



**TOWN OF HOLLISTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
HOLLISTON TOWN HALL
JANUARY 3, 2018**

Present: Kevin Conley, Chairman; Jay Marsden, Vice Chairman; Mark Ahronian, Clerk

Also present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

K. Conley called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

1.) Warrants: M. Ahronian read the Warrants and made a motion to approve the weekly vendor (expense) and payroll warrants in the amount of \$1,934,247.59. Second, K. Conley. Voted 2-0

2.) Public Comment: M. Ahronian reminded the public to be sure to place trash at the end of their driveways not on the sidewalks and to keep all trash off the public ways. Also, for residents to remove or relocate on a temporary basis all basketball hoops to the DPW can keep the public ways open during snow storms.

K. Conley congratulated the DPW staff for doing an outstanding job during the Christmas Day water main break and related ice storm.

K. Conley also asked the Board to approve a parking ban from 7:00a.m. tomorrow until the end of the snow storm. J. Marsden asked for clarity, was the suggestion to have a total ban on all on street parking including the business district where there are currently marked parking spots?

M. Ahronian stated that he thought the parking ban should be only for undesignated on street parking and should not include designated parking spaces like along Washington Street in the central business district where there are designated spots.

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M. Marsden made a motion to approve the parking ban as discussed. Second, M. Ahronian.
Voted 3-0

3.) Report of the Town Administrator: J. Ritter reported that several months ago residents of Garrett Way and Highland Street requested a streetlight be installed. That work is now complete.

Next Monday, the Board will be meeting with the recommended candidate for the position of Conservation Agent. He is planning to meet with the candidate this Friday in advance of the Board meeting.

The monthly Department Heads meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning has been cancelled due to the weather.

The monthly Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled for tomorrow morning has been cancelled due to the weather.

Work has started on the FY19 budgets

The planned briefing for consultants interested in the Library roof & HVAC work has been rescheduled due to the storm.

The next meeting with the Police Union will be January 16th at 10a.m.

Finally, all Town buildings will be closed tomorrow due to the pending snow storm except the police and fire stations.

4.) Regency Drive Trash and Recycling: K. Conley stated Regency is in a unique situation because there appear to be no conditions from the Planning Board when it was approved in 1984. So there is nothing in place. He suggested residents bring their trash to the public way for collection.

Rosemary Micelotti, 34 Regency Drive, said the problem is what to do with the recyclables she does not want to mix those items with the trash stream.

Attorney Edward Allock with Marcus, Errico, Emmer & Brooks was present and said his firm represents over 4,000 condominium owners and said the Town has been providing this service to Regency for at least ten (10) years and is wrong to discontinue it now. There is no Planning Board decision that addresses this issue in place. The Association would have to secure a dumpster at a cost of approximately \$6,000 per year.

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The assessed value of these condominium units is about \$175,000 with several affordable units.

Robert Cassidy, 10 Regency Drive and a Trustee of the Regency Drive Condominium Association said he has reviewed the history going back to 1962 and Regency is a unique situation and makes their Association different from others in Town. He has spoken with the Assessors, Treasurer/Collector and Town Clerk to understand the history of the project.

R. Cassidy said he has served on several Town Board in Holliston and surrounding communities. At Regency there are 45 units, 19 rental, and 2 section 8 housing including some with disabilities.

He has spoken with the Attorney General's Office and believes there is a breach of law only Town Meeting has the authority to make this decision even if Town Counsel has said it is non-binding on the Selectmen. He is hopeful a Committee can be established to take a look at the situation.

J. Marsden said this has nothing to do with discrimination. Some communities collect the trash and some do not. Holliston in fact is working to treat everyone in the situation the same. The Town provided notice of over a year that this day was coming allowing for you to plan. Some will be unhappy about having a dumpster on site but the cost is approximately \$12 per month per unit.

M. Ahronian noted that Regency is different but we need to treat people fairly and equally. The Town does not have a significant commercial base like other communities who maybe providing this service. A new trash fee might be needed what you do for some the Town has to be prepared to do for all.

Paul Chalupa, 24 Piedmont Drive was present and said we pay taxes and get nothing in return. He does not see a negative impact on Town services.

R. Cassidy said he spoke with a former member of the Board of Selectmen and was told Regency is an approved street by the Town. He further stated, that former member of the Board of Selectmen Jay Leary used his experience as a Franklin condominium owner to influence the Board.

K. Conely said he was terminating the discussion. Without a Planning Board decision he thought residents should be able to bring their trash to the curb side on a public way.

J. Marsden said he has not changed his opinion the Town has to treat everyone the same.

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M. Ahronian said he would like a little more time to think it over.

5.) Board Business:

Minutes April 3, 2016; November 6, 2017; November 13, 2017; and December 18, 2017: J. Marsden made a motion to approve and release the meeting minutes from April 3, 2017; November 6, 2017; November 13, 2017 and December 18, 2017. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0.

Fire Department Gift Acceptance: J. Marsden noted the new policy on the acceptance of gifts as part of the Town's financial best practices and made a motion to accept a gift in the amount of \$125 from Century-Ty Wood Manufacturing as a year-end donation in memory of founder. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

On-Call EMT Appointment: J. Marsden read the qualifications of Zachary Skerry and noted this is a Town Administrator appointment with the approval of the Board. J. Marsden made a motion to appoint Zachary Skerry to be an on-call EMT with the Holliston Fire Department. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

Houston-Galveston Area Council Interlocal Contract – Fire Department: J. Marsden read the joint procurement agreement and made a motion to approve and sign the Houston-Galveston Area Council Interlocal Contract. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

One Day Alcoholic Beverage Permit – Premier Bar Service: J. Marsden made a motion to approve and grant a one day alcoholic beverage permit to Premier Bar Service for a birthday party to be held on January 6, 2018 from 8p.m.-10p.m. at Holliston Town Hall. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

ABCC Renewal Certificate: J. Marsden made a motion to approve and sign the annual ABCC renewal certification and to submit it to the ABCC. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

Streetlight FY19 Budget: J. Ritter presented the annual FY19 Street Light budget and noted it was at budget guideline as established by the Finance Committee. J. Marsden made a motion to approve and submit the FY19 Street Light budget to the Finance Committee for review and approval. Second, M. Ahronian. Vote 3-0

FY19 Project List: J. Ritter said he was contacted by State Senator Karen Spilka's Office and was asked to prepare a FY19 projects list and he present that letter to the

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Board for consideration. J. Marsden made a motion to approve the request and submit the letter to State Senator Karen Spilka's Office for consideration. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

Open Annual Town Meeting Warrant: J. Marsden made a motion to open the Annual town Meeting Warrant. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

6.) Any Other Business: M. Ahronian read a notice from the Boy Scouts about Christmas tree pickup. J. Marsden read a notice about the delays to trash removal.

Adjourn: At 8:00p.m. M. Ahronian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



J. Jeffrey Ritter