

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 13, 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.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

18-20	GENERAL WARRANT	\$519,943.89
	VOIDS	\$ (218.61)
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$ 79,462.50
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 885.19
	CAPITAL PROJECTS (300)	\$ 2,680.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 34.97
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,548.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$166,806.48
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$769,594.42

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 28,796.90
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ahronian said that the Lions' Club will be out early tomorrow morning setting up Holiday Lights. He said that Craig Johnson is in charge of the lighting this year. He said that they have volunteers from the DPW to help.

Mr. Ahronian said that the Veteran's' luncheon was well attended. He said that the food was great. He said that the VFW celebrated its 70th birthday.

No comments from the audience.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that the second phase on the Green Communities work on the Senior Center has been completed. He said that energy efficient lighting and weatherization improvements have all been completed. Mr. Ritter said that last week the neighborhood of Mudville was at the meeting to talk about the extra traffic cutting through. He said that he has talked to the Police Chief to have extra patrols. He said that it was asked if the McMahan and Associates traffic study be out on the Town's website. He said that it was posted last Tuesday. Mr. Ritter said that the Selectmen are scheduled to meet at Pinecrest on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, with the School Committee and the Finance Committee.

Mr. Ritter said that the Selectmen have a date on November 18, 2017, for the Habitat for Humanity ribbon cutting. He said it starts at 10:00 a.m. on Chamberlain Street.

Michael Szczepan, Republic Service, was present to give the Town a check in the amount of ten thousand dollars. Mr. Szczepan said that it helps the Town with their Household Hazardous Waste Day. He said that they donated the dumpsters for the Senior Class Auction. The Board thanked Mr. Szczepan for the donation.

7:15 P.M.- JOINT MEETING WITH THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES TO FILL A VACANCY

Present Library Trustees: Bob Malone, Jim Pond, Nancy Baron and Bill Heuer

Mr. Conley said that we received a letter from Karla Alfred, 315 High Street asking to be appointed to the Board of Library Trustees. Mr. Conley said that the Board of Library Trustees have already interviewed Ms. Alfred and have approved the appointment.

Ms. Alfred said that she is a stay at home parent with two small children. She was at the Library donating some books and made a comment about the Trustees. The Librarian said that there just so happened to be a vacancy on the Board. Ms. Alfred went home and wrote a letter to the Board asking to be appointed. She said that this would be a great way for her to give back to the Town.

Mr. Conley asked Ms. Alfred what direction should the Library be going? Mr. Conley suggested a Starbucks coffee shop downstairs would be great.

Ms. Alfred said that there are different ways for people to get reading material. She said a book or e-book. She said that both meet the community's needs. Ms. Alfred said that the Library needs more space, or a bigger building.

Mr. Ahronian asked how big do you think the Library should be in five or six years?

Mr. Ahronian said that parking is an issue and the elderly people have a hard time getting into the Library.

Ms. Alfred said that she can see both sides. She said that the Library is in a great location, but the location is too small. She said that if the Library were to move it would create a large expense for the Town. She said that they would have to find the right location for it. Ms. Alfred said closer to the school would be good. She said that she has a second grader and would never let them walk to the Library.

Mr. Marsden said that Ms. Alfred is a certified teacher with her Masters.

Ms. Alfred said that her husband is on the Finance Committee.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPOINT KARLA ALFRED TO THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

Mr. Marsden said that he is on the 495 Partnership and they are looking for continued participation.

Mr. Marsden asked Mr. Conley and Mr. Ahronian if it was ok with them.

Mr. Ahronian thinks that this is a great idea. Mr. Conley said not a problem.

BOARD BUSINESS

GIFT ACCEPTANCE FORMS – FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE \$250.00 FROM FRAN COLANTONIO TO THE GENERAL GIFT ACCOUNT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE \$300.00 FROM HENRY TATE FOR THE K-9 UNIT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE \$250.00 FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM FRAN COLANTONIO. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

EXTERIOR HOLIDAY DISPLAY REQUEST

Mr. Conley said that the Lions' Club would like to decorate downtown with holiday lights.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOLIDAY DISPLAY REQUEST FOR THE LIONS' CLUB. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. AHRONIAN ABSTAINED. Mr.

Ahronian is a Lions' Club Member.

BRIGHTON HEALTH ADVOCATES – CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Mr. Ritter said that Brighton Health Advocates is a medical marijuana growing facility. He said that they are located at 201 Summer Street. He said that this was the first host Community Agreement. Mr. Ritter said that it took so long to agree on the lease, the property is not going to work. He said that they went looking for another location and they found one on Hopping Brook Road. He said that the first address was an incorrect one, the correct one is 465 Hopping Brook Road Lot #1.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO CHANGE THE ADDRESS TO 465 HOPPING BROOK ROAD, LOT #1 FOR BRIGHTON HEALTH ADVOCATES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Ahronian asked if the Town Clerk could help with a petition from a resident or are they on their own?

Mr. Ritter said that it is not a common practice but it has been done that Town Counsel could look the petitions over to make sure that they are worded correctly.

Mr. Conley said that general guidance would be helpful.

Mr. Ritter said that he will come up with a draft policy.

AT 7:26 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-UNION COMPENSATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN

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

AT 8:22 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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