

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 6, 2017
7:30 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.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

18-19	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 800,501.40
	PAY.COM (APPLICATION FOR MEDICARE-HEALTH)	\$ 670.00
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 13,586.91
	SPECIAL FUELS TAX	\$ 889.68
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 21,506.66
	CAPITAL PROJECTS (300)	\$ 1,372.10
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 552.84
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 186.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,485.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,227,627.94
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$2,066,893.53

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 256,174.37
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 214,395.55
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Max Emery, 100 Exchange Street, said that there has been more speeding cars in the Mudville area. He said with the new lights going up, can we put in speed bumps or more stop signs?

Mr. Conley said that they will ask the Police Department to keep an eye on it.

Mr. Emery said that Mudville is already a cut-through now and with the lights going up there will be more and more cars using the area as a cut-through.

Mr. Conley said that before the start of the light project, the Town did a traffic study of Mudville.

Mr. Conley said that it was done last November or December. He said that once the lights go in and the residents see more traffic going through the area they can do another study. Mr. Conley said that we now have a baseline on traffic. Mr. Conley suggested no left hand turn between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Emery suggested that the Board park in the municipal lot and take a walk around Mudville to see the amount of cars that are speeding through.

Mr. Marsden said that they will follow up with the Police Department.

Mr. Emery asked about the granite curbing around the old Flagg School?

Mr. Ahronian said that the curbing will be removed soon.

Mr. Emery wanted to know why the Town signed off on it?

Mr. Ahronian said the curbing was there to stop the erosion for the new seeding that was done. He said that the seeding has taken and it did very well. The curbing will be removed.

Mr. Ahronian said that he met with the DPW Superintendent this morning about this. He said there are rocks on the field and that it will be taken care of.

Tina Hein, 142 Union Street, said that she is very concerned about traffic on Union Street. She said that she has attended as many meetings as she could get to about this. She said that at one of the meetings they were told that they could look at the results of the traffic study. She would like to see it. She said that as a neighbor in Mudville, she would like to see more signs and changing some streets into one way. She would also like to see speed signs posted. Ms. Hein said that she would like to see more police patrolling the area. Ms. Hein said that the times that it is very bad with cars racing is 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. She said that many of these cars are going to the schools. She said that Union Street is almost as busy as Central Street. She said that as a neighborhood they should meet with the Police Department to talk about signage. She said that they need to determine a safe speed limit.

Mr. Conley said that they will talk to the Police and get back to the neighbors in a couple weeks.

Mr. Ritter said that he will take care of contacting the Police.

Leslie Kennally, 32 Spring Street, said that in order to get a speed limit sign posted, it has to go through the State.

Mr. Conley said that he will look into it.

Ms. Kennally asked if there has been talk about four way stop signs?

Mr. Conley said that he will ask the police to look into it.

Ms. Kennally said that four way stop signs would be beneficial to the residents of Mudville.

Mr. Conley said that he will talk to the police and the DPW about this issue.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley said that Town Meeting is over. Mr. Conley recommended that we do a compensation study on Department Heads. He said that he would like this added to the agenda next week. Mr. Conley suggested that we get together with the four Towns that are part of our five Town group and survey them. He said that he would like to see where we stand. He said that this will be a base line.

PUBLIC HEARING – CLASS II AUTO DEALER LICENSE – MICHAEL ORMAN PERFORMANCE MARQUES, LLC

Mr. Ahronian read the hearing notice for 210 Kuniholm Drive.

Kyle Washburn, Brighton MA, and Phil Motto, Brighton MA were present. Mr. Washburn said that they are both seniors at Babson College. He said that they want to cater to high quality car enthusiasts. He said that the cars will be stored indoors. He said that in order to see the cars, it would be by appointment only. He said that most of their sales will come by way of the internet. Mr. Washburn said that he worked for a dealership for about six months just to see how things are run.

Mr. Motto said that he is a senior at Babson as well and he is the finance end of the business. He said that he worked at a car dealership to see how things are done. Mr. Motto said that they have a lease for property in the industrial park.

Mr. Washburn said that the warehouse will have polished concrete floors, LED lighting, modern office and lounge. Mr. Washburn said that the Building Inspector has visited the site. And the Fire Chief. He said that they would like to open in 2018.

Mr. Marsden said that this is going to be high-end operation.

Mr. Conley asked what is your favorite car?

Mr. Washburn said a 2003 Audi ER6. He said that model was only in the United States for one year.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CLASS II DEALER LICENSE FOR MICHAEL ORAM PERFORMANCE MARQUES, LLC. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that the Conservation Commission is looking to hire a new Agent and a clerical part-time position. He asked if anyone was interested, to send a resume and cover letter to the Board of Selectmen.

He said that the light project will stop tomorrow for the winter. He said that they will be starting back up in the spring. Mr. Ritter said that a lot of work has already been done. He said that there will be a final project meeting on November 14, 2017.

Mr. Ritter said that he is planning a three Board meeting with the Finance Committee and the School Committee. He said that he would like to have it at Pinecrest. He said that as soon as he can get a date he will let everyone know.

Mr. Ahronian asked Mr. Ritter how is he coming along with the Personnel Board?

Mr. Ritter said that he is still working on it. He said that there is a Special Act about that. He said that for any changes, it needs to go before Town Meeting for approval. Then to the State Legislature. Then back to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE

Mr. Ritter said that he has been working with this group of people. He said that they would like to look at the trash and recycling contract. He said that they would also like to expand on recycling in Town.

Mr. Conley said that he thinks that this is great idea.

Mr. Ritter wanted to bring the Board up-to-date. He said that we have a Recycling Committee with one member. He said that they have reached out him, with no luck. Mr. Ritter said that this group would like the Recycling Committee dissolved and support the Sustainable Waste Management and Recycling Committee.

Present: Mike Lavin, 200 Jerrold Street, said that he has lived in Holliston since 1991. He said that he is the Public Works Director for the Town of Wrentham. Mr. Lavin said that he has been involved with several different contracts with Republic Service.

Christine Beling, 31 Franklin Street, said that she works for the DEP. She said that she has seen many different issues that can come up with waste management. Ms. Beling said that she has lived in Town for fifteen years. She said that we need an updated system. She said that this is a great opportunity to look into it.

Mr. Lavin said that he has three other residents who would like to be appointed to the Sustainable Waste Management and Recycling Committee.

Utah Nickel, 129 Locust Street, said that he has lived in Holliston for about ten years. He said that he is concerned about the environment. He said that our recycling program could be expanded.

Jason Dionne, 129 Locust Street, said that he has lived in town for ten years. He said that he is interested in the environment.

Michelle Ceresia, 65 Dorset Road, she said that she is a single mom and is very interested in the environment. She said that she wanted to volunteer, to give back.

Ms. Ceresia said that they reached out to the Green Community School Board. She said that she was hoping that they would have a formal member. She said that is name is Andy Morton.

Mr. Marsden said that he has read the charge, and he likes it. Mr. Marsden said that the Committee will make recommendations back to the Selectmen for final approval. Mr. Marsden said that the talk about a totter is something to look into. He said that was one of the items that they talked about last year when Republic Service was in to promote it.

Mr. Lavin said that it takes a long time to look at the contract. He said that they do not want to miss anything in the contract when they review it. Mr. Lavin said that there are other companies that pick up trash and recycling, let's see what they have to offer.

Mr. Lavin said that in Wrentham where he works, they just went automated last year. He said that it is working great.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO DISSOLVE THE RECYCLING COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO SET UP A SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT UTAH NICKEL TO THE SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2020. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT JASON DIONNE TO THE SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2020. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT MICHAEL ALVIN TO THE SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT RECYCLING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2019. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT CHRISTINE BELING TO THE SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2019. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT MICHELLE CERESIA TO THE SUSTAINABLE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RECYCLING COMMITTEE FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE JUNE 2018. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES MARCH 22, 2017 AND OCTOBER 30, 2017

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 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 30, 2017, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORM

Mr. Ritter said that this has been circulated to all Department Heads. He said that it was passed out ten days ago. He said that he has received a couple of comments back already.

Mr. Conley said that he likes the format it is very simple.

Mr. Ritter said that once the Board approves this he will send it out to a couple of Department Heads to get it going. He said that this will ask them to do an evaluation on themselves, and he is asking for input on his performance. He said he will do an evaluation on the Department Head. Mr. Ritter said that this only for the Department Heads who fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOLLOW-UP

Mr. Conley said that there are two articles that they have to discuss.

Mr. Marsden said that we should finish Board business before we get into this.

MASS CULTURAL COUNCIL CONTRACT FORM

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

BLAIR SQUARE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Conley said that they received a request from Kathy Shore asking to be appointed to this Committee.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT KATHY SHORE TO THE BLAIR SQUARE COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

8 ARCH BRIDGE CONTRACT AWARD

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 8 ARCH BRIDGE CONTRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ANDREWS SCHOOL PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO SIGN THE PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT FOR THE ANDREWS SCHOOL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN.

EVENT PERMIT – VETERANS' DAY PARADE

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE VETERANS' DAY PARADE ON NOVEMBER 11, 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT – VETERANS' LUNCHEON

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR THE VERERANS' LUNCHEON IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 11, 2017, FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING FOLLOW-UP CONTINUATION

Mr. Conley said that he would like to start with the trash and recycling. Mr. Conley said that it passed at Town Meeting.

Mr. Ritter said that 135 voted for this and 77 voted against it.

Mr. Conley said that he has had several conversations with many people in Town about this issue. He said that picking up trash and recycling at condominium complexes is a grey area. Mr. Conley said that condo fees were set up to cover the cost of trash and recycling pickup. He said that if the condos can save money doing that. Mr. Conley said that there is a street that is a private way off Underwood Street, he said that the Town plows it and they also get trash and recycling pickup. He said that the mail truck does not go up this street, all the mail boxes are at the beginning of the street.

Mr. Conley said that he said he would love to postpone Regency Drive and Balancing Rock trash pickup for one year. He said instead of January 1, 2018 move it to January 1, 2019. He said that he wants to give this Board a chance to get together and figure out what the town should pickup and not.

Mr. Marsden said that on the condo issue he has been clear from the beginning. He said that we should not be picking up their trash and recycling. He said it will cost one hundred and forty thousand dollars to add all the condos in Town for trash pickup. He said that even if we wanted to add them for pickup, we do not have the extra money to pay for it. Mr. Marsden said that ten years ago when we started picking up Regency Drive he thinks that it was a goodwill gesture. But, now we have many more condo associations in Town. Mr. Marsden said that does not think that we should push this off for another year. He said that it sends the wrong message.

Mr. Ahronian said the cost was never presented by the petitioners. He said that they had several months to get all their information together. Mr. Ahronian said that Balancing Rock was the one to come to the Selectmen asking for trash and recycling pickup. But they did not come in with any numbers to back themselves. Mr. Ahronian said that the only cost that they have is from Republic Services for the Town to pay. He said that if we lift the moratorium, then we are responsible for the payment. He said that it is not in our budget to cover this expense. Mr. Ahronian said no, he is not in favor of this.

Mr. Conley said that the residents on Regency Drive have had their trash and recycling picked up by the Town for a very long time.

Mr. Ahronian said that there are a few people who own multiple condos on Regency Drive and rent them out and the people who are renting may not be able to afford the trash pickup. But that is the responsibility of the owner to pay for it.

Mr. Marsden said that they gave everyone over one year to figure out something.

Mr. Ahronian said that some people have had trash and recycling pickup and they should not have.

Mr. Conley said that we do not have the money to expand the program. He said that we should have a policy in place.

Mr. Marsden said that we gave them one year. That was a lot of time to get their act together.

Mr. Conley said that Mr. Michael Lavin said that if there is trash and recycling pickup it enhances the value of the condominium complex.

Mr. Conley said that we need a policy put in place. He said that he feels bad for Regency Drive. He said that they have had trash and recycling for so long.

Mr. Marsden said that if the Town pickups trash and recycling then the question will be, are you going to plow our roads and fix potholes. He said that we will be asked to trim trees.

Mr. Conley said that he would like to hold this off until January. Mr. Conley asked if business should have their trash picked up?

Mr. Marsden said that it depends on the business.

Mr. Ahronian said that the bigger business have a dumpster. He said that that there are several small business that put out recycling every week along with their trash.

Mr. Ritter said that he will add this to the agenda in a few weeks, so that the Board can revisit it.

Mr. Conley said that he wants to get the ball rolling with the Wine House so that they can get an all Alcoholic Beverage License.

Mr. Marsden asked Mr. Ritter if they can request this through the Legislature for the Town or can they request this for the Wine House?

Mr. Ritter said that this was approved at Town Meeting for the Wine House at 76 Central Street.

Mr. Marsden said that this license will follow the address.

Mr. Ritter said yes.

Mr. Marsden asked if someone were to take over the address, what happens to the license?

Mr. Ritter said that they would have to talk to Town Counsel.

Mr. Marsden said that we know who the Wine House is. He said that we do not someone coming in and putting in something larger to knock off some of the smaller business. He said that he thinks that it is a good idea to go with the address of 76 Central Street for the all Alcoholic Beverage License.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FOR THE WINE HOUSE AT 76 CENTRAL STREET FOR AN ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Conley asked the Board if they could start meeting at 7:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m?

Mr. Marsden and Mr. Ahronian both said not a problem.

AT 8:48 P.M., MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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