

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 19, 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

17-16	GENERAL WARRANT	\$802,037.83
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 48,591.20
	EXPENDABLE TRUST (710) HOUSING TRUST	\$ 2,711.80
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 473.66
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,033.64
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$107,739.49
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$961,553.98

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 31,323.27
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 19,807.08
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley said there is a business in Town that is moving from one location to another, and Karen Sherman, the Town Planner, has been wonderful to work with.

There were no comments from the audience

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that the Board approved the taking down of Axton Cross. He said that he has reached out to a few Environmental Attorneys. He said that two are willing to meet with the Board. He said that the discussion would last about 30 minutes. He said that this may even start next week.

Mr. Ritter said that Coffee with a Cop is Saturday, October 22, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Jasper Hill Café.

Mr. Ritter reminded everyone that Early Voting will start on Monday, October 24, 2016. He said that same hours that the Town Hall is open you can vote in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. He said that there will also be early voting on Saturday, October 29, 2016, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Ritter congratulated the Town Clerk, Elizabeth Turner Greendale, for receiving a \$1,000 grant from the Secretary of State's Office in support of registration on October 29, 2016.

Mr. Ritter said that the Economic Development Committee will be hosting a reception tomorrow October 20, 2016, at 5:00 p.m., at Anthony's on the Green. He said that they will show the promotional video and web page on Holliston.

Mr. Ritter said that he has received notification that there will be the fall conference at Holy Cross for Selectmen, this is a State wide event. Mr. Ritter encouraged the Board to attend. He said that this will take place on October 29, 2016, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Ritter said that the flu clinic on October 22, 2016, at the Placention School from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

Mr. Ritter said that HCAT did interviews with John Moore, Police Chief, and Sean Reese, DPW Director. They both can be found on the Heart Beat of Holliston.

Mr. Ritter said that Holliston in Bloom did a beautification at the Senior Center. They planted shrubs and flowers and did some pruning. There was also some wedging done and mulch was placed in the flower beds.

Mr. Ritter said that the bids for the Library boiler are due on November 10, 2016. He said that the Senior Health and Wellness Fair will be on October 22, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. He said this will take place at Keefe Tech School in Framingham.

Mr. Ritter said that the Special Town Meeting will take place on October 24, 2016, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the High School.

Mr. Ritter said that Susan McKenney is retiring from the Treasurer's Office and there will be a retirement party for her at the Ashland Ale House on Friday October 21, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION – COLONIAL POWER

Mr. Leary said that last week they had a meeting with Colonial Power and they discussed electricity rates. Mr. Leary said that two Selectmen participated in this conversation, no vote was taken, this meeting was not posted. Mr. Leary said that this could be a violation of the Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Leary said that they wanted the public to know about this. He said that they invited Colonial Power back to talk about the electricity rates.

Leo Sullivan, Globel Montello Group, and Mark Cappadono, Colonial Power were both present.

Mr. Sullivan said that he is attending this meeting to talk about the electric power agreement for the Town. He said that they went out to bid for competitive prices from the major suppliers. Mr. Sullivan said that there is a lot of uncertainty going forward in the market. He said that they are recommending a six month term instead of one year. He said that they then can take a look at the market again.

Mr. Cappadona said that the Town has a green product at .898. Mr. Conley said that this was a one year contract. Mr. Conley asked why did we not take a two year contract at the time? Mr. Sullivan said that the market was not too steady at that time.

Mr. Sullivan said that within the next few years there will be three power plants that will be coming off-line.

Mr. Conley asked if we could team up with Ashland to see if we could get a better rate. Mr. Cappadona said it would not hurt. He said that the only problem is that they are all NEMA. Where Holliston is NEMA and CEMA.

Mr. Sullivan said that we do not have to make a decision tonight. He said that a six month rate is a safe move.

Mr. Cappadona said that the Eversource buys their electricity on November 2 and on May 2nd. They only purchase it twice a year. So we would be guaranteed the rate for at least six months.

Mr. Leary asked what an average homeowner uses for electricity? Mr. Cappadona said around 750 kwh (kilowatt hours) per month. Mr. Leary asked what would that be in terms of money? Mr. Cappadona said \$67.35 for .898 and \$74.09 for .09879. Mr. Leary said that the average homeowner will be parking \$7.00 per month if we go with the .09879 today.

Mr. Conley said that he would like to have the contract for six months and then re-visit it.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSTELLATION GREEN NUMBER OF .09955. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Leary had just one more question. What if we used our old land fill for solar energy, the Town would own or lease the land how would that help us with the rates?

Mr. Cappadona said that depending on how we want to structure it, and how the project was financed.

BOARD BUSINESS

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 1, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 8, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION ELECTION

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE PROXY FOR THE METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING ELECTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENT – TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT JOHN GOELLER TO THE TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE, FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

WEB ENGINEERING CONTRACT – DPW HIGHWAY

Mr. Leary said that when we replaced the gas tanks at the Highway Garage, there was some contaminated soil. They hired Web Engineering to review the project. Mr. Leary said that this would be a contract not to exceed \$10,000.

Mr. Leary said that he would like a firm dollar amount. He said that they can talk about this again on Friday morning.

DOUBLE UTILITY POLE DISCUSSION

Mr. Marsden said the State has a law about double utility poles. He said that the utility has to remove the second pole within ninety days. He said that the State is asking the Communities to enforce it. Mr. Marsden said that there is a \$1,000 fine opportunity if the utility does not get rid of the pole.

Mr. Marsden said that to get in touch with Verizon is a hassle. He said that they should check this out with our State Representative. He said that if we do take this over it is ours forever. Mr. Marsden said that it would be very hard to collect the fine from the utility company.

Mr. Leary suggested that we discuss this with the five other Board of Selectmen that they have joint meetings with. Mr. Marsden said that they should draft a letter now so that the other Towns know what we are thinking.

MAPC TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Mr. Ritter said that this is informational only.

Mr. Conley said that it looks pretty good.

Mr. Leary asked Mr. Ritter if he has passed this along to all the Department Heads. Mr. Ritter said yes.

Mr. Marsden said that we work with the MAPC for the Metrowest Regional Collaborative. Mr. Marsden said that they are very helpful and have a lot of information.

EVENT PERMIT – NEWCOMERS CLUB TRAIL WALK

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE NEWCOMERS CLUB TRAIL WALK ON OCTOBER 30, 2016, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

WARRANT FOR THE STATE ELECTION

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO SIGN THE WARRANT FOR THE STATE ELECTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR OCTOBER FEAST AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY ON OCTOBER 21, 2016, FROM 7:00 P.M. TO 10:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

WAIVER OF FEES REQUEST

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO WAIVE THE LIQUOR LICENSE FEE FOR THE OCTOBERFEST ON OCTOBER 21, 2016, AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Special Town Meeting Motions – discussion

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO OPEN UP THE WARRANT FOR ARTICLE V. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE ADDING ARTICLE V TO THE WARRANT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN, A BRIEF DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ABOUT TABLETS FOR THE STUDENTS. MR. LEARY SAID THAT THE FINANCE COMMITTEE WAS FINE WITH THE REQUEST. MR. RITTER SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE TABLETS WERE FOR TEACHERS AND NOT STUDENTS. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO CLOSE THE WARRANT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Leary said that Chief Cassidy is requesting a Reserve Fund Transfer in the amount of \$10,379.01. For repairs to a Pumper Truck (truck 4).

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A RESERVE FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,379.01 TO REPAIR ENGINE 4, THE PUMPER TRUCK. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

AT 8:50 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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