the day.

Mr. Leary asked the Wolfson's if they considered putting up a fence themselves?

Mr. Wolfson said that he would have to put up an eighteen foot fence.

Mr. Leary said that if the Rail Trails Committee put up a fence for the Wolfsons they would have to do it for everyone along the trail. Mrs. Wolfson asked if other residents have had problems with people on the trail. Mr. Leary said that he has not heard of anything. Mrs. Wolfson said that she had heard that people had been complaining. Mr. Wolfson asked why does he have to secure his property form the Rail Trail? Mr. Leary said that the trail is not Mr. Wolfson's property, it goes behind his property. Mr.

Wolfson said that they never got notice that a trail was going in. He said that if he had notice that he may have done something differently. The Wolfsons said that they love their house and their yard and they have a business in Town. He said that something needs to be done to correct this. Mr. Wolfson said that trees have died and something needs to be done. Mr. Leary asked Mr. Wolfson why has he not replanted trees? He said that he should not have to do that.

Mr. Weidknecht said that this trail has been planned since 1986. He said that some people live on Washington Street and they hate the traffic.

Mr. Wolfson said that the people who live downtown are not used to the rural areas and they should be used to the noise and traffic. Mr. Wolfson would like a fence put up. Mr. Marsden said that if the Wolfsons want to, they can put up a fence but the Town will not be doing it. Mr. Marsden said that the Trails Committee in good faith put up many trees to give the Wolfsons privacy but they were not watered and died. Mr. Marsden said that he did not think that the Wolfson's but a lot of time into watering the trees. He said that he does not want to go down this path again. Mr. Wolfson said that the plants died was because there was no sunlight. They were the wrong type of trees to be planted. Mr. Wolfson said that it was not his responsibility to keep the trees alive. He said that he did make an effort to water them. Mr. Marsden said that the Town will not put up any trees or put any kind of fence in. If the Wolfsons want to they can.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 22, 2015, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2015, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

#### **EVENT PERMIT – BLOCK PARTY**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE RICHARD ROAD BLOCK PARTY ON JUNE 13, 2015, FROM 4:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

#### **COMMON VITCUALLER LICENSE – LIONS' CLUB**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIONS' CLUB COMMON VICTUALLER'S LICENSE FOR THE CARNIVAL FROM JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup>. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED. MR. CONLEY IS A LIONS' CLUB MEMBER**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR THE COMMON VICTUALLER'S LICENSE FOR THE LIONS' CLUB CARNIVAL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED. MR. CONLEY IS A LIONS' CLUB MEMBER.**

#### **APPOINTMENT – HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT JONATHAN VARRELL TO THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR A ONE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE BAIN/SERGER WEDDING ON JUNE 20, 2015, FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M., IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**HOLLISTON IN BLOOM CLEANUP REQUEST**

Mr. Marsden said that Mark Ahronian, from the Holliston in Bloom Committee, is asking that the week of July 14, 2015 through July 21, 2015, be Holliston in Bloom Clean up week.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE WEEK OF JULY 14, 2015, THROUGH JULY 21, 2015, AS HOLLISTON IN BLOOM CLEAN UP WEEK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.** Mary Greendale said that over the weekend they are asking residents to help clean up public spaces. Mr. Leary suggested that there be a neighborhood group to help with clean ups.

**EAGLE SCOUT LETTERS – CARL BERG AND JEREMY PARADE**

Mr. Conley read the proclamations.

The Board congratulated the Eagle Scouts for all their hard work.

**MR. MARSDEN AUTHORIZED THE BOARD TO SIGN THE EAGLE SCOUT LETTERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**FINANCIAL POLICIES**

Mr. Conley said that he has looked them over, and he is fine with it. Mr. Leary said that after a long talk with the Treasurer he has decided that the use of the debit card can come in very handy for last minute purchases, or a purchase from an online company. Mr. Leary said that he is taking back his request for a max dollar amount on the debit card.

**MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FINANCIAL PROCEDURES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Leary said that the Selectmen will be having a joint meeting with the School Committee next week to talk about an appointment to the School Committee.

Mr. Conley said that next Monday, June 15, 2015, there will be a Fire and Ice demonstration in Sherborn and he and Mr. Leary are planning to attending. Mr. Conley said that there is new technology that will be tested.

**8:15 P.M. DOG HEARING – GEEHAN**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO OPEN THE DOG HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.** Mr. Marsden swore in the following

Present: Animal Control Officer; Dona Lee Wash and Michael Geehan, dog owner

Animal Control Officer Walsh said that on May 13, 2015, there was a dog attack. She said that one dog went after the other. They live next door to each other. She said that the dog that got loose went out a gate that was not secured. The dog owner at that time, appeared to under the influence of alcohol. The dog was able to get out and attacked the neighbor's dog. She said that the attacked dog was taken

to the vet to be treated for its injuries. Animal Control Officer Walsh went back to the property with the police and they cited Mr. Geehan, the dog owner whose dog was the attacker. She said that there were several citations that were issued; failure to license, running at large, nuisance by way of a vicious dog. She also put a restrain and muzzle dog order in place. Animal Control Officer Walsh said that when she went to the Geehan house, there was a pad lock on the gate.

Mr. Geehan said that he and his tenants were in the backyard and someone went out the gate and did not shut it. Mr. Geehan said that he has had several dogs and this is the first one that has gotten loose. Mr. Geehan said that the gate is changed and padlocked.

Mr. Rogaishio asked if the dog has to have the muzzle on while in the fenced in area? Animal Control Officer Walsh said that it would be a good idea. Mr. Rogaishio said that when his dog goes out, he is watching at the door.

Mr. Leary asked if the dog was licensed. Mr. Geehan said he is now. He said that the dog has had all its shots. Mr. Leary said that you have to license the dog every year. Mr. Rogaishio said that Mr. Geehan has paid all the vet bills. Animal Control Officer Walsh asked if she could go around the Geehan fence just to make sure that the dog can't dig under it. Mr. Geehan said not a problem at all. He said that he will be purchasing a muzzle as well.

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO DEEM THE DOG A NUISANCE, THE YARD AND FENCE MUST HAVE AN INSPECTION BY THE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER AND THE DOG MUST HAVE A MUZZLE ON ANY TIME IT IS OUT OF THE HOUSE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

#### **CHAPTER 90 REIMBURSEMENT**

Mr. Le Beau said the DPW has spent the funds for paving Woodland Street. He said that they are asking to be reimbursed by the State.

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST FOR THE DPW. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**AT 8:25 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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