



**TOWN OF HOLLISTON  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
HOLLISTON TOWN HALL  
JANUARY 2, 2019**

Present: Jay Marsden, Chairman; Mark Ahronian, Vice Chairman

Absent: John Cronin, Clerk

Also present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

J. Marsden called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

**1.) Warrant:** M. Ahronian read the Warrant and made a motion to approve the weekly vendor (expense) and payroll Warrant (19-27) in the amount of \$1,284,421.84. Second, J. Marsden.  
Voted 2-0

**2.) Public Comment:** M. Ahronian provided an update regarding the traffic safety improvements in the Mudville section of Holliston. Specifically, he has been in contact with the Director of Public Works. Stop signs, slow children signs and road paint has been ordered and work will be completed as the weather allows.

J. Marsden thanked all those involved with the New Year's Eve Rail Trail walk it appeared everyone had a wonderful time.

Tina Hein, 142 Union Street said residents want to hear more about the December 3<sup>rd</sup> public safety officials meeting when it was agreed to recommend to the Selectmen traffic safety improvements from the Police Chief. But there are other open issues.

J. Marsden said we depend on our public safety officials to provide a rationale.

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T. Hein said residents still need to hear feedback as to why turning restrictions were not recommended. She asked when the Board will take up that as well as the no through trucking request from residents. Will the Board consider amending the Traffic Rules and Orders, Section 18, regarding turn restrictions?

M. Ahronian said stop signs and slow children signs and road paint has been ordered and installed weather permitting. We need to understand the impact of these steps as well as the pending installation of the granite curbing which will make the road appear more narrow and slow traffic. The Police Department will monitor.

T. Hein said a traffic study was completed and in the study it said traffic signs will not reduce the speed and volume.

J. Marsden said we can place on a future Agenda a meeting with the public safety officials to better understand why they did not recommend "No Through Trucking" signs which can be addressed by amending the "Traffic Rules and Orders," Section 19, and the request for turning restrictions Section 18.

M. Ahronian said we need to give the signs an opportunity to work and understand the impact but we can certainly take a look at the "No Through Trucking" signs but enforcement will be the key. There are currently no signs in the neighborhood.

T. Hein asked when the Board will discuss a one way and turn restrictions as well as the "No Through Trucking" signs. The issues of speed and volume are still there.

M. Ahronian said the process is not over.

J. Marsden said we will be voting on the eight recommendations this evening it is on the Agenda. Regarding reduced speed that will have to be approved by the Annual Town Meeting in May. We will invite public safety officials to a future meeting to further discuss your requests for turn restrictions, "No Through Trucking" signs, and one way streets. But that should be done with the full Board present.

T. Hein asked who would prepare the Article for Town Meeting.

J. Marsden said Town Counsel and he understood J. Cronin was open to having a follow-up discussion with the public safety officials regarding these open questions.

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**3.) Report of the Town Administrator:** J. Ritter reported the Town has received notification from the State Ethics Commission regarding mandatory Conflict of Interest Training. This information will be sent out to all Board, Committees, Commissions and staff. It will also be a topic for discussion at tomorrow's Department Heads meeting. Training completion certificates should be provided to the town Clerk.

The next Department Heads meeting will take place tomorrow morning at 10a.m.

The Economic Development Committee will be meeting next Wednesday morning at 8a.m.

Phase Two of the Green Communities grant program are nearly complete with the installation of the Energy Management System. He offered a special thank you to Chris Meo for implementing the final phase of the grant. We are now moving forward with Phase Three with an eye towards another grant application to address energy conservation at Pinecrest and 1750 Washington Street.

The draft landfill solar RFP should be ready this Friday for internal review.

He met this morning with the Superintendent of Schools as part of their monthly meetings.

M. Ahronian asked about the windows at the High School. J. Ritter said he mentioned that last month to the Superintendent and he would add it to his list.

"The Future of Holliston High School: A Community Conversation," will take place on Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at the High School starting at 7p.m.

**4.) Board Business**

**Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2018:** M. Ahronian made a motion to approve and release the Meeting Minutes from December 17, 2018. Second, J. Marsden. Voted 2-0

**Amendment of the Traffic Rules and Orders – Spring, Mechanic, School and Union Streets:** J. Marsden read the legal notice for the installation of Stop Signs at the following locations: Spring and Mechanic Streets; School and Union Streets; Spring and Washington Streets; School and Washington Streets; and a four (4) way at School and Mechanic Streets.

M. Ahronian made a motion to approve the Amendment as read. Second, J. Marsden. Voted 2-0

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**Pavement Marking and Signs for the Westbound Side of Washington Street Near Hollis Street:** Pursuant to a recommendation from the Holliston Police Department M. Ahronian made a motion for the placement of a “Do Not Block Intersection” signs be posted on the eastbound side of Prentice Street at Pinecrest Road and Fairview Street and pavement markings on the eastbound side of Prentice Street; and

at Washington and Hollis Streets, westbound on Washington Street the installation of a “Do Not Block Intersection” sign be installed allowing for the traffic to flow onto Washington Street from Hollis Street. Second, J. Marsden. Voted 2-0

**Appointments – On-Call Firefighters and On-Call EMT:** M. Ahronian made a motion to appoint Keith Knowles as an On-Call Firefighter and Sean Wagner as an On-Call EMT. Second, J. Marsden. Voted 2-0

**5. Other Business:** M. Ahronian mentioned a recent program approved by Hopkinton to provide tax relief to senior citizens. J. Ritter said he secured a copy of the Legislation and asked for a recommendations from the Board of Assessors. This item should be on the Board’s Agenda for January 14<sup>th</sup> for further discussion.

**Adjourn:** At 7:25p.m. M. Ahronian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Second, J. Marsden. Voted 2-0

Respectfully submitted,



J. Jeffrey Ritter  
Town Administrator