



**TOWN OF HOLLISTON
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
HOLLISTON TOWN HALL
OCTOBER 15, 2018**

Present: Jay Marsden, Chairman; Mark Ahronian, Vice Chairman; John Cronin, Clerk

Also present: Jeff Ritter, Town Administrator

1.) Warrant: J. Cronin read the Warrant and made a motion to approve the weekly vendor (expense) and payroll Warrants (19-16) in the amount of \$325,330.05. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0

2.) Public Comment: M. Ahronian outlined the recent designation and awards received from America in Bloom. Specifically, Holliston was selected among forty (40) other communities in the United States "In Recognition of Your Community's Celebration of Heritage Circle of Champions – Grande." Holliston was the only community in the Northeast to receive this honor.

M. Ahronian further noted that some community prepare their improvement year round but here in the northeast we only really have six (6) months. He thanked the many Town departments who helped Holliston in Bloom and civic organizations such as the Garden Club and the Rail Trail. When the judges saw the community financial commitment to the 8 Arch Bridge project that distinguished Holliston.

Liz Greendale, Town Clerk was present and reminded the public that Wednesday, October 17th is the last day to register to vote. Next Monday early voting will start from 9a.m. until 1p.m. Monday through Friday.

She also reviewed the Records Management Article that is part of the Special Town Meeting Warrant her fear is that 1750 Washington Street will become a dumping ground like the former Flagg School became.

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3.) Report of the Town Administrator: J. Ritter reported that about seven (7) bids were received to replace the roof at 1750 Washington Street. The apparent low bidder came in around \$146,000.

Exterior painting of the Pinecrest Golf Course is scheduled to start on November 1st. The Town's new Web site was launched last Friday. Thank you to Chris Meo the Town's Technology Director.

4.) Community Farm Committee Update: Kriss Westland and P.J. Kilkelly were present to provide the Selectmen an update regarding the Community Farm off Roger Road.

K. Westland said the last update was in June. The greenhouse is now complete, community gardens were assigned.

J. Cronin asked if locally grown vegetables can be sold to local markets, the food pantry, or restaurants. K. Westland said it is possible but they have not gotten to that stage yet. P.J. Kilkelly said they are about a year and a half away from doing that.

K. Westland said the Farm to Table was a big success with about \$2,658 raised by the Friends of the Farm.

The Lions Club will host the Haunted Walk on October 20th from 5p.m. until 9:30p.m.

K. Westland said they are also working on new signage to connect to the Rail Trail. The house will be used as a learning facility but the septic system needs replacement. The system has been designed, the construction is ready, and the electrical work scoped out. There will be a minimal expense to the Town for the project most of these are donated.

J. Cronin asked about the timeframe to complete. K. Westland said the objective would be this winter or spring. The home can accommodate about fifty-five (55) people.

P.J. Kilkelly said there is about \$18,000 balance from the Town Meeting funding. J. Ritter will have to confirm.

M. Ahronian made a motion to approve the septic installation subject to available funding. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

M. Ahronian made a motion to approve the electrical work at no cost to the town. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

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5.) Continued Hearing – Street Acceptances – Evergreen Square: Sean Reese, Public Works Director recommended that the Hearing be continued for another week allow time for the developer to complete his work. He toured the development again today and viewed several very small items that need to be addressed.

M. Ahronian made a motion to continue the Hearing until October 22, 2018. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

6.) Board Business

Recycle Smart: J. Ritter briefed the Board regarding the new Commonwealth sponsored program “Recycle Smart.” The objective is to provide education materials to residents to promote “clean” recycling. This will help to reduce the amount of contamination of recycling waste.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: Regarding **Article 1**, J. Cronin made a motion to remove the motion any reference to the police motorcycle. Second, M. Ahronian. Voted 3-0 J. Cronin said the Finance Committee will most likely not support and would like to waiting until Spring and be considered as part of the total budget proposal.

Regarding **Article 5**, M. Ahronian said the Vice Chairman said the School Committee will revisit the exterior gym wall this Spring and they will have the bird nests remove soon. M. Ahronian made a motion to remove any reference in the motion to the High School exterior gym wall. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

Regarding **Article 8**, J. Cronin requested a copy of the Community Preservation Committee report. J. Ritter will contact Frank Chamberlain, Chairman of the Community Preservation Committee for a copy.

Tree Warden Appointment: The Board agreed to invite the candidates in to meet with them after Special Town Meeting.

Treated Salt Purchase Agreement: I was noted that this Agreement was previously discussed and approved. M. Ahronian made a motion to approve the Agreement and to sign. Second, J. Cronin. Voted 3-0

State Election Warrant: M. Ahronian made a motion to approve and forward to the Town Clerk the posting of the State Election Warrant. Second, J. Cronin. Discussion, J. Cronin asked

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who prepared the State Election Warrant. J. Ritter said it was filled out by the Town Clerk.
Voted 3-0

Adjourn: J. Cronin made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46p.m. Second, M. Ahronian.
Voted 3-0

Respectfully submitted,



J. Jeffrey Ritter
Town Administrator