

## **TOWN OF HOLLISTON**

### **SELECT BOARD**

January 17, 2024  
7:00PM

Town Hall  
703 Washington Street

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

**Also Present:** Kathleen Buckley, Assistant Town Administrator/HR Director and Kevin Rudden, Principal Assessor.

At 7:02pm T. Hein called the meeting to order.

#### **DISCUSSION OF ROAD IMPLEMENTATION OF ROAD NAME CHANGE TO “FAWN ROAD”:**

T. Hein explained that at the Select Board meeting on December 11, 2023 the Select Board voted 3-0 to approve the name change of the section of Lowland Street that runs from Woodland Street to the Rail Trail to Fawn Road. Due to the fact that Lowland Street has been named such for more than twenty five years the MassDOT requires a 30 day appeal time frame, which expired on January 11, 2024. The MassDOT did not receive any appeals during that time and therefore the Town can now process the conversion.

Kevin Rudden, Holliston Principal Assessor outlined the changes which will be made within the Assessor’s Office and also noted that the Building Inspector will also make several changes just as they do when naming a new street with new construction. The Assessor’s Office will change the name in the data base and with the mapping company. The Building Department will contact Mass GIS which will also update E911. The actual house numbers and parcel ID numbers will not change. The DPW will install three new street signs. A letter will be sent to the two residents on Fawn Road advising them of the items they are responsible to update pertaining to the name change. This includes notifying the following; U.S. Post Office, banks, mortgage companies, all utility companies, Registry of Motor Vehicles, Social Security, phone, cable, internet, insurance companies, and schools. The Town will notify the Town Clerk and the Water Department. The residents will however have to change their voting address with the Town Clerks Office. K. Rudden also recommended the residents/owners file an Affidavit of Address Change with the Registry of Deeds.

Sarah Baroud, 21 Lowland Street, one of the residents effected by the name change expressed her gratitude for all who had a hand in facilitating the change. She also appreciates the information being sent in the letter to help guide them through the process.

#### **BOARD BUSINESS: d. SENIOR/VETERANS TAX WORK-OFF PROGRAM:**

K. Rudden stated that he and the Senior Center Director Lisa Borchetta worked together to revitalize Holliston’s Senior/Veterans Tax Work-Off Program. Governor Healey increased the annual amount from \$1,500 to \$2,000 for Seniors, the Veterans annual amount remains

at \$1,500. The revision also allows work to be done by proxy, such as a relative, neighbor, or friend of a resident who is physically unable. K. Buckley stated that there are currently four individuals participating in the Tax Work Off program within Town.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Senior Tax Work Off Program and the Veterans Tax Work Off Program as amended and presented this evening. T. Hein second. Vote 3-0. J. Cronin absent.

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**WARRANTS:**

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the Weekly Warrant in the amount of \$3,014,682.08. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

T. Hein stated that on Tuesday evening, January 16, 2024 Habitat for Humanity held a dedication at 172 Concord Street and officially handed the keys to the new owner. The project began in 2018 and was completed in late 2023. Many thanks to all involved in the project, including members of the Community Preservation Committee, Housing Trust Authority member Bryan Clancy, the Building Inspector, Town Administrators Office and the Select Board.

**COMMENTS FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR:**

K. Buckley stated that there are no comments from the Town Administrator this evening.

**BOARD BUISNESS:**

B. Sparrell made a motion to award the Central Street Project to I.W. Harding Construction Inc. of West Bridgewater Mass. in the amount of \$493,000. T. Hein seconded and noted this is the area of Central Street running from Blair Square to Washington Street of which the bulk of the funding will be derived from 2023 Complete Streets. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to accept a donation from Nancy Deursch to the Senior Center Gift Account in the amount of \$150. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to accept a donation from Colantonio, Inc. to the Fire Department Gif Account in the amount of \$1,000. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

B. Sparrell made a motion to approve the One Day Liquor Permit for the Walker Wedding on May 4, 2024 in the Upper Town Hall from 2:00pm – midnight to Bon Fete, Inc. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

**OTHER BUSINESS:NONE**

At 7:26pm B. Sparrell made a motion to adjourn. T. Hein second. Vote 2-0. J. Cronin absent.

Respectfully submitted;

Margaret Driscoll

Approved\_3-4-24

