



**TOWN OF HOLLISTON
SELECT BOARD**

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**SELECT BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
HOLLISTON HIGH SCHOOL (LIBRARY)
OCTOBER 28, 2019**

Present: Mark Ahronian, Chairman; John Cronin, Vice Chairman; Tina Hein, Clerk

Also Present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator
Kate Feodoroff, Town Counsel
Beth Greenblatt, Beacon Integrated Solutions

At 6:08 M. Ahronian called the meeting to order.

1.) Warrants: T. Hein read the weekly expense and vendor Warrant (20-18) in the amount of \$348,858.27. J. Cronin made a motion to approve. Second, T. Hein. Voted 3-0.

2.) Public Comment: J. Cronin asked that the Facilities Manager position is posted tomorrow morning. J. Ritter said he would make sure it was posted.

3.) Report of the Town Administrator: None, just preparing for the Special Town Meeting.

4.) Beth Greenblatt, Beacon Integrated Solutions: B. Greenblatt was present and reviewed the responses to follow-up question from the three (3) vendors proposing to place a solar field on the former landfill site off Marshall Street.

There are three (3) potential revenue sources. The lease of the land, property taxes and the value of the energy produced. Advanced Solar Products proposed a smaller value for the lease of the land but a larger slice on the energy produced.

Sol Systems proposed the maximum lease for the land as well as the taxation on the equipment and the Town would receive credit for the energy produced.

Advanced Solar Products over 20 years would provide the Town \$7,100,000 million.

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Citizens Energy Corporation \$6,200,000 million and Sol Systems \$8,500,000 million.

J. Cronin asked if Sol Systems viewed the site. B. Greenblatt said they attended a site walk.

B. Greenblatt said reference checks were done on all three (3) vendors. Sol Systems brought all their project on time and on budget. She is familiar with the Rutland, MA project.

T. Hein asked about the vegetation plan and that goats or sheep might be used to keep the grass under control. B. Greenblatt said the safety of the children is very important especially as it relates to the soccer field

Regarding the decommissioning plan Citizens offered the least amount at \$60,000.

T. Hein asked about the next steps. B. Greenblatt said notice would be sent to the vendors and a contract would have to be signed.

J. Cronin made motion to designate Sol Systems as the preferred vendor and to notify the other vendors and to prepare a contract with the assistance of Town Counsel. Second, T. Hein.

Discussion: M. Ahronian asked if the pilot agreement would have to be approved by Town Meeting. J. Cronin said that would be the Assessors job and several have been approved by the Assessors.

K. Feodoroff said she would check on the Town Meeting question.

Voted 3-0

5.) Board Business

Meeting Minutes of October 21, 2019: T. Hein made a motion to approve and release the meeting minutes from October 21, 2019. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

Special Town Meeting Motions: J. Ritter reviewed the Motions for the Special town Meeting. The only changes from last week are only text edits.

Safe Routes to Schools – Signs and Lanes Grant Program: T. Hein reviewed the grant said the application was e-mailed today.

6.) Town Meeting: The Board adjourned to attend the Special Town Meeting at 7:10p.m.

Respectfully submitted

J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator