



**TOWN OF HOLLISTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
HOLLISTON HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
OCTOBER 29, 2018**

Present: Jay Marsden, Chairman; Mark Ahronian, Vice Chairman; John Cronin, Clerk

Also present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator and Kate Feodoroff, Town Counsel

J. Marsden called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

**3.) Town Administrator Report:** J. Ritter reported there is a problem in the ceiling at the Library. The trusses appear to be coming apart from the wood frame supporting the roof. Preliminary information is this has been a long term problem caused by heavy snow loads. However, information still be gathered and the town's insurance company has been contacted. J. Marsden questioned why the hired consultant for the roofing project did not identify this structural issue. He will keep the Board informed.

**4. Board Business**

**Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2018:** M. Ahronian made a motion to approve and release to meeting minutes from October 22, 2018. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

**Executive Session Meeting Minutes of October 22, 2018:** M. Ahronian made a motion to approve and hold for release the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from October 22, 2018. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

**Conservation Commission Donation – Mass Audubon:** The Conservation Commission has been offered a gift/donation/grant from Mass Audubon in the amount of \$150,000 for the Conservation Fund. This is part of the Warren Woods property acquisition and related conservation restrict. The funds would be used for future open space acquisition and protection.

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J. Cronin asked about the relationship between Mass Audubon and the Conservation Commission and asked once the funds are accepted are they considered public funds.

J. Marsden said this project relates to open space and the former Warren property on the Ashland Holliston town line. A third part needs to hold the conservation restriction. K. Feodoroff said the funds need to be used as part of a public benefit

M. Ahronian made a motion to accept the donation. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

**Pinecrest Clubhouse Expanded Committee Appointment:** J. Cronin made a motion to appoint Elizabeth Greendale to the Pinecrest Clubhouse Committee. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

**Golf Course Advisory Committee:** M. Ahronian made a motion to appoint Joseph Waugh to the Golf Course Advisory Committee. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

**HCAT Board of Directors:** M. Ahronian made a motion to appoint John Drohan to the HCAT Board of Directors with a term to expire in 2021. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 2-0-1 (Marsden)

**Special Town Meeting Motions:** J. Ritter reviewed the motions and the small adjustments to the Motions document.

Michael Lavin, Chairman of the Sustainability and Recycling Committee briefed the Board regarding his recent meeting with the Finance Committee. The reported the Finance Committee is now Supportive of a five (5) years trash removal Contract instead of a three (3) year Contract.

**1.) Warrant:** J. Cronin read the Warrant and made a motion to approve the weekly vendor (expense) and payroll Warrants (19-17) in the amount of \$357,424.67. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

**5.) Any Other Business: Fire Department Gift:** M. Ahronian made a motion to accept a gift in the amount of \$10,000 from the Birch Foundation and to authorize the Clerk to sign the form. Second, J, Cronin. Voted 3-0

J. Cronin acknowledged the invitation from **Temple Beth Torah** regarding the installation of their new Rabbi. He signed a letter with regrets that he is unable to attend the event on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30p.m. Selectmen Marsden and Ahronian will attend. J. Ritter will send a reply.

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**Pinecrest Clubhouse Committee,** Jay Robinson was present and he said he would help to organize the first meeting if that was acceptable. J. Ritter will forward e-mail addresses tomorrow after to help them get started.

**2.) Public Comment:** Maeve Norton, 79 Union Street was present and said there has been a significant change in the traffic patterns in Mudville due to the new traffic lights.

M. Ahronian asked if it was the morning or the afternoon. M. Norton said it starts around 5:00a.m. and goes to at least 7:30a.m.especially landscaping trucks and she is trying to sleep.

Ann Jackman (unknown address) said there needs to be a solution and something has to get done poor weather is closing in quickly it is really a volume issue not as much as a speed issue.

M. Ahronian said in some ways we are paying for our own success with the introduction of the Rail Trail and people seeking to access the Rail Trail and Lake Winthrop.

Tina Hein asked once the study is complete will residents be notified and when will that be. J. Marsden said it will take a couple of weeks and notice will be provided.

**Adjourn:** J. Cronin made a motion to recess the meeting at 7:16p.m. to join Town Meeting Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator