

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

June 5, 2017  
7:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room - 105  
Town Hall

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

### **SERGEANT BELSON SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Ken Belson and his family were present for the swearing in ceremony. Liz Greendale, Town Clerk was present to swear in Ken Belson. Kristy Belson pinned her husband. Sergeant Belson thanked everyone who was in attendance.

Chief Stone was present for a few Life Saving Awards. Sergeant Thompson and Officer MacGray responded to an overdose call on May 26, 2017. Chief Stone and the Department are very proud of them for their heroic actions.

### **MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT**

17-48	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 699,043.98
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) PLACENTINO	\$ 3,102.00
	PAY.COM (APPLICATION FOR MEDICARE-HEALTH)	\$ 683.40
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 30,749.97
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 13,000.00
	CAPITAL PROJECTS (300)	\$ 10,995.25
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (700)	\$ 502,774.68
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 150.00
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,125.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,167,318.10
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$2,427,817.38

### **ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:**

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 258,015.36
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### **TREASURER'S NOTE:**

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 219,147.89
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

### **MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT**

17-48P	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,125.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 110,813.28
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$ 110,813.28

### **ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:**

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 36,291.04
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### **TREASURER'S NOTE:**

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 23,728.43
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

There were no comments from the audience

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

None

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR**

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that the 8 Arch Bridge Committee will be attending the Selectmen's meeting next week. He said that their contract with Gill Engineering is almost complete.

He said that the town has applied for a grant for the possibility of reimbursed funds for the improvements at 1750 Washington Street.

Mr. Ritter said that the Town of Holliston's Facebook page will be up and going soon.

**COMMUNITY FARM ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Kristine Westland, James Taralli and Kristen Serocki were present. Ms. Westland said that she wanted to bring the Board up-to-date on what they are doing. She said that they are promoting the farm. They have had an Easter Egg Hunt, Family Farm Day and Friends of the farm.

She said that they would like to have a farm to table event in August.

Ms. Westland said that the Lions' Club would also like to have a haunted hay ride in October. She said that they are doing lots of fundraising.

Ms. Westland said that there has been buckwheat planted in the fields. And, in October there will be soil testing to see if the soil is improving. She said that they are also renting out plots for gardening.

Mr. Taralli said that there will be a portable mill coming to Rogers Road. He said that they will be taking down a few trees and using the boards to fix the barn.

Ms. Westland said that the Newcomers Club gave them a grant to help fund this project.

Ms. Serocki said that a fence is going up separating the properties.

Ms. Westland said that there will be a few bee hives added to the property. She said that there is a lot of interest.

Mr. Conley asked Ms. Westland about the house on the property.

Ms. Westland said that they are using the house for storage. She said that the house needs a lot of work. Ms. Westland said that they would like to fix it up and have classes in the house.

Mr. Conley asked if there were going to be crops planted?

Ms. Westland said yes, they have pumpkins planted. And, they had daffodils and sold them as a fundraiser.

The Board thanked the Community Farm Advisory Committee for their update.

**RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Robert Weidknecht, Chairman, said that Deloitte is an accounting firm from Boston that has a group of volunteers that are going to come and help clear the rail trail. He said that they are going to be working from Hopping Brook Park Road to the Milford Line. They will pick up trash and do some cutting back.

Mr. Weidknecht said that they have a waiver of liability that needs to be signed by the Board.

Mr. Weidknecht said that they will be working on the trail on Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MUTUAL WAIVER AND RELEASE FOR DELOITTE TO WORK ON THE RAIL TRAIL ON JUNE 9, 2017, AND HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN IT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

Ken Henderson, Rail Trail, was present to talk about the equipment that they are looking for to keep up the trail. He said that the trail is just about six miles long and it does require a lot of work to keep it going. He said that the Highway Department has been great with helping and loaning their equipment, but they would like to have their own. Mr. Henderson said that they are looking for a weedwacker, \$400, a leaf blower, \$600, a used golf cart for maintenance, \$4,500, safety equipment, \$200, and about \$250 for repairs and maintenance of the equipment. Mr. Henderson said that these prices are approximate.

Mr. Ahronian suggested that someone have a key to the Highway Department barn so that they could borrow items during the weekend.

Mr. Henderson said that the smallest truck that the highway Department has is a small dump truck, and that would be too big to drive on the rail trail. They have talked to the golf course to see if they could borrow a golf cart. But he does not think that will work.

Mr. Conley said that the rail trail is wonderful. He said people come from all over just to walk it. He thinks that the rail trail should have their own equipment. Mr. Conley said that he does not think a golf cart will be big enough. He said a 4 wheel ATV.

Mr. Henderson said that he knows that the police department was looking for something to ride the trail.

Mr. Henderson said that it would be great to work on the trail on the weekend, but most of the volunteers that they have are willing to be working on it during the week. He said that the trail is so busy on the weekends.

Mr. Weidknecht said that they could keep the equipment at the Highway Department or at the Park and Recreation. They have a garage and they are close to the trail as well.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a policy in place for encroachments.

Inga Daniels and Ed Daniels, Friends of the Rail Trail, were present to talk about the number of properties that are encroaching onto the trail. He said that there is a dumpster and a structure of a business. Mr. Daniels showed the Board several picture along the trail.

Mr. Weidknecht said that on average, the trail is sixty-six feet wide. He said that it does narrow down along Woodland Street, but it is on average sixty-six feet wide.

He said that Casey's Crossing has cars parked on the trail. Who do they report this to? Mr. Weidknecht said the Selectmen need to come up with a fair plan.

Mr. Daniels said that he has asked Scott Moles, Board of Health, for information that may show if some of these properties are using the trail for their septic system or leach fields.

Mr. Conley asked if there was a plot plan?

Mr. Weidknecht said that there are granite markers all along the trail.

Mr. Conley suggested that a lien be placed on the property if there is a wall of the building on the right-of-way for the trail.

Mr. Weidknecht said that there is always the possibility that the railroad would come back and buy back the rail beds. Then, those property owners would have to deal with the railroad. He said that it has never happened, but you do not know what the future holds.

Mr. Daniels said that there are many street crossings for the trail and it is their job as the Friends of the trail to keep everyone safe.

Mr. Conley said that cars should not be parking on the trail, he said that needs to stop. He said that cars are being parked on the right-of-way, and that area is also being plowed in the winter, and that needs to stop. He said that we do need to be correct with this so he thinks that the land will have to be surveyed.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES MAY 8, 2017**

Postponed

#### **ON-CALL FIRE FIGHTER APPOINTMENTS**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT RYAN CHENEY AS AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT DANIEL VALOVICIN AS AN ON-CALL FIREFIGHTER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

#### **SPECIAL AND AUXILIARY POLICE APPOINTMENTS**

**MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPOINT GEORGE LEURINI, MICHAEL AW, MARK HADDAD, MICHAEL HAMLET, SEAN MCDOWELL, JEFF OTERI, DANNY LEE, DONOVAN SEAY, DAVID CHARETT, ROBERT GUYON AND BRIAN REAM AS SPECIAL AND AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

**MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPOINT DANIEL NASH AS AN AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

**MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPOINT MICHAEL CASSIDY, MARTHA ELLIS, EDWARD LOFTUS, CYNTHIA VALOVICIN, DONA LEE WALSH AND JEAN SPERA AS SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

#### **LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS**

Postponed

**BARTZAK DRIVE DEED**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE QUICK CLAIM DEED FOR BARTZAK DRIVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

**GRANT ACCEPTANCE – POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ACCEPT TWO GRANTS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ONE FROM JOHN AND NORMA WADEWITZ IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 AND THE SECOND FROM THE NEW COMERS CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,429.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

**EVENT PERMIT**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO INVOKE THE RULE OF NECESSITY FOR THE FOLLOWING VOTE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT. Both Mr. Conley and Mr. Ahronian are Lions' Club members.**

**MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR THE LIONS' CLUB FOR THE ANNUAL CARNIVAL ON JULY 26, 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

**SUMMER MEETING SCHEDULE**

Mr. Conley said that all meetings will be on Mondays. He suggested that they meet every other week because of vacations.

Mr. Ahronian agreed.

**AT 8:46 P.M., MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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