

TOWN OF HOLLISTON
SELECT BOARD

June 12, 2023
7:30PM

Town Hall
703 Washington Street

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

Also Present: Travis Ahern, Town Administrator; Jason Breslau, resident; Kamleshkumar Patel, Niraj Patel, Ankitkumar Patel, proprietors of the Holliston Express LLC and Michael Cassidy, Fire Chief.

At 7:30PM T. Hein called the meeting to order.

WARRANTS:

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Weekly Warrant in the amount of \$877,692.75. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

B. Sparrell stated that trash and recycling will be on a normal schedule the week of June 19, 2023, however the Town Hall will be closed in observation of Juneteenth.

B. Sparrell continued to state that during the 4th of July week trash and recycling will go as follows; Monday will be picked up on a normal schedule, however Tuesday through Friday will be delayed by one day.

T. Hein stated that she and Kathleen Buckley the Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director attended the kickoff meeting for Creative Placemaking. There are 8-10 resident volunteers who will work with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council to create and install art work throughout the area around Blair Square.

Jason Breslau, 14 Whispering Lane, joined the meeting to voice his concern regarding the intersection at Highland and Prentice Street. He appreciates the added stop signs, however would like to suggest using the same barriers which have been installed on the corner of Hollis and Highland to deter two vehicles waiting side by side to turn be installed at the corner of Prentice and Hollis as well. At this time there is room for two vehicles there and it can be a safety issue. T. Ahern will bring his suggestion to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:

T. Ahern stated that Monday June 12, 2023 was the “soft close” for the Envisioning Future Holliston “Meeting in a Box”. The consultants will evaluate the data collected over the next couple of months and will schedule a public forum after Labor Day. Thanks to all who participated.

The first out of three public forums to be led by Lombardo & Associates regarding the proposed Downtown Sewer Project will be held on Wednesday June 14, 2023 in the Upper Town Hall from 6:30pm – 8:00pm.

Next week, June 20, 2023 Select Board Agenda will include the 2024 Annual Appointments as well as a follow up on the Lowland Industrial Park traffic conversation and possible recommendations one of which is to close off Lowland Street at the Rail Trail.

The June 26, 2023 Select Board meeting will be the last meeting prior to FY24, the agenda will include a request of a transfer of the Host Agreement from Good Feels to Wilde, as well as Select Board goals and liaison assignments.

There is one vacant seat on the Finance Committee. The Select Board and Finance Committee will hold a joint meeting as it is a jointly appointment seat.

BOARD BUSINESS:

T. Hein explained that there is now a tri paneled kiosk located in Blair Square. One side dedicated to the Park & Rec Department, one for the Trails Committee and one for the Select Board use. After some discussion it was determined that the Select Board Office/Town Administrators staff would oversee the approval of request for that third of the kiosk. T. Hein recommended reviewing the process in the Fall.

B. Sparrell authorized the Town Administrator to receive, review and approve or deny requests for the use of the one side of the tri board panel kiosk located in Blair Square. T. Hein seconded with a comment that the policy be reviewed in several months' time. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell approved a One Day Beer and Wine license for the Alcohol Enthusiast for an event at Arcadia Farm, located at 258 Norfolk Street on June 24, 2023 from 4:00pm – 7:00pm. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the contract with P.J. Keating Company for various roadway rehabilitation as presented per ton, per linear feet not to exceed an amount of \$845,000 for FY24, July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Event Permit for Ernie's Run Softball Tournament to be held on Kampersal Field on Saturday June 17, 2023. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of April 10, 2023 as written. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

PUBLIC HEARING: MOBIL GAS STATION-APPLICATION FOR SALE OF BEER & WINE:

At 7:45pm B. Sparrell read the Notice of Public Hearing, Chapter 138 under Massachusetts General Law for Holliston Express LLC located at 815 Washington Street Holliston, MA.

B. Sparrell made a motion to open the Public Hearing for the request for a Beer and Wine License for Holliston Express LLC within the Mobil Gas Station located at 815 Washington Street, Holliston MA. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J Cronin absent.

Kamleshkumar Patel, joined by two partners representing Holliston Express LLC joined the meeting. K. Patel stated that all employees will be TIPS certified and there will be two employees at all times in the store. They will only sell beer at this location due to the stores capacity. When asked if they operated other such stores that sell alcohol, K. Patel stated that they currently sell beer and wine in several other locations, the longest running five years in Uxbridge. K. Patel presented a diagram of the layout and location of the proposed beer coolers. He also noted that the beer coolers will be locked during certain hours, mainly school hours. The hours of sales will be 8:00am – 9:00pm Monday through Saturday, 10:00am – 9:00pm on Sundays.

B. Sparrell read a statement from Holliston Police Chief Stone outlining concerns as the store abuts Goodwill Park. The Chief recommended additional signage be installed restricting alcohol consumption in or around the park, and also recommends increased patrolling of the area. K. Patel stated that they would be open to purchasing signage.

T. Hein and B. Sparrell added their concern regarding the close proximity of the park, but appreciated the locked coolers and willingness to purchase signage.

Mary and Gerry Kiley, 838 Washington Street, joined the meeting via zoom and asked how many other Beer and Wine Licenses are available within the Town of Holliston. T. Ahern responded to the question by stating there are three such licenses currently available in Holliston.

At 8:08pm B. Sparrell made a motion to close the Public Hearing, with intent to take a vote. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Wine & Malt License for Holliston Express LLC located at 815 Washington Street and direct the Town Administrator to take the necessary steps to file the approval with the ABCC. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

BOARD BUSINESS, CONT'D:

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Certificates of Recognition for the following Holliston Fire Department members:

Arthur Moore, 37 years as an on-call Firefighter.

Robert Christensen, 35 years as an on-call Firefighter.

Frederick Carnes, 32 years as an on-call Firefighter.

Gregg Lewis, 34 years as an on-call Firefighter.

James Rossini, 40 years as an on-call Firefighter.

Philip Robshaw, 48 years as an on-call Firefighter/EMT.

John Murphy, 27 years as an on-call Firefighter, Lieutenant and Captain.

T. Hein second and added sincere thanks to all for all their years of service. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

The certificates will be presented by J. Cronin at the retirement party to be held on Saturday June 17, 2023.

OTHER BUSINESS: NONE

At 8:19pm B. Sparrell made a motion to adjourn. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret Driscoll

Approved__07-31-23

