

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 5, 2016
7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room – 105
Town Hall

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS

17-14	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 360,751.53
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) MIDDLE	\$ 23,430.00
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (700)	\$ 508,067.53
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 120.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,033.64
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 119,077.95
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,011,447.01

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 32,229.80
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 19,574.70
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Marsden said that he went to a meeting for the 495 Partnership in Westboro, MA. He said that Mass DOT wanted the Selectmen to remind everyone about the removal of the toll booths on the Mass Pike. He said that if you are using the Mass Pike and do not have an Easy Pass (transponder), you will be charged more to use the road. He said that this will go into effect at the end of October. Mr. Marsden said that it will take about one year to remove all the toll booths.

Mr. Leary thanked the staff in the Treasure's/Collector's Office. He said that Nicole Costa went to the Recycling Center this past Saturday, to help give out window decals for the vehicles.

Mr. Leary said that the Recycling Center will be staffed again this Saturday to help.

Mr. Leary reminded residents that we are still in a water ban. He asked that we please conserve water.

There were no comments from the audience

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that at last week's meeting the Board has asked him to extend an invitation to the surrounding Communities Selectmen. He said that the discussion would be about best practices. He said that he invited Ashland, Hopkinton, Medway, and Millis. He said that he would to have this meeting on Thursday, November 10, 2016, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Ritter said that he will be working on the draft for the 8 Arch Bridge. He said that he hopes to get it finished by next meeting.

Mr. Ritter said that 11 Wedgewood Drive, is an affordable house and there will be a meeting tomorrow with the Housing Trust. He said that meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Leary said that this will be an informational meeting only.

Mr. Ritter said that this week he received the resignation of the Assistant Assessor Don Clark. He said that he was a valuable employee of the Town and will be missed. Mr. Ritter said that he will be working in Wayland.

Mr. Ritter also said that they are looking to hire an Assistant Veterans Agent. He said that the Assistant has moved on to Worcester. Mr. Ritter said that Veterans Agent John Givner has done all the interviews for the position. Mr. Ritter said that he will keep the Board up-to-date when the position is offered.

Mr. Ritter said that there will be a Department Head meeting tomorrow, October 6, 2016. He said that the Economic Development Committee is meeting October 6, 2016. He said that he is happy that the video will be ready to be seen.

Mr. Ritter said that the Millis Planning Board is planning a meeting about the Glenn Ellen property on Orchard Street in Millis. He said that there will be 324 units built. This meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2016, at 8:15 p.m.

Mr. Ritter gave an up-to-date on the Green Communities Program. He said that Town Hall was weatherized last week. He said that the next step is the light bulb replacement. He said that will take place next week at Town Hall and the Police Station. He said that the new boiler will be installed at Central Fire Station. He said that he is starting to plan out Phase II of the funding for the Green Communities.

Mr. Ritter said that the DPW will be paving Pinecrest Road, Oakridge Road and Birchwood Road next week. He said that it should take one to two days to complete this project.

Mr. Ritter said that on October 20, 2016, the Economic Development Committee will be at Anthony's on the Green to show the new video of the Town.

HOLLIS HILLS

John Walsh, Walsh Builders, was present. Mr. Walsh said that he is the Manager Trustee of the Hollis Hills Condominium Association. He said that this is for an over 55 community. He said that he is attending this meeting at the request of the Association to ask the Town to pick up their trash and recycling. Mr. Walsh said that the Town does pick up the trash and recycling at Balancing Rock and they would like the same service.

Mr. Conley said that yes the Selectmen approved the pickup of trash and recycling at Balancing Rock, but it was a mistake to do it. Mr. Conley said that they are going to be looking at it again.

Mr. Conley asked Mr. Walsh when a person moves into an Association, what is the discussion on trash?

Mr. Walsh said that they understand that trash pickup would be private.

Mr. Coley asked if that was the case in most Associations. Mr. Walsh said yes.

Mr. Leary asked if Mr. Walsh had built any other over 55 Communities. Mr. Walsh said no this is their first one.

Mr. Leary said that they are going to re-think their decision about the trash pick up on Balancing Rock.

Mr. Leary said that all Associations have private trash pickup.

Mr. Marsden asked if residents knew that they were responsible for their own trash pickup, why are they asking the Town to pick it up?

Mr. Walsh said that the residents took a vote to ask the town. Mr. Walsh said that it was not a unanimous vote, but it the majority of the residents.

Mr. Walsh said that what started this was that the Selectmen allowed Balancing Rock to have Town pick up.

Mr. Marsden said that they should be looking at the Town's obligation on trash pickup. Mr. Marsden said that he will check with the Planning Board to see if that was their intention.

Mr. Leary said that one of the residents of Hollis Hills sent a letter that he wanted attached to the minutes. This letter is the last two pages.

Mr. Leary said that they will do their homework and get back to them next week or two.

Mr. Ritter will notify Mr. Walsh by email when they will be meeting again on the trash pickup for Hollis Hills.

BOARD BUSINESS

Mr. Leary said Special Town Meeting Warrant has been looked at by the Board. Mr. Leary said that they just need to sign it.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE WARRANT FOR MONDAY OCTOBER 24, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION FUNDS FOR APPRAISAL

Mr. Leary said that this is on Adams Street and it has been discussed as possible open space.

Mr. Leary said that the property needs to be surveyed and appraised.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO HAVE THE PROPERTY ON ADAMS STREET SURVEYED AND APPRAISED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSES

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR EMERY'S CATERING FOR A WEDDING AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON OCTOBER 30, 2016, FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Leary said that they have the rock salt bid from the D.P.W. Mr. Leary said that there were two bids. One was from Morton Salt \$56.94 per ton and the other was from Eastern Salt at \$57.00 per ton.

Mr. Leary said that one will be the backup contract.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE TWO BIDS FOR SALT AS READ. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ANNUAL GOALS UPDATE

Mr. Conley said that they have completed some of their goals. Mr. Conley said that he would like to see the Town Administrator be able to sign the weekly Warrant. Mr. Conley said that there is a crosswalk in downtown that he wants to see moved. He said that it is near the Mobil gas station. Mr. Leary said that they will be talking about removing that crosswalk during the planning of the lights in downtown. Mr. Conley said that he would like to see more parking but he thinks that is going to be on his wish list. Mr. Conley said that he would like to index the budget. He would like to index new growth and capital. Mr. Marsden said that to index the budget is good in theory as a guideline, but it will need more attention.

Mr. Conley also spoke about the Golf Course and the revenue that is paid back to the Town. He said that every year the Golf Course is making more and more money. He asked if the Town could use some of these funds for maintenance. He said that it is something to think about.

There was back and forth discussion about the Boards top goals. This conversation went back and forth for about 45 minutes. Just to mention a few.

Axton Cross, Andrews School, Flagg Building, Down Town Lights, Highland Street lights, Trash collection, Finance Director, Solar panels, Personnel Board and crosswalks.

AT 8:52, P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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