

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 2, 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 WARRANT

17-18	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 691,411.77
	PAY.COM (APPLICATION FOR MEDICARE-HEALTH)	\$ 657.80
	SPECIAL FUELS TAX	\$ 1,115.76
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (700)	\$ 518,237.18
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,033.64
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 130,666.52
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,342,089.03

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 32,127.82
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 19,428.43
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Marsden said we are still in a water ban of odd even watering.

Mr. Conley read that parking ban notice. No parking on the street November 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. if there is going to be inclement weather.

Elizabeth Greendale, Town Clerk, was present to talk about Early Voting. She said that it has been very successful so far. She thanked her staff that had put a lot of time and effort so that things work smoothly. She said that as of today 26% of registered voters have already voted.

Ms. Greendale said that a lot of residents have volunteered their time to help.

Ms. Greendale said that she used the antique ballot box that she has in her office to collect votes.

Ms. Greendale said that at all State Elections will have early voting.

Ms. Greendale said that all ballots are counted and go through a tally machine. Nothing will be counted until Election Day. All ballots have been stored in the Town's vault.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, there was a flu clinic. He said that 47 shots were given out. He said that there will be another clinic on November 8, 2016, at the High school during the election, from 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then again from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Ritter said that we are in the final stages of the Green Community project. He said that this is for improvements to our lights. He said that circulating pumps at the fire station will be next.

Mr. Ritter said that while early voting was going on, a resident stopped in to talk to him about how long it is taking to get the lights installed in downtown. The resident's suggestion was to put orange barrels

filled with sand to get drivers used to the new driving pattern. Mr. Ritter said that he would bring this up to the Board.

Mr. Ritter said that the chart of accounts has been completed by the Town Accountant.

He said that the Park and Recreation Department will have a new sign showing their location. Youth and Family Services and the Veterans' Agent are all listed on the sign.

Ms. Greendale told Mr. Ritter that she has ten different paintings of the 8 Arch Bridge and is going to auction them off. She said that all profits will go to the 8 Arch Bridge Committee. All art work will be displayed in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Mr. Ritter said that there will be a five Town meeting with Selectmen on November 10, 2016.

BOY SCOUT PROJECT DISCUSSION

Chris Flanagan, Troop Leader of Troop 73, was present. He said that some of his Scouts attended Town Meeting to see how Town Government works. Mr. Leary said that this past Town Meeting was one of the shortest ones that they have had in a long time. There were five Scouts present. They said that they liked Town Meeting.

Mr. Conley asked the Scouts, what time did the meeting start? They said 8:00 p.m. Mr. Conley asked the Scouts what time was the meeting scheduled to start? The Scouts said 7:30 p.m. Mr. Conley asked the Scouts why did the meeting not start on time? They said that there were not 100 registered voters. They did not have a quorum. Holliston By-laws say that there needs to be 100 registered voters before a Town Meeting can start.

Mr. Leary said that Town Meeting only took two hours to complete, but it takes many hours of meetings to put it all together. He said that all Department heads have to be involved.

Mr. Conley said that there are many different groups that are always looking for help. He said the Food Pantry and the Senior Center always are looking for helping hands.

He commended the Scouts for wanting to get involved.

Mr. Ritter said that the Conservation Commission has many trails in Town and they need help in keeping the trails clear. Mr. Leary said that they could be in touch with Sheri O'Brien, who is the Agent.

The Board thanked the Scouts for joining the meeting.

8 ARCH BRIDGE/RAIL TRAIL DISCUSSION

Robert Weidknecht and Ed Daniels were both present from the Trails Committee. Mr. Weidknecht said that the cost of hiring a structural engineer is very expensive. He said that they should establish a committee for the 8 Arch Bridge restoration. He said that there are many volunteers that will be needed. Mr. Weidknecht said that the Trails Committee does not have enough time to do that. Mr. Weidknecht said that America in Bloom is coming to Holliston next summer and this project should be completed. He said that the 8 Arch Bridge is a show piece. Mr. Weidknecht said that they do have grant money left over from the purchase of the trail from Blair Square to the Sherborn line. He said that they have put down stone dust on the trail all the way to the Milford line. Mr. Weidknecht said that there will be a hand railing installed on both sides of the 8 Arch Bridge. He said that it would be very expensive. Mr. Marsden said that he knows that they want this completed by the summer for Holliston in Bloom. He said that we should not rush this and it should be done the correct way.

Mr. Henderson said that they have been self-funding all the projects. He said that they are grateful that the Town has paid for the trail. He said that it will be very expensive to restore the bridge and make it safe for people to walk and ride bicycles on..

Mr. Leary said that some of the funding will be coming from CPC funds.

Mr. Marsden said that the bridge is beautiful. And is the connection from Sherborn.

Mr. Weidknecht said that he would like this project to be completed in stages.

He said that stone dust would work well.

Mr. Leary said that he thinks that there will be a rush to get this project completed because of Holliston in Bloom. Mr. Leary said that we are the host Community this year. Mr. Leary said that the 8 Arch Bridge is the connection from Blaire Square to the Sherborn Town line. Mr. Leary said that Mr. Weidknecht should have some say on what is done to the bridge.

Mr. Weidknecht said that he would be willing to be part of the 8 Arch Bridge Committee but not take the lead. Mr. Weidknecht said that the bridge needs a hand rail and a non-slip walkway.

Mr. Marsden said that if a Committee is formed, they will have to make a presentation at Town Meeting if they are looking for funding.

Mr. Marsden said that the Rail Trail Committee has been so generous with their time already.

Mr. Henderson said that he thinks that a Construction Manager would be great to oversee this project.

Mr. Henderson said that there is only a bike path crossing the Eight Arch Bridge. He said that it will be widened and have gravel millings.

Mr. Weidknecht said that they would like to add warning signs about road crossings and mark Lowland Street with white paint for a crosswalk. He said that he passed this information to the Highway Superintendent and then it will be sent to the Selectmen for approval. Mr. Weidknecht asked if the Highway Department could cut back some of the vegetation and a few trees that are growing on the Trail.

Mr. Leary said that this should be a spring project.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE SIGNAGE FOR SUMMER STREET AND LOWLAND STREET AT THE RAIL CROSSINGS FOR CROSSWALKS WITH HIGH VISIBILITY PAINT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Weidknecht said that the Trails Committee does not have a budget to pay for anything. Mr. Weidknecht said that he would like to talk to Town Counsel about a few things. Mr. Ritter said that he will take care of it. All he has to do is forward his questions to him and he will send then to Town Counsel.

AXTON CROSS – ENVIRONMENTAL ATTORNEY DOLINER

Post-poned

BOARD BUSINESS

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 15, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 24, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2014, WITH REDACTIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

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MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 8, 2014, WITH REDACTIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2014, WITH REDACTIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2015, WITH REDACTIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 15, 2015, WITH REDACTIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2015, WITH REDACTIONS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

HOLLIS HILLS SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING REQUEST

Mr. Marsden said that he did some research on this request. He said that he looked at the Condominium Laws in ma. He said that residents of condominiums have access to common areas. He said that all expenses are assessed in the common area. He said that as a condominium owner, they are responsible for the common areas. Mr. Marsden said that he looked at other Towns and nothing is consistent. He said that some Towns offer trash and recycling pick up and others do not. He said that some of the bigger Cities have offered pick up in the past, but now do not want to offer any more. Mr. Marsden said that the Town is not under any obligation to offer trash and recycling pick up to condominium owners.

Mr. Leary said that he does not want to start offering this service. He said that he owned a condo in Franklin for a while, and he knew that he had to get his own trash and recycling picked up. He said that

the Town was not responsible for it. Mr. Leary said that if we start with trash and recycling pickup, next will be snow removal.

Mr. Conley said that when you own a condominium you know that you are responsible for your own trash and recycling pickup.

Mr. Leary said that the condominium owners that have trash and recycling pick up now can have it until January 1, 2018, then you will have to get your own. This would include Regency Drive and Balancing Rock.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO STOP ALL TRASH AND RECYCLING AT BALANCING ROCK AND REGENCY DRIVE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017. AT THAT TIME EACH OWNER WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

RE-APPOINTMENT – HCAT

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO RE-APPOINT DAN SWEENEY TO THE HCAT BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A THREE YEAR TERM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

FEE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE HOLIDAY STROLL, FOR THE USE OF UPPER TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 24TH AND 25TH 2016.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE WAIVER OF FEES FOR THE USE OF UPPER TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 24TH AND 25TH FOR THE HBA STROLL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN ABSTAINED.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES UPDATE

Mr. Ritter said he is focusing on the top three goals. One, the Andrews School. He said number two, solar panels at the landfill and number three, solar panels at Axton Cross or the disposal of the land.

Mr. Ritter said that he has been working to put solar panels at the landfill. He said that it would be an easier process the he originally thought. He said that a Zoning variance is not needed. He said that they are looking to see if there are any wetlands in the area. Mr. Leary suggested that Mr. Ritter talk to Sheri O'Brien, the Conservation Agent, about the wetlands.

Mr. Ritter said that he would like to discuss the Andrews School at next week's meeting.

Mr. Leary said that when we start the light project in downtown, we need to know how long it is going to take to complete.

CONSERVATION REQUESTS FOR TOWN COUNCIL SERVICES

Mr. Leary said that the Conservation Agent has sent a memo requesting permission to forward a Conservation Restriction for Holliston Woods for review.

Mr. Leary said that would be fine. He said that he did not have a problem with it.

Mr. Conley and Mr. Marsden said that they did not have a problem with it.

AT 9:30 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

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November 2, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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