

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 23, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room – 105
Town Hall

Present Kevin Conley, Chairman, Jay Marsden, Vice Chairman, Mark Ahronian, Clerk and Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator.

AT 7:01 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONDUCT STRATEGY SESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL OR TO CONDUCT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING SESSIONS OR CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH NONUNION PERSONNEL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

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MR. CONLEY	X	
MR. MARSDEN	X	
MR. AHRONIAN	X	

AT 7:34 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO OPEN SESSION

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

18-17	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 468,871.24
	PAY.COM (APPLICATION FOR MEDICARE-HEALTH	\$ 331.65
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) MILLER SCHOOL	\$ 4,307.00
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 1,645.73
	DEBIT CARD (001)	\$ 668.94
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 5,519.58
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 705.65
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,449.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,125,518.29
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,607,568.08

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 251,811.39
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 212,625.45
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ahronian said that he is very pleased with downtown. He said that the light project is coming along.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

John Henderson, Chief Officer of Mayflower Medicinal, he said that they are a medical marijuana license holder with the operation of three dispensary's in Massachusetts. He said that over the last eighteen months Mayflower has appreciated the working relationship with the Town. He said that they

are at 89 October Hill Road. He said thanks to the Town, they have made great strides in in thirty-six thousand square foot facility. He said that it has been beneficial to both sides. He said that the cultivation could employ over one hundred full time jobs. He said that they want to hire local. He said that the host agreement will give Holliston, on an annual basis, one hundred and sixty-four thousand dollars over the course of the next five years. He said that the warehouse will have improved security, and that security will improve the entire area. He said that they are close to the end of construction. He said that the dispensary will be able to dispense next year. He said that he wanted to attend the meeting before the Town Meeting to talk about medical marijuana. He has asked that the Selectmen revised the language to exclude "existing marijuana cultivation business that have active agreements". He said that the proposed moratorium is a delay on their ability to make future plans for their business. He said that if the Board will not change the language, he is asking that it be suggested at Town Meeting.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, said that he has passed out a draft of the Blair Square Committee to the Board. He said that they can email him all their comments.

Mr. Ritter said that he has a press release for the Green Communities. He said that the Town received two electric vehicles. He said that it is important to get the word out about this. He said that the grant was in the amount of \$247,000. He said that there were energy efficiencies at the Town Hall, Library and Senior Center. He said that the grant included two charging stations for the electric cars.

Mr. Ritter said that the Green Communities has started working at the Senior Center for energy efficiencies. He said that there is a grant approval in the amount of \$12,500 to explore the possibility of putting solar panels at the landfill. He said that this is one of the goals that the Board wanted to do.

Mr. Ritter reminded the Board that Town Meeting will be on October 30, 2017, starting at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Mr. Conley suggested that they be posted for 6:00 p.m. in the Library before Town Meeting.

Mr. Ritter said that he is planning on setting up a meeting with the Selectmen, Finance Committee and the School Committee. He said that when he gets the date, he will let the Selectmen know.

Mr. Ritter said that the light project has started in downtown. He said that they will be working on this until the end of November then close up for the winter and start back up in the spring.

Mr. Ritter said that he will have the purchase and sales agreement for next week's meeting for the sale of the Andrews School.

BOARD BUSINESS

Treasurer/Collector – land auction update

Mr. Ritter said that Ms. Bousquet could not make tonight's meeting. He said that on October 25, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a land auction. He said that there are four different parcels. Mr. Ritter said that there will be an Auctioneer running it.

CHIEF STONE ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Chief Matthew Stone read the press release.

Holliston Police Chief Matthew Stone is pleased to announce that the Holliston Police Department was recently recognized as an accredited police agency by the Massachusetts Police Accreditation Commission Inc. Town Administrator Jeff Ritter, Chief Matthew Stone, Lieutenant Craig Denman and Lieutenant David Gatchell accepted the award at a ceremony at the Connors Center in Dover, MA on October 12, 2017.

The Holliston Police Department first achieved its certification in May 2016, where a team of assessors from MPAC examined various aspects of the department's policies and procedures, operations and facilities. The Massachusetts Police Accreditation Program consists of 257 mandatory standards as well as 125 optional standards. In order to achieve accreditation status, the Department must meet all applicable mandatory standards as well as 55% of the optional standards based on department size.

Accreditation is a self-initiated process by which agencies voluntarily strive to meet and maintain the body of standards that have been established for their profession by their profession. Being certified or accredited is symbolic of an agency's commitment to professional excellence in the workplace. It means that the agency has agreed to adopt program standards as a way of doing business and those standards are considered best practices, administratively and operationally, according to the Massachusetts Accreditation Commission, Inc.

The accreditation certifies that the Holliston Police Department has fully demonstrated its commitment to police excellence by living up to a body of progressive standards to ensure that the delivery of police services within the Commonwealth is at the highest level of professionalism and integrity and having reflected the best professional practices in each area of police management, administration, operations and support services.

A special thank you to our accreditation manager Lieutenant Craig Denman, for without his hard work and commitment to this project this would not have been possible.

Mr. Conley said that he and the Board are very proud of the Police Department.

MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, MARCH 1, AND OCTOBER 13, 2017

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2017, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. AHRONIAN ABSTAINED.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 1, 2017, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. AHRONIAN ABSTAINED.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 13, 2017, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. AHRONIAN ABSTAINED.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE BUT NOT RELEASE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

DRAFT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MOTIONS

Mr. Ritter said that there are not too many changes, just the liaison assignments.

Mr. Marsden said for Article 18, he will not endorse the acceptances of these streets. He said that there are guidelines in place that must be followed. He said that this developer is experienced and they should know the rules.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED NOT TO SUPPORT ARTICLE #18 FOR STREET ACCEPTANCES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Trash and recycling collection at condominiums

Mr. Marsden said that this is on-going. He said that Republic Services gave the Board the additional costs to include the condominiums. He said that have their own support service. He said that they do their own lawn maintenance, snow plowing and in many cases their own trash removal.

Mr. Marsden said that there is no standard across the Commonwealth for condominium trash pickup.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO NOT SUPPORT THE PICKUP OF TRASH AND RECYCLING ARTICLE # 17, FOR CONDOMINIUMS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

All Alcoholic Beverage License for the Wine House Article # 16.

Mr. Marsden said that if this is approved at Town Meeting, there may be other business that would like to do the same. Mr. Marsden said that he is in favor or perusing another Liquor License through Legislation, but he would also like to talk to Town Counsel about our obligations.

Mr. Marsden said that this will be discussed at Town Meeting.

Mr. Conley talked a little about Article #15, Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana establishments.

Mr. Conley said that there are many option to look at. Mr. Conley said that he does not want to see this approved at this time. He said that there are too many questions. Mr. Ahronian agreed.

Mr. Marsden said that even if this Article was to pass, the Commonwealth does not foresee any dispensaries from retail. He said that he does not see any opening up for at least six months.

He said that we could have a six month moratorium. He said that summer is his best date of opening.

Mr. Marsden said that we do not even know what the state is going to do or allow. Mr. Marsden said that some of the people that he has talked to all are in agreement about the medical marijuana portion, but not the recreational side. Mr. Marsden suggested that the Planning Board get something together for next year, some guidelines or By-laws. He said that they should get a jump start on it.

Mr. Ahronian said that the state still is not sure of what is going to go on with this, it puts the communities at some risk.

Jerry Shaw, Attorney for Mayflower Medicinal was present. Mr. Shaw said that the State is still working on the final regulations. He said that in April, the State will be accepting applications for licenses. Mr. Shaw said that in June, licenses will be issued. He said existing medical marijuana facilities will get the first licenses. He said that most facilities have already passed along all their paperwork to the

Department of Health. Mr. Shaw said that there is background work that is done before any licenses can be issued.

Mr. Shaw said that he is under the impression the Holliston has banned retail sales of marijuana, it can only be sold for medical purposes.

Mr. Coley said that he knows that there have been many towns that have voted in favor of a moratorium. He asked Mr. Shaw if any have not voted in favor.

Mr. Shaw said that he thinks Marshfield may have voted down a ban or a moratorium, he said he can't remember.

Mr. Conley said that would give Mayflower a head start on the market.

Mr. Shaw said that it would allow the cultivating to start before any new company that were to come into Holliston, they would have to wait until the moratorium expired.

Mr. Ahronian said that any new facility that wants to come to Holliston has to apply.

Mr. Henderson that their facility is for medical growing only. There will not be any public sales.

Mr. Conley said that residents are concerned about where the dispensaries will be.

Mr. Henderson said that they are not going to dispense to the public. Their operation is for medical purposes only. Mr. Henderson said that they are planning on three locations.

Mr. Conley asked where are they located?

Mr. Henderson said that it is not public information yet.

Mr. Marsden said that there is specific language that is in the By-law that would affect his ability to start growing, if this moratorium were to pass.

Mr. Henderson has the language that he would like to see at Town Meeting. He said that he will be sending it over to Mr. Ritter.

Mr. Marsden said that the Planning Board would have to look into this as well.

Mr. Marsden said that the request makes sense to him. He said that Mayflower is set up for medical purposes only. He said that they are not going to be selling to the general public. Mr. Marsden said that some of their work in other communities is selling to the general public.

DISBAND FLAGG-COLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO DISBAND THE FLAGG-COLE REDEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENTS – ON-CALL E.M.T.s

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT CHRISTOPHER SEMPLE AS AN ON-CALL EMT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR. MR. RITTER HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE APPOINTMENT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT SYDNEY WULFECK AS AN ON-CALL EMT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR. MR. RITTER HAD NO PROBLEM WITH THE APPOINTMENT.

REVISED TRAVEL POLICY

Mr. Ritter read the travel policy. He said that people were making travel plans without approval first. He said that this up-dated policy will correct that.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE REVISED TRAVEL POLICY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

RESIGNATION – ACTING CONSERVATION AGENT

Mr. Conley said that Kristin O'Brien is resigning as of November 1, 2017. Mr. Ritter said that the position has been posted. He said that we have four resumes already.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESIGNATION OF KRISTIN O'BRIEN AS ACTING CONSERVATION AGENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MPO BALLOT

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE 2017, MPO ABSENTEE BALLOT, EVERYONE IS RUNNING UN-APPOSED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

SOLAR LANDFILL GRANT CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

Mr. Ritter said that he talked about this in his report. He said that they have received a \$12,500 grant from the DEP. He said that this will be used for bid specifications for the re-use of the former landfill on Marshall Street for a solar field.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GRANT CONTRACT FOR THE BID SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE SOLAR FIELD AT THE OLD LANDFILL ON MARSHALL STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

EVENT PERMITS

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PERMIT FOR THE HAUNTED HAYRIDE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Ritter said that we have on-going concerns about the Community Farm Committee. He said that they were before the Board a few months ago, and the Board reminded them that they were to get an RFP going for the Management of the property on Rogers Road.

Mr. Conley asked Mr. Ritter if they would be willing to come to a meeting in the future. He said he will set it up.

AT 8:24 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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