

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 14, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

Town Hall – Room 105  
703 Washington Street

Present: Jay Marsden, Chairman; Jay Leary, Vice Chairman; Kevin Conley, Clerk and Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator.

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

16-16	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 62,879.88
	VOIDS:	\$ (801.44)
	HOUSING TRUST (722)	\$ 15,999.00
	CAPITAL PROJECTS (3900)	\$ 161.65
	EXPENDABLE TRUST (722) HOUSING TRUST	\$ 551.00
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 6,075.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 192.08
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,219.50
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,108,690.93
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,193,748.10

### ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 226,602.71
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### TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 189,057.75
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley wished his daughter a happy birthday.

### REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, said that they will be having their first Economic Development meeting on October 15, 2015, at 8:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall.

He said that he has had two meetings this week with the DEP. He said that they had a discussion about the Technical Assistance grant in the amount of 80 hours for consulting work. He said that the topic was solid waste to increase our recycling and cut down on trash. Mr. Ritter said that our current contract expires on June 30, 2016. Mr. Ritter said that he knows that we usually re-new our contract for a number of years at a time. He suggested that we go out to bid for the solid waste contract.

Mr. Ritter said that he and Scott Moles, the Health Agent, went to a DEP meeting in Worcester this morning, to discuss solar panels at the landfill on Marshall Street. He said that if this happens, we will not see electric power for at least one and a half years. He said that there are a few zoning issues to take care of in order to get this project up and going.

There were no comments from the audience

**GREEN COMMUNITY DESIGNATION APPLICATION**

Mr. Marsden said that it is his understanding that Mr. Ritter and Ms. Minihan have been working very hard to get this moving in the right direction. He said that many other people worked on this project as well. Mr. Marsden said that the Board has the application to sign tonight. Mr. Marsden said that this will go into the mail tomorrow and they will receive it well before the deadline. Mr. Ritter said that we have been working on this for a few years, but it is ready to go. Mr. Ritter said that Paul Le Beau put a lot of time and effort to get this done. Mr. Ritter thanked the Technology Director, Chris Meo, Fire Chief, Michael Cassidy, and Administrative Assistant Andrea Minihan they all did a great job in getting this done before the dead line.

Mr. Marsden thanked everyone who was involved for all their help.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE GREEN COMMUNITY DESIGNATION APPLICATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Ritter said that he will send the application electronically tomorrow and put a copy on the mail.

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS**

Mr. Marsden said that he and Mr. Ritter were interviewed by Mary Greendale for "Just Thinking". He said that they discussed the Warrant Articles at length.

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS AS READ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**METROWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION**

Mr. Marsden said that the Board has been asked to support this grant. Mr. Marsden said that Margaret Fitzpatrick and Gina Stucci have asked that the Board support this application for the opioids crisis.

Ms. Fitzpatrick said that parents have been meeting on a regular basis to discuss this. She said that back in April there was a drug panel discussion that took place. She said that it was well attended. She said that there have been many opioid overdoses in the state. She said that there needs to be a needs assessment done for the Town.

Ms. Stucci said that the grant is in the amount of \$10,000.

Mr. Marsden asked what would they do with the grant funds?

Ms. Stucci said they would put in place a strategic plan to get started. She said that the first thing that they would do is assess the community needs. Ms. Stucci said that there is a lot of technical assistance for setting up the strategic plan and to do the assessment.

She said that in the beginning, they may need to pay consulting fees. The funds will pay for that. Ms. Stucci said that they will also advertise this in local papers and at all the Town events. She said that they were going to set up a web-site as well.

Mr. Conley said that they are trying to build awareness about this opioid and alcohol program. Ms. Fitzpatrick said that as a community, they would focus on substance abuse. But, the focal point is the opioid crisis.

Mr. Conley said that if someone has a problem, what should they do? Ms. Fitzpatrick said that Youth and family Services does some counseling for this now. But, she said that if someone has a real serious

problem, they know who to call. She said that the first step would be a detox center and then a rehab center for counseling. Ms. Fitzpatrick said that it is hard to get a bed in many of the rehab centers. Ms. Stucci said that it is not only the addict that this affects, it affects the entire family and friends. Ms. Stucci said that they meet once a month, the first Tuesday at Central Street fire station at 6:30 p.m. Ms. Stucci said that we need to educate the parents.

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO SUPPORT THE METROWEST COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT APPLICATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

#### **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT (POLICE)**

Postponed

#### **STREETLIGHT REQUESTS (MOHAWK PATH, GOVERNOR PRENCE WAY, INDIAN CIRCLE AND MAYFLOWER LANDING)**

Mr. Marsden said there is a request for streetlights on these streets. Mr. Marsden asked if it is in their power to have streetlights put on streets that have not been accepted by the Town yet? Mr. Marsden asked if these streets have been accepted?

Mr. Ritter said that no some have not been accepted.

Mr. Leary asked if this should be the responsibility of the builders who put these projects together. He said that they should have a lighting proposal plan in place. Mr. Leary said that the cost should be on the developer and the cost of running them until the full acceptance of the streets.

Mr. Marsden said that they need a little more information. Mr. Marsden said that the Town has accepted a portion of Mohawk Path not all of it.

Fire Chief Cassidy said if they were going to put in streetlights, to use LED ones.

Mr. Marsden said that the base of the light poles have been installed.

Mr. Marsden said that they would continue with this at a later meeting.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS**

##### **RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST (WESTON POND DAM)**

Mr. Marsden said that this Reserve Fund transfer is for Weston Pond Dam for the inspection.

He said that this inspection was done by the Office of Dam Safety.

Mr. Leary said that he is not even sure that this dam is ours to inspect. He said that he thinks that it belongs to the Army Core of Engineers. He said that we have talked about dams at past Town Meetings we put aside funds for repairs and maintenance. It was for three dams and Weston Pond was not one of them. Mr. Leary said that he thinks that the dam is Federal property.

He said that we need more information.

#### **MINUTES**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT (HISTORICAL SOCIETY, OKTOBERFEST)**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OKTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 16, 2015, FROM 6:30 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO WAIVE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FEE FOR THE OKTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 16, 2015. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Marsden said that the Fire Department and Events EMS of Medway received the American Heart Association Mission: Lifeline EMS Bronze Award. This recognizes their joint commitment and success. The Board congratulated Chief Cassidy and his staff.

**AT 8:18 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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