

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 11, 2017
6:30 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 6:31 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNION AND NON-UNION PERSONNEL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

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

AT 7:43 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO OPEN SESSION.

MR. AHRONIAN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

18-11	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 46,341.76
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (2650	\$ 58.14
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT	\$ 191.21
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,125.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,142,380.97
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,188,972.08

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 262,447.74
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 219,845.01
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Ahronian said that the American Legion had a beautiful ceremony to recognize the first responders in Town.

Mr. Ahronian said that Holliston in Bloom will be starting soon. He said that many people will be coming to Town to see it and everything that we have to offer. He said that Holliston is the host community for the symposium for America in Bloom. Mr. Ahronian said that it is not all about flowers, there are many different areas that we will be judged on.

Mr. Ahronian said that Holliston started with America in Bloom because of the marigold project, started by Bobby Blair.

Mr. Ahronian said that Holliston in Bloom will be Columbus weekend.

Mr. Marsden said today is a solemn day.

Mr. Conley said that everyone knew where they were on September 11, 2001.

Mr. Ritter wanted to remind the public that this Saturday will be the 26th annual Celebrate Holliston parade and field day.

Mr. Conley said that yesterday was Farm Day and he went to Outpost Farm and it was packed.

Comments from the audience

Eric Anastasia, 78 Prospect Street, said that he is putting in an addition. He said that he has trimmed back all the trees and that the tree Warden is going out tomorrow to look at the tree line. He said that he is going to ask the Tree Warden to talk to his neighbor, that way they are hearing the information first hand.

HOLLISTON IN BLOOM UPDATE

Kathy Shore and Cherrie Fenton both are Co-chairs of Holliston in Bloom. Ms. Shore said that there will be many people in Town on Saturday to walk about looking at all the flowers and the different things that Holliston has to offer. Ms. Shore said that there will be a walking tour on Saturday.

Ms. Shore said that there will be a ceremony on Thursday at 4:00 p.m. at the Sheridan Tara Hotel.

She said that on Friday at 8:00 a.m. there will be presentations. Also, Saturday lunch at Goodwill Park.

Ms. Shore said that Mark Ahronian will be part of the walking tour. Mr. Conley will be a tour guide.

Ms. Shore asked for extra trash cans for the luncheon.

Ms. Shore said that signage is very important she asked if they could put signs on the new pedestrian pathway between the municipal parking lot on Exchange Street and the Fire Station on Central Street.

Ms. Shore said that many residents still do not know that there is a pathway to the municipal lot. She asked because it is hot top if it could have the brick cut look. That way people will know that it is a walk way.

Mr. Marsden and Mr. Conley thought that was a good idea.

Ms. Shore said that the old Gulf Gas station looks terrible. She asked if the owner could clean it up.

Mr. Marsden said that If they approach the owner and asked if they could do a cleanup, he does not see that as a problem. Mr. Marsden said that if it was cleaned up and just look like it is closed and not abandoned.

Ms. Shore asked if they could park an antique fire truck at the old garage?

Mr. Conley said that it is private property and they would have to be asked.

Ms. Shore said that they will be walking past the Andrews School, is there anything that they can put there to make it look a little better?

Ms. Shore said that the tour will go down Mill Street and Debbie Moore will give a talk about the stones and the history behind them. Also she will talk about the golf course.

Ms. Shore asked if the streets and the municipal parking area could have the street sweeper go over them. She asked if one of the pretty trash cans could be placed at Blair Square.

Ms. Fenton said that they are weeding everything that they can see on Washington Street. She said that they are planting mums on Sunday of this week. She asked for volunteers to help. She said that there are over 700 mums.

Mr. Ritter said the he supports all the efforts of Holliston in Bloom but we do have limited resources. He said that the DPW will do what they can to help. He said that Town operations will not come to a

halt to work on Holliston in Bloom.

Ms. Shore said that the Friday before would be great for help.

Mr. Ritter asked when will the shirts that he ordered be ready?

Ms. Shore said October 1, 2017.

GARRETT WAY RESIDENTS – HIGHLAND STREET STREET LIGHT REQUEST

Mike Mitchell, 86 Garrett Way, said he is also the Chairman of the Orchards at Holliston. He said that there are 72 units in this area and many of the units have children living in them. He said that there is a field across the street from the entrance, and it is very dark because it is set back a little. He said that they are asking for a street light to be installed at the entrance.

Mr. Marsden said that he does not have a problem with that. He said that he hopes that it will be a LED one. He said that they are brighter.

Mr. Ritter said that they would have to be in touch with the Highway Department because Mass DOT has special regulations.

Mr. Conley said that they would check it out.

Mr. Mitchell asked what is the process?

Mr. Conley said that they have to check with Eversource about this.

Mr. Ritter said that we do not have appropriation to pay for this. He said that if this were to move forward it would be a May activity at Town Meeting. Mr. Ritter said that a lot of homework needs to be done.

Mr. Mitchell asked if the Board would support this request?

They said yes.

Trudy Hackett, 114 Garrett Way, said that she is concerned that there are not any signs warning people that the area has a dense population.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator, was present. He said that Holliston has been meeting with the surrounding Towns. He said that the next one was scheduled for Tuesday in Millis, but it has been postponed until December.

He said there was a pre bid meeting for the 8 Arch Bridge Project. He said that there were 7 potential bidders. He said that there will be a question and answer meeting tomorrow.

Mr. Ritter said that there was an invitation to bid on the Andrews School Project. He said that they received two proposals. One was in the amount of \$1,000. For the construction of four units and the building would be removed. This proposal was from Steve O'Leary.

Mr. Ritter said that there was a seconded was received in the amount of \$75,000. For the construction of fourteen condominium units. The front portion of the building will stay and the back portion of the building will be torn down.

Mr. Ritter said that he would put this on the agenda for the next meeting. Mr. Ritter said that Dennis Morgan was the high bidder.

Mr. Conley said that the Selectmen get to choose the plan that they want.

Mr. Ritter said that he would put it on the agenda for next week so they can discuss it.

Mr. Ritter said that having the Andrews School is a liability to the Town. He said that the faster they get this done the more money the town gets.

Mr. Ahronian thought that both bids were low.

Mr. Conley said that we can discuss this next week. He would like this first on the agenda.

Mr. Ritter said that the next update he has is on the Flagg School. He said that the project is completed. He said that it was on time and on budget.

Mr. Conley said that now that the old school is down, now we have to find a use for the property.

Mr. Ritter said that we could have a public hearing to see what the residents want in that location.

Mr. Ahronina said that he went to visit the location yesterday and it has been germinated nicely. He said that it was difficult to walk on because of the final grading was done with a dozer. He said that it left tracks. He said that it was below standards.

Mr. Marsden asked if it was rolled out?

Mr. Ahronian said no. He said that in time it will smooth out. But that it is a shame that a poor excuse was used not to finish the job correctly.

Mr. Marsden thanked Mr. Ahronian for his attention to detail.

Mr. Ritter said that the next update is on the Green Communities. He said that there is a new charging station behind Town Hall to charge the new electric vehicles. He said that the two new electric vehicles were delivered today. He said that this will help reduce the Town's carbon footprint. Mr. Ritter said that the charging stations are available for anyone that has an electric car and needs to charge it. This at no cost. He said that they we have another charging station but they are looking for the perfect location.

Mr. Ahronian asked if one could be put at the Senior Center?

Mr. Marsden said that it should be in the downtown area.

Mr. Ritter said that we will be receiving a grant in the amount of \$12,500 from the DEP to see if it is feasible to put solar panels on the Town's former landfill.

BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES JANUARY 11, 2017

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 11, 2017, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. AHRONIAN ABSTAINED.

EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2017

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2017, BUT NOT TO BE RELEASED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

8 ARCH BRIDGE – GILL ENGINEERING

Mr. Ritter said that the 8 Arch Bridge Committee had a consultation with the Selectmen. They are suggesting that Gill Engineering review all bids that come in. They in turn will make a recommendation to the 8 Arch Bridge Committee.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADD THAT GILL ENGINEERING WILL REVIEW ALL THE BID DOCUMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

CONSERVATION AGENT JOB POSTING

Mr. Ritter said that he has worked closely with the Conservation Commission. He said that they have reviewed and approved the job posting. He said that the Agent will work 25 hours per week. He said that it needs to be posted internally first.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION AGENT JOB POSTING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT – NEW ENGLAND CANNABIS CORPORATION

Mr. Ritter said about three weeks ago the Board entered into an agreement with New England Cannabis Corporation. He said that they signed a letter of non opposition. He said that this is located at 29 Everett Street. Mr. Ritter said that next is a Host Agreement. Mr. Ritter said that this will be the third host agreement in Town. He said that this is a huge benefit to the Town.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT WITH NEW ENGLAND CANNABIS CORPORATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

GIFT ACCEPTANCE – FIRE DEPARTMENT, VETERANS' SERVICES, COUNCIL ON AGING

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ACCEPT A DONATION TO THE HOLLISTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FROM HOLLISTON YOUTH SOCCER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ACCEPT A VISIO TELEVISION AND WALL MOUNTING FOR THE WAITING AREA AT 1750 WASHINGTON STREET FOR VETERANS' SERVICES AND YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ACCEPT A DONATION FROM THE TIBERIO FOUNDATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00 TO THE COUNCIL ON AGING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENTS – AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER, BLAIR SQUARE COMMITTEE

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT HANNAH CIAVARRA AS AN AUXILIARY POLICE OFFICER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT WALTER MCGRATH TO THE BLAIR SQUARE COMMITTEE AS A VETERAN MEMBER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPOINT PETER BARBIERI TO THE BLAIR SQUARE COMMITTEE AS THE CELEBRATE HOLLISTON REPRESENTATIVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO RE-APPOINT BRYAN CLANCY TO THE HOUSING TRUST. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO RE-APPOINT UTAH NICKEL AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE A RESERVE FUND TRANSFER FOR WHITE WATER FOR THE PUMPS AT THE MILLER SCHOOL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,874.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Conley said that the Finance Committee needs to approve this transfer at tomorrow night's meeting.

EVENT PERMITS – PRESERVE BLOCK PARTY

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE PRESERVE BLOCK PARTY FOR SEPTEMBER 16, 2017, BETWEEN 195 ROLLING MEADOW DRIVE AND 225 ROLLING MEADOW DRIVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

EVENT PERMIT - HOLLISTON IN BLOOM WALKING TOUR

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOLLISTON IN BLOOM WALKING TOUR ON OCTOBER 7, 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

DRAFT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Ritter said that the Warrant is in draft form. He said that he would like to have Chief Cassidy, Chief Stone and DPW Director Sean Reese come to talk about their Capital Projects requests.

Mr. Ritter said that there are a lot of Water Department Articles on this Warrant.

There was a discussion about the Articles.

AT 8:43 P.M., MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. AHRONIAN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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