

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 2, 2016
6:30 p.m.

Holliston Town Hall
703 Washington Street – Room 105

Present; Jay Marsden, Chairman; Jay Leary, Vice Chair; Kevin Conley, Clerk and Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator.

AT 6:30 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS NON-UNION SALARIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MARSDEN SAID THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST ABOUT ONE HOUR.

AT 7:30 P.M. THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO OPEN SESSION.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS

16-36	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 674,172.50
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$12,129,069.47
	CAPITAL PROJECTS (3900)	\$ 1,482.31
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 464,410.18
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,302.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 1,075,659.81
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$14,344,794.27

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 215,872.64
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 175,305.88
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley said that the high school had an exciting basketball game last night. He said that Holliston boys won the game.

Mr. Leary said that he was asked by the DPW to announce that the only tree limbs that they are going to be picking up are the ones on the road from this past storm. Please do not bring all your limbs to the curb for pick up. They can be taken to Marshall Street Recycling Center on Saturdays between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

There were no comments from the audience.

REPORT OF THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Mr. Ritter said last Thursday the Town submitted a grant application through the Community Compact Program in the amount of \$46,023. He said that if this grant is funded it would support the towns

wireless internet access for all Town buildings. He said that we should hear something with in the next several months.

Mr. Ritter said that tomorrow there will be a Department Head Meeting and the Selectmen are always invited to join them. He said that later in the day, there will be a meeting with the Town's Insurance carrier. He said that the Safety Committee will be attending the meeting as well.

Mr. Ritter said that the Economic Development Committee is meeting tomorrow morning as well at 8:00 a.m. He said that Senior Center parking lot bids will be opened tomorrow at noon.

Mr. Ritter said that the Police take-back prescription drug day will be on April 30, 2016.

Mr. Leary said that Police station has a collection bin and they are open 24 hours a day so you can drop off unused medications at any time.

WATER RATE HEARING CONTINUED

Mr. Marsden said that we opened the hearing this last week. He said that the DPW is not looking for increased rates, they would like to leave the rates as they are.

AT 7:40 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO CLOSE THE WATER RATE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO KEEP THE WATER RATES FOR FY 2017, THE SAME AS FY 2016. THERE WILL NOT BE AN INCREASE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

REPUBLIC SERVICE – TRASH AND RECYCLING

Michael Szczepan, Erick Curtis and Terry Grady were present from Republic Services to talk about the possible new program. Mr. Grady said that he has had a few meetings with Mr. Ritter about maybe new carts. Mr. Grady said that most of the communities that they serve use carts that can be picked-up by forks on the truck. He said that way, the driver does not have to get out of the truck. Mr. Grady said that each resident would be provided a cart for trash and a cart for recycling.

Mr. Grady said that a 95 gallon recycling cart will be picked-up every other week and 45 gallon cart will be picked-up every week for trash. Mr. Grady showed the carts to the audience. There were several different sample gallon sizes to look at. Mr. Grady said that the normal size or the most popular is the 95 gallon one for recycling and a 64 gallon for trash. Mr. Grady said that Republic Service would provide all the carts. He said that residents would not have to purchase trash barrels. Mr. Grady said that the Town would not have to purchase recycling bins. Mr. Grady said that if any one of the carts gets damaged, they will replace it. He said that they would maintain the carts. He said that they would use two different colors for the covers so the resident can tell the recycling from the trash.

Mr. Grady said that the benefit to the carts is, every resident will have the exact same size. Mr. Grady said that if you filled your trash cart, you still could use a sticker for the extra bag.

Mr. Grady said that another benefit is that on a windy day they will not blow over.

Mr. Grady said that if we go to the single stream recycling, there is a charge of \$20.per ton for separating. Mr. Grady said that with the program of the larger cart for recycling, they have seen a huge difference in recycling. Mr. Grady said that if the carts were used, it allows the drivers to go faster. It saves a lot of time.

Mr. Leary asked how much tonnage in recycling are we doing per year?

Mr. Grady said 17,030 tons per year. He said we are at about 33% recycling.

Mr. Leary said that the increase that we will see is about \$35,000, for the separating of the recycling.

Mr. Leary said that it will cost us money to go single stream.

He said that if we can get the recycling increased by 10%, we will be saving money.

A resident asked if Republic Services sees a change in the percentage with people throwing more items in the recycling than what we are doing now?

Mr. Grady said that in a two year time, they increased their recycling by 20%.

Mr. Leary asked what would all the residents of Town do with their green recycling bins?

Mr. Grady said that Republic Service would drop off a container to collect them and then they would recycle them.

Mr. Leary asked if the Town would be charged for that?

Mr. Grady said no they would provide this as a service to the Town. He did say that sometimes the schools would take the bins to put in the class rooms.

Mr. Marsden said that Republic Services donates a lot of money and services to the Town. He said that they have donated to the Household Hazardous Waste Day, The Sharps Program, America in Bloom, Bike Path, Senior Auction and Celebrate Holliston, this is just a few.

Mike Lavin, Jerrold Street, he is the Public Works Director in Wrentham. He said that he ran the trash and recycling program in the Town of Framingham. Mr. Lavin said that by using the carts, there is a savings. He said that you will not see a savings right of way, but in the long run you will. Mr. Lavin said that in Wrentham the Town purchased the carts and they were able to save a lot of money. He said that if the Town chose to purchase the carts, they would always have to keep a few on hand in case they need to be replaced.

Chris Beling, Franklin Street, said that Republic Service does a great job. She said that there is a recycling grant through the state for \$20 per cart. She said that is if the Town purchases the carts. She said that last year, fifteen different towns applied for this grant. She said that every town received this grant. She said that there are a lot of benefits to the Town for purchasing them. She said that she thinks that the cart should be on the smaller size for trash. She said that we really need a recycling coordinator. She said that we need to educate the public better. The Board agreed that they need to look into this.

BUDGET REVIEW – POLICE DEPARTMENT AND FUEL BUDGET

Chief John Moore was present. Chief Moore said that there will be an increase in personal services line due to the collective bargaining agreement. He said that in order to meet this, there will be a reduction in purchased services. He said that there will be a reduction in repair and maintenance. He said that supplies and materials is level funded. Chief Moore said that they are looking for new cruisers. He said they are also looking for a repeater for the portable radios.

Mr. Conley said that the Chief cut as much as he can in the police budget and Mr. Conley thanked him for doing so. Chief Moore thanked Technology Director, Chris Meo, is on call every day and has done a great job in solving any problem that have come up.

Mr. Conley said that the Police Department are great to work with.

Mr. Leary said that same. Mr. Leary said that being a police officer is a tough job.

Chief Moore said that if they had to cut their budget more, they would cut some overtime. He said that we may have to lay-off one or two police officers. He said with the investment that the Town has put in to these officers by putting them through the Police Academy, it would be a bad move. He said that investment would be lost and those shifts would be covered by overtime shifts.

Vin Murphy, 432 Norfolk Street, asked about the union contract for next year? Asked if the contract was going to be a three or five year one? Mr. Marsden said that on a five year contract the third year is the biggest and largest year.

Mr. Leary said that all employees would be getting a 2.5% increase in salary this fiscal year.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE POLICE BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF 2,669,275 FOR FY 2017. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

BOARD BUSINESS – MINUTES JANUARY 6, 2016

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 6, 2016, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

NAMING OF 1750 WASHINGTON STREET

Mr. Marsden said the Park and Recreation Department was in a few weeks ago, and they like the name 1750 Washington Street and they do not want to change it.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE KEEPING THE NAME OF 1750 WASHINGTON STREET THE SAME. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

EVENT PERMIT – ALS TDI TRI-STATE AND THREE SQUARES NE RIDE FOR FOOD

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR ALS TDI TRI-STATE TREK ON JUNE 24, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR THREE SQUARES NE RIDE FOR FOOD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2016. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

PILOT AGREEMENT – SUN ED

This has been tabled by the Board for this meeting

COMMUNITY COMPACT CONTRACT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Mr. Marsden said that this is for our Capital Improvement Plan.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN THE CONTRACT ON BEHALF OF THE TOWN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

POW/MIA CHAIR

Mr. Marsden said that Steve Bradford was at the last meeting showing the Board a POW/MIA Chair. He said that Mr. Bradford would like to put the chair in Town Hall in between the doors going to the main hall and the elevator. Mr. Marsden said that this can be put outside or inside. Mr. Leary said that he likes the look of the granite and thinks outside would be a better choice.

MR CONLEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE VETERANS TO PUT A POW/MIA CHAIR IN TOWN HALL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

HOLLIS HILLS PRESERVE – TRASH AND RECYCLING REQUEST

Mr. Marsden said that they are condominium units. He said that they want the Town to pick up their trash and recycling. The Board said that they will need to come up with a policy because this is going to happen in the future. The Board will table this for now.

APPOINTMENTS – MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE AND COMMUNITY FARM ADVISORY

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT STAN FEINBERG, ROBERT HOPKINS, ROBERT MCGRATH, STEVE BRADFORD, STEVE NAPOLITANO AND RALPH STOVER TO THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMUNITY FARM ADVISORY

Mr. Marsden said that many residents have applied for this position. Mr. Marsden asked if the Board just wanted to appoint them or have interviews? Mr. Leary said that he would like to do interviews.

DOWNTOWN COMMENTS

Mr. Marsden said that the Board received fifty comments and suggestions about the Downtown area.

Mr. Marsden said that this list will go to McMahan and Associates to be looked over.

Mr. Leary said that most of the questions relate to downtown, but a few were out of the area.

Mr. Leary said that he wants the residents to know that we are not adding a lane of traffic in downtown.

A resident said that the merging traffic from four lanes to two will change the configuration. He said that they are taking away parking spaces to make these lanes.

Mr. Leary said that the width of the street will not change. Mr. Leary said how we divvy up the street is the question.

The resident said that we are putting four lanes where there are three because they are taking away parking spaces.

Mr. Leary said yes they may be taking away parking spaces. He said that it is not adding any lanes.

The resident said that it is not adding width, but it is adding a lane.

Mr. Marsden asked the resident to come to the next meeting with McMahan and Associated and they can answer that question for him.

Mr. Leary said that McMahan and Associates did what was asked of them. He said that others are saying that they do not like the plans.

The resident asked the Board how much money have we spent of this project?

Mr. Leary said \$30,000 from the beginning. Mr. Marsden said that we have not received a final bill.

BYOB DISCUSSION

postponed

ANDREWS SCHOOL DISCUSSION

Mr. Marsden said that the Board had a discussion with the neighbors about the Andrews School and its future. Mr. Marsden said that there are a lot of opinions on what should go there. He said that it could be private residents, senior housing, a municipal building or rental property.

Mr. Conley said that the Board asked the residents to get together and have some ideas ready for the Board to talk about.

Stephanie Collier, 888 Washington Street, said that they put all their suggestions in a letter. Ms. Collier said that they met with the Historical Commission and a Finance Committee member. Ms. Collier said that the group agreed that they do not want a dense housing development. She said that there are a few options for use of the building. Ms. Collier said that the neighbors asked Mark Dellicker to go through the building to give the group a construction assessment. She said that he volunteered to walk through the building. He would then give a written report to the Building Inspector.

Ms. Collier also said that the gentleman who was doing the inspection for mold and lead at the Flagg School offered to do the same for the Andrews School for about \$1,000. She said that the Town refused to hire him to do this.

John Varrell, Washington Street, said there is an interest from the neighborhood to preserve the front of the building, not the addition that is on the back of the building. He said that this may not be a profitable project, but the building is historic. He said that Town could seek funding sources.

Mr. Conley said that someone approached him and said that they would purchase the building for \$1.00 as long as they could put sixteen units in it.

Mr. Varrell said that the neighbors would not approve of that.

Ms. Collier said that a sixteen unit property would put too much strain on the neighborhood.

Mr. Marsden said the neighbors want to keep the building without the addition that is on the back.

Mr. Conley asked if the building would still be historical if the addition was to be taken off the building?

Mr. Conley asked if the Andrews School was on the Historic register?

Ms. Collier said no it is not.

Mr. Varrell said that it qualifies but it has not been registered yet.

Mr. Varrell said that the lot could be preserved and if a house needs to be moved it could go there.

Mr. Varrell said that the neighbors want something done. He said that this building has been sitting long enough. Mr. Leary asked if Mr. Dellicker had an interest in developing the property?

Ms. Collier said that she did not know.

Mr. Leary said that if Mr. Dellicker has an interest, we may have to look for another contractor to look at the building. Mr. Marsden said that he would ask him.

AT 9:30, P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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