

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 22, 2016
7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room – 105
Town Hall

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

7:00 P.M., TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Mr. Marsden read the hearing notice

Present: Brian Loughlin, Chairman of the Assessors and Principal Assessor Katheryn Peirce. Absent were Peter Barbieri and John Cronin.

Ms. Peirce said that a decision needs to be made on the tax rate. Should it be a single tax rate or should all business be taxed the same as a home?

Ms. Peirce said that the Town does give a discount to agricultural properties.

Ms. Peirce said that the Board of Assessors supports a single tax rate.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADOPT A SINGLE RESIDENTIAL TAX RATE OF 1%. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN VOTED NO ON A RESIDENTIAL EXEMPTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN VOTED NO ON A SMALL COMMERCIAL EXEMPTION SUBJECT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN VOTED NO ON THE OPEN SPACE DISCOUNT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

AT 7:20 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT – MARINA ENERGY LLC

Mr. Loughlin said that there was a pilot agreement for the solar panels. He said that they depreciate in value. Mr. Loughlin said that the Town will get \$32,000 per year for 20 years. And, if they add more solar panels, the Town will get more money for that.

Mr. Leary asked what if the company goes out of business?

Ms. Peirce said that they did have another company that filed bankruptcy and they sold all their energy to another company. So that group is not paying the taxes.

Mr. Leary asked if they were bound by the same pilot agreement or do they have to renegotiate again?

Ms. Peirce said that they have not had to renegotiate, they are honoring the agreement.

Mr. Marsden said that all that information would be in the contract.

Mr. Ritter said that Town Counsel has reviewed the documents and approved it.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR MARINA ENERGY LLC. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

17-21	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 544,098.97
	MEALS TAX (220)	\$ 38.91
	SPECIAL FUEL TAX	\$ 25.00
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (700)	\$ 9,934.85
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 960.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,033.64
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,121,765.32
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,676,823.05

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 219,444.76
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 181,141.55
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Marsden said that the Holiday Stroll will be on Saturday, November 25th, from 11:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Marsden wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mr. Leary said that he will be on the trolley driving around town, pointing out places of interest.

There were no comments from the audience.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that on December 8, 2016, the Selectmen will meet at the Senior Center on Goulding Street with five other Communities to discuss general practices. He said that the 8 Arch Bridge Committee have three people who would like to be appointed to the Committee. Mr. Ritter said that he would like to keep this open for another few weeks.

Mr. Ritter said that last week, the Selectmen approved the purchase and sales agreement for the land on Adams Street. Mr. Ritter said that Town Meeting approved this at the October Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Ritter said regarding the Andrews School proposal to sell the Andrews School, he is hoping that it can be on the agenda for next week.

Mr. Ritter said that he sent out the lease extension to Johnson Golf for the management of Pinecrest. Mr. Ritter said that this is a two year extension that the Board approved.

Mr. Ritter said that Town Hall will be closing at noon on Wednesday for Thanksgiving and we will re-open on Monday morning.

Mr. Ritter said that tomorrow night there will be a meeting at the Library to talk about the new burner. Mr. Ritter wanted to remind the public about the art auction on the 8 Arch Bridge is in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

CHANGE OF MANAGER – BERTUCCI'S RESTAURANT

Christopher Dunn said that he was just transferred to this Bertucci's about two months ago. He said that they need approval to change the liquor license from the old manager to himself.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE IN MANAGER TO CHRISTOPHER DUNN FOR BERTUCCI'S RESTAURANT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

CHANGE IN MANAGER – MALL LIQUORS D/B/A/ LINCOLN LIQUORS

Joe Evans said that he is the new manager of Lincoln Liquors and needs to be approved as the manager on record.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHANGE OF MANAGER TO JOSEPH EVANS FOR MALL LIQUOR D/B/A LINCOLN LIQUORS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

TRANSFER OF LAND – CHAMBERLAIN STREET TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF TOWN LAND ON CHAMBERLAIN STREET TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

LIBRARY BOILER BID AWARD

Mr. Ritter said at last week's meeting the Board voted to approve the Townsen Group for the boiler replacement at the Library. Mr. Ritter said that there is a contract that just needs to be signed.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT

Mr. Leary said that this is for Franklin Caterers for an event in the Upper Town Hall on December 7, 2016.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR AN EVENT IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON DECEMBER 7, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

UPPER TOWN HALL RENTAL FEE REQUEST – HECKER EVENT

Mr. Marsden said that if someone wants to rent the hall on Friday or Sunday then they would only be able to use the hall on Saturday. Mr. Marsden said that this is a roll of the dice. She has the hall rented for Saturday and they are willing to pay for half for the cleanup day. He said that he has no problem, as long as no one wants that day. This would be for an extra day.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ALLOW THE GROUP FOR SATURDAY DECEMBER 7TH TO COME IN EARLY ON FRIDAY TO SET UP AND THEN COME IN AGAIN ON SUNDAY TO CLEAN UP, AS LONG AS NO ONE WANT

TO RENT THE HALL EITHER ONE OF THOSE DAYS. AND THEY WILL PAY HALF OF THE RENT FOR EACH DAY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

AT 7:45 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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