

TOWN OF HOLLISTON

SELECT BOARD

May 30, 2023
7:00PM

Town Hall
703 Washington Street

Present: John Cronin, Chair; Tina Hein, Vice Chair; Benjamin Sparrell, Clerk.

Also Present: Travis Ahern, Town Administrator.

At 7:01pm B. Sparrell called the meeting to order.

REORGANIZATION OF SELECT BOARD:

B. Sparrell, outgoing Chair took the opportunity to thank T. Hein and J. Cronin for their partnership and guidance over the past year. He also thanked T. Hein for her leadership pertaining to the ongoing sidewalk projects throughout Town and J. Cronin for his continued work regarding the proposed DPW facility.

B. Sparrell nominated J. Cronin as the Chair of the Select Board effective immediately. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin abstained.

J. Cronin nominated T. Hein as the Vice Chair of the Select Board effective immediately. B. Sparrell second. Vote 2-0. T. Hein abstained.

J. Cronin nominated B. Sparrell as the Clerk of the Select Board effective immediately. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. B. Sparrell abstained.

WARRANTS:

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Weekly Warrant in the amount of \$873,775.12. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

T. Hein expressed her gratitude to all who participated in the Memorial Day Celebration on Monday May 29, 2023, especially those on the Committee for organizing such a wonderful celebration.

J. Cronin also added his thanks and noted how special the day was.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

T. Ahern highlighted several items of interest which will be on the next Select Board Meeting agenda. Such items include safety issue discussions involving newly opened Blair Square, ongoing traffic discussion regarding Highland Street and Lowland Street. Next steps now that the borrowing authorization for the DPW articles were approved at the Annual May 2023 Town Meeting, as well as the next step involving the Town Tree Ordinance.

There will be three “sit down” meetings open to the public to discuss the proposed Downtown Sewer Project with Lombardo Associate.

The Assistant Fire Chief/EMS Position has been posted. The Economic Development Committee will obtain a little more clarity prior to posting for that position shortly.

BOARD BUSINESS:

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2023, April 3, 2023 and May 15, 2023 as written. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to accept the donation to the Holliston Police Department in the amount of \$1,934 for AED’s from the Holliston Newcomers. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to accept a donation to the Senior Center in the amount of \$100 in the memory of Linda Flannery from Patricia and Michelle Flannery. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to accept a donation to the Senior Center in the amount of \$100 in the memory of Linda Flannery from David Darst. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to accept a donation to the Senior Center in the amount of \$400 for the nutrition program from the Holliston Superette. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Event Permit for the Rosh Hashanah celebration in Upper Town Hall on Saturday September 16, 2023 form 9:30am to 12:00noon, and to waive the rental fee. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve a Block Party on Saturday June 3, 2023 at High Rock Road from 12:00noon to 8:00pm. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin abstained.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the “Poppy Day” event permit for VFW Post 857 that was held on Saturday May 27, 2023 at Rossini Corner located at the junction of Route 16 and Route 126 with the safety protocols as recommended by the Police Chief. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the contract for Road Milling for various roads, also for FY24, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024 for P.J. Albert Inc. of Fitchburg MA. in the amount not to exceed \$146,025. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

OTHER BUSINESS:

T. Hein will be attending a meeting on June 1, 2023 at Cole Court. T. Hein will also plan to attend the meeting on June 14, 2023 pertaining to the Proposed Downtown Sewer Project.

B. Sparrell made a motion to adjourn at 7:16pm. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Driscoll

Approved__07-10-23

