

## TOWN OF HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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## BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES HOLLISTON SENIOR CENTER MARCH 5, 2018

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

Also present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator and several members of the Senior Citizen Community.

K. Conley called the meeting to order at 1:00p.m.

Review of Town Projects: K. Conley reviewed the current status of several Town projects including but not limited to the following:

- Andrews School: The building is now privately held and the building has been demolished. The developer is looking at constructing four (4) housing units that will be the appearance of the surrounding neighborhood. Several citizens recalled their memories of attend the former school.
- Town Center Signals: The project is on schedule to be completed by the end of June.
  Three (3) traffic signal will be installed which will make the town center much safer
  for citizens and businesses. A resident asked about the impact of traffic using side
  streets to avoid traffic congestion. J. Marsden said a traffic study was completed
  before the installation of the street lights and if necessary that issue will be addressed
  at a future date.
- Budgets: The Selectmen have nearly completed their review of the FY19 operating budgets and the Finance Committee is doing the same. R. Malone, Chairman of the Council on Aging, said he had heard a new position was being considered to look after all Town owned buildings and property. J. Ritter provided a briefing and said he is working with Sean Reese, Director of the Department of Public Works to get funded a new position. Current Town staff does not have the needed expertise to manage buildings.

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- Selectmen on the Road: K. Conley said the Board of Selectmen like to move their meetings around from time to time. Residents said they appreciate the fact the Board of Selectmen come to the Senior Center. It was noted the Board would be going to the Library in the coming months.
- Senior Center Update: R. Malone provided an update regarding activities at the Senior Center. Linda Marshall, Senior Center Director said they are expanding programs all the time including the meals at noon program and the senior transportation program to medical appointment, shopping and recreation.
- Volunteers: It was noted that the Senior Center has over one hundred (100) citizen volunteers. There was a discussion about how to manage citizen volunteers and how to use their considerable skills.
- The Board agreed to return in about six (6) months.

At 2:15p.m. M. Ahronian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second, J. Marsden. Voted 2-0 (K. Conley departed at 1:55p.m.)

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Administrator