

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 16, 2015  
7:30 p.m.

Town Hall  
Selectmen's Meeting Room – 105

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

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

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| 16-25 | GENERAL WARRANT                           | \$659,171.59 |
|       | MEALS TAX (220)                           | \$ 45.81     |
|       | PAY.COM (APPLICATION FOR MEDICARE HEALTH) | \$ 767.40    |
|       | COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)              | \$ 520.02    |
|       | EXPENDABLE TRUST (722) HOUSING TRUST      | \$ 650.00    |
|       | AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL    | \$ 1,219.50  |
|       | TOWN PAYROLL                              | \$117,295.08 |
|       | TOTAL PAID WARRANT                        | \$778,449.90 |

### ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

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| ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID | \$ 30,903.83 |
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### TREASURER'S NOTE:

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| WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST | \$ 18,495.20 |
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

### COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

None

There were no comments from the audience

### REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter congratulated Stephanie Foley, Assistant Treasurer, who received her certification as a Massachusetts Municipal Assistant Treasurer. He said that it took three years of hard work. He said that this is the first time in the Town's history that we have a Certified Assistant Treasurer.

The Board congratulated Ms. Foley for a job well done.

Mr. Ritter said that he is putting together a meeting with the staff to come up with a proposal for the Board on the Community Compact. He said that this is important because once a community is designated as a Compact Community, it opens up the door for additional state funding for grants. Mr. Ritter said that he will be making a presentation in January to the Board.

Mr. Ritter said that he is also working with the Library about the fire alarm system.

Mr. Ritter also said that he would like to take a few vacation days at the end of December with the Board's permission.

Mr. Marsden said enjoy.

**HOLLISTON HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM**

Coach Kiley said that he was honored to attend tonight's meeting. He said that it was a great win for the team and the Town. He said that the community was at the game.

Mr. Marsden said that the Board could not be more proud of the football team and their achievements.

Mr. Leary said they have a great coaching staff and a great bunch of players. Mr. Leary congratulated the team. Mr. Marsden read a proclamation for the football team. The Board took a picture with the team.

**TREASURER/COLLECTOR – REVIEW OF HEALTH INSURANCE JOINT PURCHASE**

Mary Bousquet, Treasurer/Collector was present. She said that the West Suburban Health Group has had four Towns leave the group in the last year to join the GIC or MIIA. She said that leaves us with 1.5 million dollars in runout claims. Mr. Leary asked if that gets charged back to the towns? Ms. Bousquet said no, there was no provision in the current purchasing agreement that allowed us to charge them.

Mr. Marsden said that we have to eat it. Ms. Bousquet said yes. She said that one member of the Board did not give notice that they were leaving and decisions were made while sitting on the Executive Board so they left when the rates went up.

Mr. Leary asked if there was any legal way to recoup some of the funds? Ms. Bousquet said that she thinks that the West Suburban Health Group has tried doing that. She said that there were too many loopholes in the agreement.

Mr. Leary said that the new agreement does not have any loopholes. Ms. Bousquet said that if another town leaves the group, they will be responsible for the payments.

Mr. Leary asked if there are any penalties for leaving the group. Ms. Bousquet said that the group can charge them a fee. Mr. Leary asked why did those Town's leave the group? Ms. Bousquet said that one or two of them joined the GIC. And the others to MIIA.

Mr. Leary asked how many Towns are left in the group?

Ms. Bousquet said that there are thirteen towns left in the group.

Ms. Bousquet said that the group has voted to remove the rate saver plan, and they will be changing the bench mark plans.

Mr. Ritter said the GIC and MIIA like so many venders will low-ball the rates to get a few communities and then in a few years the rates go up. Mr. Leary said that GIC and MIIA do not have to wait a year or so before they up the rates at any time.

Ms. Bousquet said that they can change the rates at any time without a vote.

**MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE, AND HAVE MS. BOUSQUET SIGN, THE NEW WEST SUBURBAN HEALTH PLAN AGREEMENT FOR PURCHASING OF HEALTH INSURANCE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

**FIRE CHIEF – AMBULANCE OPERATIONS**

Chief Cassidy was present to talk about the ambulance. He said that they operate a revolving fund to keep the ambulance going. He said that for the most part it has been self-funding. He said that a few years they were able to bring in more funds than the ambulance spent. He said that expenses are increasing. He thinks that the general fund is the way to keep the ambulance going. He said that they

also need to fund another ambulance in the future. Chief Cassidy suggested an Enterprise fund possibly to fund the ambulance. But, he does not think that would be the way to go in Holliston.

Mr. Marsden asked what our collection rate is? Chief Cassidy said it is 99%.

Chief Cassidy said that if we go with an Enterprise Fund, future purchases will decline.

Mr. Leary said that we need to replace equipment every four to five years.

Chief Cassidy said that they have talked about borrowing the funds to purchase a new ambulance. He said that it is an option for the future.

Chief Cassidy said that they raise the fees almost every year, but it is not keeping up with the cost of the services.

Chief Cassidy said that some towns are doing away with the ambulance and are using a private carrier.

He does not suggest that we do that. He thinks that we need our own ambulance service. Chief Cassidy said that on average they run eighty to eighty-five calls per month.

Mr. Marsden said that Chief Cassidy is requesting that Mark Dellicker be appointed as on-call Deputy Chief. Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Dellicker has been with the department since 1982.

Chief Cassidy said that when he was promoted to Chief, he had three Deputy Chiefs at that time. He said that as the economy went down, he went to having three Deputies to two in 2006, then to one Deputy in 2008. He said that he always believed this to be a short-term issue. Chief Cassidy said that he has eighty employees and there is a lot of work to do. Chief Cassidy said that he was out of Town last week and Deputy Moore was on call twenty-four hours a day every day until he was back. He said that it is too much for one person to do. Chief Cassidy said that this has been built into his budget so they can handle the extra expense.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT CAPTAIN MARK DELICKER AS AN ON-CALL DEPUTY CHIEF FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, STARTING JANUARY 1, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

Mr. Leary said that they will move someone up the rank to fill the Captains position.

### **AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION**

Former member P.J. Kilkelly, was present to talk to the Board. He said that he went to the Agricultural Commission meeting last night to talk about why he resigned from the Commission. He said that there is a lot of concern about the Serocki property on Rodgers Road. He said that he was an associate member of the Agricultural Commission for two years before the property was purchased by the Town. He said that he passed along many pages of ideas for the property. He said that he did an outline for the uses of the property. He presented it to the Agricultural Commission and it sat there for a full year, it was never discussed. He said that no outside ideas were brought in to be discussed. He said that he is very concerned about this. He would like to stop the progress that has been going on for about two months until all concerned members of the community can come together and be educated.

Mr. Kilkelly said that it is very frustrating to him. He has done many things to move this forward. He had soil samples done and gave the results to the Commission back in February of 2015. He said that the Chairman of the Commission was asked by a Selectman if soil samples had been done and the Chairman said that he did not know. Mr. Kilkelly said the document is in their files and nothing has been done with it. Mr. Kilkelly said that the soil is very poor and it needs a lot of work to bring it back to

be useful. He said that the property should have been tilled back in the spring of 2015 and a cover crop planted. He said that nothing has been done. He said that the Commission said that they do not have the equipment to do the work on the fields. He said that on three different occasions a neighbor to that property has all the equipment and he offered to plow it free of charge. He said that no one stepped up to move forward. Mr. Kilkelly said that the Commission needs a real leader and a change. He said that if the Commission could meet with the Selectmen a few times to get things going again. Mr. Kilkelly said that the Town has invested a lot of money on this property and nothing is being done to move it forward. He thinks that this property has tremendous value to the community in the future. He said that it is a gold mine, but it is a lot of work.

Mr. Leary asked Mr. Kilkelly if he would be interested in the discussion for the uses of the property? Mr. Kilkelly said yes he would be interested in talking about the property. He said that many people have asked him to come back to the Commission. But, he just can't because he is frustrated. He said that the ideas are out there. Mr. Kilkelly wants to know what is going to change with this new Board?

Mr. Leary said that the Commission should be at the Selectmen's next meeting.

Mr. Marsden said that the Commission does not have a plan in place for the property. He said that there is a lot of talk, but there is no plan in place. Mr. Marsden said that the Selectmen had questions from the beginning.

Mr. Marsden said that anyone interested should come to the meeting with the Agricultural Commission. A resident of Franklin Street said that he was at the meeting the other day and understands why Mr. Kilkelly is frustrated. He said that we need to move slowly on this. Mr. Marsden said that they need to move forward. He said that he does not want the Commission to lose momentum. He said that it would be hard to remotivate everyone.

Mr. Kilkelly said that he is afraid that the Commission is going to rush this along just to produce something. He said that is why he wants things to stop for two months. He said that way, they can get back to the drawing board.

Mary Greendale, 57 Roy Ave, said the job description of the Agricultural Commission is not operating a farm. She said that we took an extraordinary step when we purchased this property.

She said that there are no requirements that you be a farmer to be on the Agricultural Commission.

Ms. Greendale said that she is willing to work with anyone who has the experience to work on this farm.

Ms. Greendale said that there are not enough Commission members to go out and do the work.

Mr. Marsden said that he is aware of that, but he was assured by the Commission that they could handle it.

## **CANNABIS CULTIVATORS**

Postponed

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2015, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

## **ANNUAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES, AUTO DEALER, ENTERTAINMENT AND COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSE RENEWALS**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ANNUAL AMUSEMENT DEVICES LICENSE FOR CASEY'S CROSSING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLASS II DEALERS LICENSE FOR 360 MOTOR SPORTS, CLASSIC AUTO SALES, COUNTRYSIDE MOTORS, HOLLISTON AUTO VILLAGE, HOMETOWN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE AND SALES, HOMETOWN AUTOMOTIVE SELECT, HOMETOWN AUTO BODY, KEYSTONE AUTOMOTIVE, PLANET PETROLEUM, SCOOPY TRUCK SALES, VINTAGE MOTOR SPORTS, W.C.G. ENTERPRISES AND WASHINGTON STREET AUTO SALES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

**MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLASS III DEALERS LICENSES FOR HOLLISTON AUTO BODY AND HOLLISTON EQUIPMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR CASEY'S CROSSING AND FOR JASPER HILL CAFÉ AND BISTRO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

**MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES FOR ANTHONY'S ON THE GREEN, BAZEL'S PIZZA, BERRY BON BON, BERTUCCI'S RESTAURANT, CASEY'S CROSSING, CENTRAL CAFÉ & CONVENIENCE, COFFEE HAVEN, DOLCE TEMPO, HOLLISTON DONUTS, HOLLISTON GRILL, JING'S GARDEN, JASPER HILL CAFÉ & BISTRO, SUBWAY AND TABLE TOP PIZZA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

#### **MCOA GRANT – COUNCIL ON AGING**

Mr. Marsden said that the Council on Aging received a grant for a fall prevention instructor. He said that it is for anyone who works with seniors or elders. He said that falling is a risk. Mr. Marsden said that this will be a 23 week course.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MCOA GRANT APPLICATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

#### **METROWEST HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT**

Mr. Marsden said the Holliston drug and alcohol awareness group applied for a grant from the Metrowest Health Foundation. He said that they were awarded a grant. The grant will be used to start building drug and alcohol awareness.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE METROWEST HEALTH FOUNDATION GRANT AWARD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.**

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

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Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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