

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

July 10, 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.

AT 7:00 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO GO TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS. 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 7:31 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO OPEN SESSION.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

17-53	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 48,942.05
	VOIDS:	\$ (237.52)
	SPECIAL FUELS TAX	\$ 944.40
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 15,336.48
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 342.50
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 45,469.73
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$110,797.64

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 9,834.42
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 8,372.68
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

18-02	GENERAL WARRANT	\$102,863.52
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (700)	\$ 10,301.74
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,125.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$121,797.15
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$234,962.41

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 35,561.09
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 23,702.78
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There was none

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

There was none

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, said that the Town's Facebook page has 486 followers. He said that he had his 7th meeting about taking down the Flagg Building. He said that demolition will be next Tuesday. He said that it will take about two to three weeks to take it down and hauled away. He said that we are on time and under budget.

Mr. Ritter said that the downtown lights project had a pre-bid meeting last week.

70 LAKESHORE DRIVE

Richard Rossini, 77 Cottage Drive was present. He said that he lives across the street from 70 Lakeshore Drive. He said that this has been an ongoing situation for a long time. He said that there are five large containers made out of wood on the property. He said then a week later there were about 30 chicken running all around. He said that there are 10 ducks, 3 baby goats, a full size goat and 2 pigs. He said all of this on a small lot. He said that it is about seven thousand square foot lot, with a house on that same lot. He said that the fence that was installed is not keeping the animals in, they keep getting out. Mr. Rossini said that they have talked to the Board of Health about this. He said that Animal Control and the Police were called several times for the animals getting out of the fence. He said that he has talked to Zoning Officer Peter Tartakoff about this. He said that there were not any permits pulled. He said that it smells. He said that the owner has been ignoring the problem for the past few weeks. He said now there are only a few chickens left.

Scott Moles, Board of Health Director, was present. He said that a letter was sent on May 8, 2017, that the sheds needed a permit. He said that should have been done before the animals were delivered. He said that she was notified about the hearing that the Board of Health was going to have. The notification was sent by e-mail, postal service and certified mail and a hard copy was placed at the door. Ms. Brodie said that she did not get the notice. He said that the Board of Health will continue this hearing. They will charge monitory damages.

Mr. Moles said that they have had 20 complaints at the Board of Health office and 50 at the police station. He said that he went there to take the goats he had with four officers, Animal Control and Animal Rescue league was informed. Mr. Moles said that Zoning By-laws need to be changed.

Mr. Moles said that they test the lake on a weekly basis. He said that there is always the potential to shut down the lake because of the animal waste.

A resident asked what is the housing for the animals? Should there be a set number of animals that can be on the property.

Joanne Fitzgerald, 33 Cottage Drive, said that we do not know what the zoning is in this area. She asked the Board of Selectmen if they knew? Ms. Fitzgerald said that many more people want to raise their own food, so this will not be the only issue we have with animals. She said that the size of the lot should determine the number of animals that you can have.

Mr. Marsden asked Ms. Fitzgerald if she has any issues on this property?

Ms. Fitzgerald said that she does not have any issues with this because she is too far away. She said that if the number of animals goes up, then she said that it could get loud.

Evelyn Weaver, Woodland Street, said that she has backyard chickens and at some point she would like to get some goats. She said that was one of the reasons that they stayed in Holliston was because it is a Farming Community. Ms. Weaver said that it is neglect if you do not have enough land to let your animals walk around.

Mr. Rossini said that he is not against people having chickens, he thinks that they should be kept up.

Mr. Moles said that when he worked in Millis, they set up Zoning rules, ten square feet per chicken.

He said that the chicken coop needed to be two square feet. He said that if she wanted to follow the rules properly she should have asked. Mr. Moles said that the waste has been bagged, but she did not put stickers on them for pick up. The driver only took two out of the five. He said that trash pickup is not for another week. It will become a problem if it is not picked up. Mr. Moles said that he has heard that Ms. Brodie will be moving to Connecticut.

Mr. Ahronian said that a member of the Agricultural Counsel would be very helpful to attend this meeting. He said that they can use their help. He said they could make recommendations to the Selectmen.

Mr. Marsden asked Mr. Moles what do you want the Board of Selectmen to do?

Mr. Moles said to set up zoning and have it enforced. He said that if zoning was in place, this would not have gotten out of hand.

Mr. Conley asked the Board of Health, the Planning Board and the Agricultural Commission to talk about this. Mr. Moles said that they would talk about all farm animals, not just chickens.

Mr. Rossini asked if this gets to Town Meeting, will it be in the fall or the spring?

Mr. Conley said that he thinks in the spring. He is not sure if an exception could be made. He said that a citizen petition is good at any Town Meeting.

PETER HENDRICKSON – CHAMBERLAIN STREET

Mr. Conley said that he knows that the lines will not be painted again on Chamberlain Street. They are going to let them fade out. Mr. Conley said that this message has been sent to the Highway Department and Sean Reese, DPW Director.

Mr. Conley said that Mr. Reese said that he and the Police and Fire Department think that the lines should stay.

Mr. Hendrickson said that the Highway Department has started sandblasting the lines. He said that he is not sure why it has stopped, he and the neighbors of Chamberlain Street would like to see it continue.

Mr. Conley said that they stopped sandblasting the lines, because of a safety issue. He said that the police and fire wanted two lines.

Mr. Henderson said that the street has lines, then no lines and some of the sandblasted area. He said that it looks like a confusing mess. He said that he would like to see the lines sandblasted and removed. He said that is was a great gesture.

Mr. Henderson said that he has two motions that he would like to read:

The Town of Holliston will continue to sandblast Chamberlain Street to take away the double yellow line.

The Town of Holliston will not paint double yellow lines down Chamberlain Street in the future.

Mr. Henderson asked if the Board would take a vote on this?

Serena Keating, 178 Chamberlain Street, said that she lives at the corner of Beatrice Lane and Chamberlain Street. She said that cars drive fast on this road. She said that the double yellow lines do not make the street any safer. She said that they started sandblasting and they did a poor job of doing it. She said that the street is a mess, there are bright yellow lines, faded yellow lines and no yellow lines.

Harvey Hayett, 240 Chamberlain Street, he said that last year at a Selectmen's Meeting, they were told that nothing would be altered, so two things have been altered: the lines were painted again, then the lines were sandblasted. He said that the street is narrow and it is difficult to have a car parked on the road and you have to go past it, you have to cross the yellow line. He said that they should have done their homework, because a single yellow line should have been put down, then there would be no complaints.

Mr. Hayett asked what Board made the decision to stop the sandblasting of the double yellow lines? He asked if it was a unanimous vote? He said now there are two coats of yellow paint on the street, now it will take longer to fade.

Mr. Hayett said that everyone is talking about safety, if you want to be safe, put in sidewalks, then they will be safe.

Ernie Tomacelli, 412 Chamberlain Street, said that when they attended a Selectmen's meeting more than one year ago, there was a Selectmen who wanted the lines on Chamberlain Street. He said that he is teaching his child to drive and because he is a new driver learning the rules of the road, he will not cross the yellow line to go around parked cars and children riding their bikes. He said that the lines should be removed. He said that in his line of work, he is the Safety manager for a large Insurance company and he said that it is the size of the road that will get a double yellow line. He said that they follow a guideline. Mr. Tomacelli said that he is concerned that no one is watching to see what is going on. He said that he was told that the lines would not be painted again. Then sure enough they were. He asked who is watching the contractor?

Sam Tyler, 353 Chamberlain Street, said that he is being told that the reason for the lines is because of a safety issue. He said for forty years, there have been no lines on Chamberlain Street. Mr. Tyler asked the Selectmen what is the issue?

Mr. Conley said that they were told by the DPW Director that both the Police and Fire said that it is an issue. Mr. Tyler asked what does that mean?

Mr. Conley said that he did not know. Mr. Conley said that line of sight is an issue. Mr. Conley said that when this road was first painted the residents were not happy with it.

Mr. Tyler said because there was no communication ahead of time.

Mr. Conley said that as a Board, they did not know that it was going to be painted. Mr. Conley said that now any new street to be painted there will be notification ahead of time.

Mr. Conley said that if you are teaching your child how to drive and they are following the rules of the road, every place that they travel, there will be double yellow lines. He said some streets will have a single yellow line and some will be double yellow, the young driver needs to adapt to all kinds of road conditions.

Mr. Tyler asked the Board if they were going to vote on the motion that Mr. Henderson suggested?

Mr. Conley said that they have already done that at their last meeting.

Mr. Tyler asked in what form?

Mr. Conley said that each Selectmen told the DPW Director not to line Chamberlain Street.

Mr. Tyler said that is not the same as a motion by the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Ahronian said that yes they made it an official motion.

Mr. Conley said that they will check the minutes, he thinks that it is official.

Mr. Ritter confirmed that it was an official motion.

Mr. Henderson asked if the Selectmen would please remove the rest of the double yellow line on Chamberlain Street by sandblasting it.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO CONTINUE THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINE REMOVAL BY SANDBLASTING ON CHAMBERLAIN STREET AND LEAVING THE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES FROM JERROLD STREET TO PRENTICE STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN OPPOSED.

Mr. Tyler asked the Selectmen to tell the DPW Superintendent of this vote so it will not happen again.

GOLF COURSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Debbie Moore, 183 Mill Street, and Golf Course Advisory Committee she said that the cart path project is underway. She said that it should be completed by July 17, 2017. She said that the cart paths are six feet wide. She said that it cost give or take about \$38,000. Ms. Moore also had an update on the irrigation project. She said that it has been completed by Johnson Golf Management. She said that these expenses will be taken out of the revenue.

Mr. Ritter said that he has an estimate to stain the deck and one for replacement. He said to replace the deck it is about \$28,000. And to stain the deck is about \$3,000.

Mr. Ahronian asked why are we looking into replacing the deck?

Mr. Ritter said that the deck is pretty much gone.

Mr. Ahronian asked then why are we even considering staining it?

Mr. Ritter said a band-aid. He said that this should be a discussion with the Golf Course Advisory Committee.

Ms. Moore said that a carpenter went to look at the deck and she wanted to meet him there but it did not work out. She said that she wants to talk to the carpenter to see how safe the deck is. She said that she is hoping that some of the rotten boards can be replaced.

Mr. Conley said that the deck may be too small. He said that everyone wants to eat dinner on the deck.

Ms. Moore said that she and Mr. Ritter have talked about the size of the deck.

Ms. Moore said that they have the tent to the side of the building and it could be up dated.

Mr. Marsden said that the tent area could be a money maker. He said that they would stay with in the footprint of the tent and have a pergola or a raised platform. He said that there could be vines growing to give you shade and they could put in little lights.

Ms. Moore said that the setting is very pretty.

Mr. Ahronian asked if the Building Inspector could take a look at the deck to see if it needs to be replaced.

BOARD BUSINESS

29 EVERETT STREET NON-OPPOSITION LETTER.

Mr. Marsden said that this was approved at last week's meeting. Tonight they are signing the letter of non-opposition for 29 Everett Street.

GRANT ACCEPTANCE – PARK AND RECREATION AND ELDERLY AND DISABLED

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LIONS' CLUB DONATION OF \$500.00 TO THE SUMMER CONCERTS SERIES FOR THE SUMMER CONCERTS SPONSORED BY PARK AND RECREATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ACCEPT THE LIONS' CLUB DONATION OF \$1,000.00 FOR THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED FUND. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

TENT FEE WAIVER REQUEST – HOLLISTON IN BLOOM

Postponed until next week

CONSERVATION RESTRICTION – PULTE HOMES WASHINGTON STREET

Mr. Marsden asked if this was the property that the Rail Trail runs through.

Mr. Ritter said yes.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A CONSERVATION RESTRICTION – PULTE HOMES – WASHINGTON STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIVE COVENANTS – PULTE HOMES – CONCORD STREET

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE AT THE PLANNING BOARD'S REQUEST OF A DECLARATION OF RESTRICTION COVENANTS – PULTE HOMES – CONCORD STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

DISSOLUTION OF THE POLICE CHIEF SEARCH COMMITTEE, THE POLICE STATION BUILDING COMMITTEE AND THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR SCREENING COMMITTEE

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

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

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO DISSOLVE THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR SCREENING COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

TOWN COUNSEL APPOINTMENT

Mr. Conley said that they have had several different firms come in to interview.

Mr. Conley said that Talerman, Mead and Costa will come to Town Hall at least once a month to talk to Department Heads. Mr. Conley thought that was a great benefit. Mr. Conley said that would be his choice.

Mr. Marsden said that every firm that was on that list brought something good to the table.

Mr. Marsden said that Talerman, Mead and Costa has a lot to bring to the table. He said that having them come to Town Hall at least once a month to talk to Department Heads is a great service.

Mr. Ahronian said that he was impressed with every firm that interviewed. He said that Bobrowski was his first choice. He said that all the firms have lots of experience.

Mr. Marsden said that what he is concerned with is he liked the firm but we would not be getting Mark Bobrowski, we would be having a different attorney from his firm. He said that he is really not too concerned about that but it one reservation?

Mr. Ritter said that we probably won't be seeing Mark Bobrowski a lot. He said that we will not be seeing a lot of Mark Lanza.

Mr. Marsden said that he is in favor of Talerman, Mead and Costa.

Mr. Ahronian said that they are well rounded.

Mr. Marsden said that they will be seeing more of Jay Talerman than they would the other attorneys.

Mr. Ritter said that so much of what we do is based on Town Meeting. Mr. Ritter said that Jay Talerman is the Moderator in Norfolk. He knows Town Meeting inside and out

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT TALERMAN, MEADE AND COSTA AS NEW TOWN COUNSEL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ON-CALL EMT APPOINTMENT

Mr. Conley said that this appointment is Mr. Ritter appointment. At the recommendation of Chief Cassidy Thomas Dunlay Jr. is appointed as an on-call EMT.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT THOMAS DUNLAY JR. AS AN ON CALL EMT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR. MR. RITTER HAD NO OBJECTIONS.

EVENT PERMITS

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE WARRIORS 22K SILKIES MARCH/PUB CRAWL. ON JULY 29, 2017, STARTING AT 11:00 A.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

YOUTH LACROSSE 5K TROT

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE YOUTH LACROSSE 5K TROT ON NOVEMBER 23, 2017, STARTING AT 7:30 A.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT – SILVA WEDDING

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR THE SILVA WEDDING IN UPPER TOWN HALL, ON JULY 15, 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Conley said that Chief Cassidy is requesting that Shannon Tuttle be appointed as a dispatcher for the Fire Department. Mr. Conley said that this is an appointment by the Town Administrator as long as the Board had no objections.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT SHANNON TUTTLE AS FIRE DEPARTMENT DISPATCHER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS

Accountant	Mr. Alfred and Ms. Nersessian	Mr. Conley
Assessors	Mr. Szajda and Ms. Nersessian	Mr. Conley
Cable Television	Mr. Sparrell	Mr. Conley
Community Preservation	Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Conley
Conservation Commission	Mr. Maxwell and Mr. Murphy	Mr. Conley
Debt Service	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Marsden
Economic Development	Mr. Sparrell	Mr. Conley
Finance Committee		Mr. Conley
Historical Commission	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Conley
Housing Trust	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Conley
Planning Board	Mr. Murphy and Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Conley
Public Buildings	Mr. Sparrell	Mr. Conley
Selectmen	Mr. Szajda	
Technology	Mr. Alfred	Mr. Conley
Town Clerk	Ms. Szajda and Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Conley
Treasurer/Collector	Mr. Alfred	Mr. Conley
Zoning Board of Appeals	Ms. Zeamer and Mr. Sparrell	Mr. Conley
Agricultural Commission	Ms. Nersessian	Mr. Ahronian
Council on Aging	Ms. Nersessian and Ms. Zeamer	Mr. Ahronian
Golf Course Advisory	Mr. Murphy and Mr. Sparrell	Mr. Ahronian
Library	Ms. Nersessian and Mr. Szajda	Mr. Ahronian
Open Space Committee	Mr. Alfred	Mr. Ahronian
Park Commission	Ms. Nersessian and Mr. Murphy	Mr. Ahronian
Trails Committee	Ms. Nersessian	Mr. Conley
Youth Services	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Ahronian
County Retirement	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Conley
Health Insurance	Mr. Szajda and Ms. Zeamer	Mr. Conley
Medicare	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Conley
Sick Leave Reserve	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Conley
Unemployment Insurance	Mr. Szajda and Mr. Alfred	Mr. Conley
Veterans' Benefits	Mr. Szajda and Ms. Zeamer	Mr. Conley
Ambulance/Fire	Mr. Szajda and Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Marsden
Animal Control Officer	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Marsden
Auxiliary Police/Police	Mr. Szajda and Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Marsden
Board of Health	Ms. Zeamer and Mr. Murphy	Mr. Marsden

Building Inspector	Ms. Zeamer	Mr. Marsden
Emergency Management	Ms. Szajda and Mr. Maxwell	Mr. Marsden
Sealer of Weights & Measurers	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Marsden
DPW	Mr. Alfred and Mr. Sparrell	Mr. Ahronian
Motor Vehicle Fuels	Mr. Sparrell	Mr. Ahronian
Solid Waste/Recycling	Mr. Murphy	Mr. Ahronian
Street lighting	Mr. Szajda	Mr. Ahronian
Tree Warden	Ms. Szajda	Mr. Ahronian
Andrews Building		Mr. Conley
Keefe Tech	Mr. Szajda and Ms. Zeamer	Mr. Ahronian
School Department	Mr. Szajda, Ms. Zeamer and Mr. Alfred	Mr. Ahronian

AT 9:13 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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