

TOWN OF HOLLISTON  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 5, 2014

The Annual Holliston Town Meeting of May 5, 2014 was held at the High School Auditorium and was brought to order by Moderator, Kevin Clancy at 7:33 PM, with a quorum of 117 and growing.

Prior to the start of regular business, the Moderator read the warrant and went over the preliminary rules for Town Meeting then read the following Motion as required by the Town By-Laws.

**PRIOR TO ARTICLE 1**

**MOTION:** Moved that the following non-resident and non-voting Town Officials, consultants to committees and petitioners be allowed to speak during the course of this Annual Town Meeting:

Ann McCobb	Health Director/Agent
Leslie McDonnell	Library Director
Mary Bousquet	Treasurer/Collector
David Nalchajian	Town Accountant
Kathryn Peirce	Principal Assessor
Peter Tartakoff	Building Inspector
Brad Jackson	Superintendent of Schools
Sara Ahern	Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Tom Smith	Highway Superintendent
Karen Sherman	Town Planner
John Moore	Police Chief
Brenda Farrell	Housing Authority Director
Cheryl Rudolph	Animal Control Officer
Charles Corman	Technology Director
Charles Katuska	Conservation Agent
James Lynch	Keefe Tech Superintendent-Director
Doug Valovcin	Water Superintendent

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** Our By-laws require that the Town Meeting vote to allow non-residents and non-voters to address the Town Meeting

**VOTE:** Passed by unanimous voice vote.

**ARTICLE 1.** To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen.

**MOTION:** Moved that the Annual Report of the Town for the 12 month period ending June 30, 2013, be accepted.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 1 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 2.** To hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee.

**MOTION:** Moved that the Annual Report of the Finance Committee be received and laid on the table and that motions offered in the report be accepted as motions before this meeting as the articles and the budget are taken up.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St. and Chairperson of the Finance Committee, gave a presentation updating Town Meeting on the finances of the town. The OPEB Trust was signed by Governor Patrick on Dec. 31, 2013 and we are now able to fund it. The Compensation and Benefits Study has been reviewed and the Finance Committee has made recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Selectmen have made first step adjustments to budgets to reflect the new wages, which haven't been addressed in 20 yrs. The Town's S & P Bond rating has gone up two notches to AA+.

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 2 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Selectmen, to sell property acquired through foreclosure of tax titles by the Town and other real estate, after first giving notice of the time and place of the sale by posting such notice of sale in some convenient place in the Town, by publishing such notice of such sale in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town and by posting such notice on a Holliston Cable Access Television (HCAT) bulletin board and on the Town's website at least fourteen (14) days before the sale. The Treasurer shall also give notice of such sale to the Executive Director of the Holliston Housing Authority, the Chair of the Holliston Housing Trust and the Chair of the Holliston Housing Committee or its subsequent equivalent by first class letter at least forty-five (45) days before the sale. The Treasurer may hold a public auction and may reject any bid which s/he deems inadequate, and any such advertisement, notice or indication that real property is to be offered for sale by the Town of Holliston, or any department,

commission, or other subdivision of the Town shall include the following statement:  
öBuyers should be aware that the Town of Holliston does not guarantee this property to be in conformity with existing zoning bylaws.ö

Whenever the proceeds of the sale or other disposal of real estate, other than that acquired through tax title foreclosure, by the Town of Holliston exceed five hundred dollars, the same shall be applied to the payment of indebtedness incurred in acquiring such real estate or shall be added to the sinking fund, if any, from which said indebtedness is payable, or if no such indebtedness is outstanding will be applied to the Town's Capital Expenditure Fund as established by Chapter 46 of the Acts of 1993. The proceeds of a sale in excess of five hundred dollars of any park land by the Town shall be used only by the Town for acquisition of land for park purposes or for capital improvements to park land; or take any action relative thereto.

**MOTION:** Moved that this Article be approved as presented in the Warrant.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 3 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 29, Job Classification Plan, by reflecting those revisions, deletions and/or additions to be effective as of July 1, 2014; or take any action relative thereto. (**Town Administrator**)

**SECTION 29, JOB CLASSIFICATION PLAN (Full-time Permanent Positions)**

<i><b>POSITION</b></i>	<i><b>GRADE</b></i>	<i><b>POSITION</b></i>	
<i><b>GRADE</b></i>			
Administrative Assessor	400	Head Dispatcher	400
Assistant Clerk	200	Head of Circulation, Library	400
Assistant Director, Library	400	Library Page	100
Assistant, Town Clerk	400	Matron, Police	100
Assistant, Treasurer/Collector	400	Outreach Worker	<b>400</b>
Cataloger, Library	300	Principal Clerk	300
Children's Librarian	400	Reference Librarian	400
Clerk	300	Technician, Library	100
Crossing Guard	100	Van Driver	100
Dispatcher	200		

**MOTION:** Moved that this Article be approved as presented in the Warrant.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 4 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 30, Job Compensation Plan, to reflect the rates listed below, and the inclusion of any new rates resulting from reevaluation or new or revised positions to be effective as of July 1, 2014; or take any action relative thereto. (**Town Administrator**)

**SECTION 30, JOB COMPENSATION PLAN, PART I, SCHEDULE B, HOURLY RATES**

<b>GRADE</b>	<b>STEP 1</b>	<b>STEP 2</b>	<b>STEP 3</b>	<b>STEP 4</b>	<b>STEP 5</b>	<b>STEP 6</b>	<b>STEP 7</b>
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100	15.45	16.43	17.12	17.54	17.89	18.64	19.04
200	18.32	19.49	20.30	20.80	21.22	22.11	22.58
300	18.89	20.10	20.94	21.45	21.89	22.80	23.29
400	21.75	23.14	24.10	24.69	25.20	26.25	26.81
500	23.61	25.11	26.16	26.80	27.35	28.49	29.10

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to amend the Consolidated Personnel By-law Section 30, Job Compensation Plan, by implementing the rates shown in the Article effective July 1, 2013.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 5 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for unpaid bills from prior years; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,035.45 for bills from prior fiscal years.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Voted by unanimous voice vote to accept Article 6 as stated in the Motion.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of supplementing various accounts of the Town's fiscal year 2014 annual budget, previously voted by the Town under Article 15 of the Warrant for the 2013 Annual Town Meeting and under Article 2 of the Warrant for the October 28, 2013 Fall Town Meeting; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

**MOTION:** Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Indefinitely Postpone Article 7 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to hold a public auction for the purpose of disposing of surplus departmental equipment; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of two 1985 Mack dump trucks, a 1985 Woodchuck chipper, a 1995 Norkot asphalt box, and a 1983 Sreco rodding machine.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 8 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Highway Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to use and expend sums received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as reimbursements under the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways program for further construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments of approved public ways within the Town; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Highway Department, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to use and expend sums received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as reimbursements under the Chapter 90 State Aid to Highways program

for further construction, reconstruction and improvements, including surface treatments of approved public ways within the Town.

## **SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 9 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, section 53E1/2, as amended, to reauthorize the following revolving accounts for fiscal year 2015:

1. an ambulance fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for ambulance services and from which account expenditures for labor, materials, supplies and equipment associated with the provision of ambulance services in the Town may be made in an amount not to exceed \$391,812;
2. a Council on Aging fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for the use of the Senior Center and from which account expenditures for Senior Center expenses may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
3. a Composting Kit revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received from the sale of composting kits and from which account expenditures for purchasing composting kits may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;
4. a Response and Recovery fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees and reimbursements for response to natural and man-made emergencies and from which account expenditures for planning, response, recovery and mitigation efforts by Town departments may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
5. an abutter's list fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for abutter's lists and from which fund expenditures for preparing and issuing abutter's lists, including technologies, may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
6. a Building Inspection revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees received by the Building Inspection department for plumbing, gas and wiring permits and from which account expenditures reasonably related to inspectional services for plumbing, gas and wiring may be made in an amount not to exceed \$70,000;

7. a Town Hall revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees for rental of the Town Hall facility and from which account expenditures reasonably related to maintaining the Town Hall for purposes of rental may be made in an amount not to exceed \$25,000;
8. a Senior Center Van Services revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of all fees, reimbursements and contracted receipts for use of the Senior Center van and transportation program and from which account expenditures reasonably related to maintaining the Senior Center van service and transportation program may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
9. an Agricultural Commission programs revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment for all programs and activities of the Agricultural Commission and from which account expenditures reasonably related to the programs and activities of the Agricultural Commission may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;
10. a Sealer of Weights and Measures revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for Sealer of Weights and Measures services and from which account expenditures related to the services of the Sealer of Weights and Measures may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
11. a fluorescent bulb recycling revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received from recycling fluorescent bulbs and from which account expenditures for recycling fluorescent bulbs may be made in an amount not to exceed \$3,000;
12. a banner revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for banners over Washington Street and from which account expenditures for placing the banners may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
13. an accident fee revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for motor vehicle accident investigations and from which account expenditures for investigating motor vehicle accidents may be made in an amount not to exceed \$5,000;
14. an inoculation revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for reimbursement for inoculations and from which account expenditures for inoculations may be made in an amount not to exceed \$20,000;
15. a cost of prosecution account into which shall be deposited receipts received as payment of fees for court imposed penalties and from which account expenditures for the costs of prosecution may be made in an amount not to exceed \$30,000; and
16. a nutrition revolving account into which shall be deposited receipts received for nutrition programs at the Senior Center and from which account expenditures for

nutrition programs at the Senior Center may be made in an amount not to exceed \$10,000;

provided that expenditures from said accounts shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and expenditures in excess of the amounts stated shall require the approval of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee; or take any action relative thereto.  
**(Board of Selectmen)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town authorize the revolving accounts as described in Article 10 for fiscal year 2015.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 10 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, authorizing the Board of Assessors to grant an increase of twenty percent (20%) to all exemptions from property taxes excluding those granted under clause 18 of section 5 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Assessors)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986, as amended by Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, authorizing the Board of Assessors to grant an increase of twenty percent (20%) to all exemptions from property taxes excluding those granted under clause 18 of section 5 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 11 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the interest rate per annum from 8% to 6% under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5, clause 41A, which regulates tax deferral for homeowners 65 years or older, pursuant to the authority contained in Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, thereby amending said clause 41A; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Assessors)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of clause 41A of section 5 of General Laws Chapter 59, as amended by Chapter 136 of the Acts of 2005, amending the interest rate per annum from 8% to 6% for tax deferrals for homeowners 65 years or older, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 12 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, amending the income requirements under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5, clause 41C, or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Assessors**)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of section 51 of Chapter 184 of the Acts of 2002, amending the income requirements under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, section 5, clause 41C, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept Article 13 as stated in the motion

**ARTICLE 14.** To see what money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds to meet expenses and outlays to Town departments, salaries of Town Officers, sundry and miscellaneous but regular expenditures, for a Reserve Fund, Conservation Fund, Stabilization Fund, and to appoint trustees or caretakers or authorize the Selectmen to appoint caretakers of the cemeteries of the Town not otherwise provided for, for the ensuing year; or take any action relative thereto. (**Omnibus Budget**)

**MOTION:** The budget amounts in the recommended column will be discussed and voted individually.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** The Moderator read the omnibus line by line and each budget was seconded, discussed if needed and voted on:

<b>Board of Selectmen 01122</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$190,710
52000 Purchased Services	51,100
54000 Supplies & Materials	2,300
57000 Other Expenses	181,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$425,910</b>

<b>Finance Committee 01131</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 1,475
52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	50
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,525</b>

<b>Town Accountant 01134</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	81,799
52000 Purchased Services	2,725
54000 Supplies & Materials	550
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$85,074</b>

<b>Board of Assessors 01137</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$176,629
52000 Purchased Services	11,056
54000 Supplies & Materials	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$188,685</b>

<b>Treasurer/Collector 01138</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 253,468
52000 Purchased Services	48,007
54000 Supplies & Materials	8,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 309,475</b>

<b>Other Financial Administration 01149</b>	
57810 Reserve for Transfers	\$ 212,675
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$212,675</b>

<b>Technology 01154</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 84,013
52000 Purchased Services	4,752
54000 Supplies & Materials	500
58000 Capital	8,906
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 98,171</b>

<b>Town Clerk 01161</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 131,611
52000 Purchased Services	6,965
54000 Supplies & Materials	1,938
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 140,514</b>

<b>Elections 01162</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 13,956
52000 Purchased Services	5,825
54000 Supplies & Materials	3,710
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 23,491</b>

<b>Conservation Commission 01171</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 44,958
52000 Purchased Services	2,700
54000 Supplies & Materials	500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 48,158</b>

<b>Planning Board 01172</b>	
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51000 Personnel Services	\$ 70,986
52000 Purchased Services	4,300
54000 Supplies & Materials	539
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 75,825</b>

Zoning Board of Appeals **01173**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 6,000
52000 Purchased Services	4,400
54000 Supplies & Materials	150
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,550</b>

Public Buildings **01192**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services	202,833
53000 Repair & Maintenance	37,000
54000 Supplies & Materials	1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 240,833</b>

Employee Benefits **01194**

51750 Insurance	\$4,348,582
51780 Benefits	2,042,479
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,391,061</b>

Police Department **01210**

51000 Personnel Services	\$2,308,209
52000 Purchased Services	108,516
53000 Repairs & Maintenance	23,090
54000 Supplies & Materials	13,240
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,453,055</b>

Auxiliary Police **01211**

52000 Purchased Services	\$ 5,580
53000 Repairs & Maintenance	190
54000 Supplies & Materials	7,071
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 12,841</b>

Fire Department **01220**

51000 Personnel Services	\$703,655
52000 Purchased Services	47,150
53000 Repair & Maintenance	20,800
54000 Supplies & Materials	12,250
58000 Capital	12,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$796,355</b>

Building Inspection **01251**

51000 Personnel Services	\$122,257
52000 Purchased Services	3,050
54000 Supplies & Materials	800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$126,107</b>

Sealer of Weights & Measures **01254**

51000 Personnel Services	\$ 1,000
52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>

Emergency Management **01291**

52000 Purchased Services	\$ 10,155
54000 Supplies & Materials	64
57000 Other Expense	300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,519</b>

Animal Control **01292**

51000 Personnel Services	\$	0
52000 Purchased Services		38,359
54000 Supplies & Materials		0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>38,359</b>

Schools **01300**

51000 Personnel Services	\$	24,035,983
52000 Purchased Services		2,335,943
53000 Repair & Maintenance		1,019,857
54000 Supplies & Materials		467,095
55000 Fuels		104,000
56000 Intergovernmental		1,559,692
57000 Other Expenses		354,999
58000 Capital Outlay		122,173
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>29,999,742</b>

Keefe Technical School: **01371**

57000 Intergovernmental	\$	762,815
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>762,815</b>

Highway Department **01420**

51000 Personnel Services	\$	707,264
52000 Purchased Services		81,396
53000 Repair & Maintenance		27,664
54000 Supplies & Materials		65,953
58000 Capital		352,973
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,235,250</b>

Snow & Ice Removal **01423**

51000 Personnel Services	\$	50,000
52000 Purchased Services		106,215
54000 Supplies & Materials		93,785
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>250,000</b>

Street Lighting **01424**

52120 Street Lighting	\$	61,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>61,200</b>

Solid Waste **01433**

52120 Solid Waste	\$	1,063,762
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,063,762</b>

Wastewater Treatment **01440**

52000 Purchased Services	\$	68,200
53000 Repair & Maintenance		1,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>69,700</b>

Other Public Works **01499**

54000 Motor Vehicle Fuels	\$	144,232
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>144,232</b>

Board of Health **01512**

51000 Personnel Services	\$	117,819
52000 Purchased Services		10,430
54000 Supplies & Materials		700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>128,949</b>

Council on Aging **01541**

51000 Personnel Services	\$	147,095
52000 Purchased Services		39,383
53000 Repair & Maintenance		4,000
54000 Supplies & Materials		10,719
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>201,197</b>

<b>Youth Services 01542</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 114,601
52000 Purchased Services	3,841
54000 Supplies & Materials	500
57000 Other Expenses	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 118,942</b>

<b>Veterans Services: 01543</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 0
52000 Purchased Services	0
54000 Supplies & Materials	0
56000 Intergovernmental	19,916
57000 Benefits	19,350
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 39,266</b>

<b>Library 01610</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 304,801
52000 Purchased Services	71,210
53000 Repair & Maintenance	9,581
54000 Supplies & Materials	75,496
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 461,088</b>

<b>Park Commission 01650</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 99,062
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 99,062</b>

<b>Debt Service 01710</b>	
52000 Purchased Services	\$ 3,124
57600 Debt Service	\$ 5,580,137
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,583,261</b>

<b>Ambulance 26231</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 312,332
52000 Purchased Services	88,275
53000 Repair & Maintenance	13,750
54000 Supplies & Materials	21,300
58000 Capital	2,100
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 437,757</b>

<b>Water Department 60150</b>	
51000 Personnel Services	\$ 735,681
52000 Purchased Services	379,000
53000 Repair & Maintenance	72,000
54000 Supplies & Materials	228,000
56000 Intergovernmental	3,600
57000 Debt Service	853,656
58000 Capital	6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,277,937</b>

**DISCUSSION:** Maura Snow, 68 Wingate Rd., read a letter written by her 10<sup>th</sup> grade daughter, stating her concern for the future of the Wellness Program at the High School. Mary Beth Number, 456 Fiske St., explained what teachers will be cut from the School. She mentioned the Stone Salary and Compensation Study, and noted that by comparison to neighboring communities we are below average on many levels. Dan Alfred, 315 High St., and member of the Finance Committee, noted that some of the information the previous speaker had was confidential, as it was part of the collective bargaining process, and there was a report that was made public. He also stated that Holliston spends \$5,666 per student on teacher compensation that is \$377 per student more than the median, which

also puts Holliston in the 68th percentile per spending on teachers. Over the last 2 years the Town has given the Schools \$1.2 million dollars above the budget guideline. He feels the Town has done a good job in supporting the Schools, and that it is unfortunate that there is no additional money this year. Howard Hager, 425 Winter St., would like to see the Town save money on more efficient lighting, and in his estimate the savings could contribute sizably to the school's budget. Mary Greendale, 57 Roy Ave., remembers that in the 1970's approximately 70% of the Town's budget went to the schools, and would like to know why that number has decreased. Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., said that page 28 of the Warrant shows that 68.8% of the budget goes to the school. Rita Budway, 149 Rolling Meadow Dr., is a Wellness teacher at the High School and stated the importance of the Wellness program and that they are the people who talk to our children about staying away from destructive behavior. She noted that we did just lose a recent Holliston High School graduate. Andrew Morton, 72 Stony Brook Dr., is concerned that once programs are dropped it's difficult to get funding to bring them back. Marty Lamb, 57 Wingate Rd., noted that a year ago we were talking about losing the Theatre Teacher. He also said that there is not a direct link between per child spending on salaries and the quality of education. He said there have been studies on this and that Charter Schools spend less money on teachers, he feels that the quality is based on the community as a whole and what is put into the education. We are faced with unfunded mandates that eat up the budget. He encourages the Boards and Committees that negotiate with the Unions to represent the Town and the children, and to negotiate on their behalf, not the unions. This year the money isn't there so sacrifices need to be made, but is it the most recent hired teacher or is it based on quality? Maryanne Placentino, 125 Robert Rd., without money you can't have the best teachers and the best education.

**VOTE:** As read each article was voted on and passed by at least majority voice vote to accept the Motions in Article 14 as read.

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of capital expenditures, including replacement and new vehicles and equipment, for the School, Police, Fire, Highway and Water departments, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade or sell used equipment toward part of the purchase price; or take any action relative thereto.  
**(Board of Selectmen)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,000 from the Capital Expenditure Fund for the purpose of a dump truck with a plow for the Highway Department.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 15 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2015 community preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies from Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of community preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year; or take any action relative thereto. **(Community Preservation Committee)**

**MOTION:** To allocate \$415,961 from the estimated FY2014 Community Preservation Act surcharge receipts in the following four reserves in the amounts specified:

Community Housing Reserve	\$ 41,596.10
Open Space Reserve	\$ 41,596.10
Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 41,596.10
Community Preservation Fund Budget Reserve	<u>\$291,172.70</u>
Total	\$415,961.00

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** Frank Chamberlain, 333 Hollis St, gave an overview of each motion.

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**MOTION:** To allocate \$213,999 under the Community Preservation Act from state matching funds distributed in November, 2013 in the following four reserves in the amounts specified:

Community Housing Reserve	\$ 21,399.90
Open Space Reserve	\$ 21,399.90
Historic Resources Reserve	\$ 21,399.90
Community Preservation Fund Budget Reserve	<u>\$149,799.30</u>
Total	\$213,999.00

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**MOTION:** To allocate the variance of Actual to Estimated receipts for FY2013 the following reserves in the amounts specified:

Community Housing Reserve	\$ 2,246
Open Space Reserve	\$ 2,246
Historic Resources Reserve	<u>\$ 2,246</u>
	\$ 6,738

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**MOTION:** To rescind appropriations from the Community Housing Reserve dated prior to FY2010 not used for the purpose intended in the total amount of \$483,914.44 and to return these funds to the Community Preservation Fund Budget Reserve to be made available for other community preservation purposes.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**MOTION:** that the Town vote to extend to *June 30, 2015* the date on which the \$100,000 originally appropriated from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve under Article 17 of the Warrant for the May 2013 Annual Town Meeting may be used for the acquisition of 23.8 acres of land owned by Northeastern University located off of Meadowbrook Lane.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**MOTION:** that the Town vote to extend to *June 30, 2015* the date on which the \$17,000 originally appropriated from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve under Article 18 of the Warrant for the May 2012 Annual Town Meeting may be used for the development of a management plan to preserve, restore and improve the environmental benefits of Lake Winthrop.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**MOTION:** To appropriate \$7,000 from the fiscal 2014 Historic Preservation Budget Reserve to assist the Holliston Historical Society with the re-shingling and repair of the roof of the Historical Society's barn, and to appropriate \$8,500 from the fiscal 2015 Historic Preservation Budget Reserve to assist the Holliston Historical Society with preservation work on the Society's barn and corn crib.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**MOTION:** To appropriate \$200,000 for fiscal 2015 from the Community Preservation Fund Budget Reserve to support the Holliston Housing Trust's programs to provide affordable housing in Holliston and for the administrative and contract support of thereof.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to accept the above motion.

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this Article.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice vote to indefinitely postpone Article 17.

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Expenditure Fund; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Selectmen)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$625,000 for the Capital Expenditure Fund.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 18, as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,295,479 from the Stabilization Fund, raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,444,013, appropriate \$43,011 from Water Surplus and appropriate \$27,497 from the Ambulance Fund to the Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust Fund.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 19, as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of section 13D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and establish a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due any employee upon termination of employment; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to accept the provisions of section 13D of Chapter 40 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth and establish a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due any employee upon termination of employment.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 20, as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of an engineering study to expand the parking lot and storm water management at the Holliston Senior Center; or take any action relative thereto. (**Council on Aging**)

**MOTION:** Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** Mark Ahronian, 107 Concord St., is concerned for the safety of the seniors who are parking in the road, and wants to know why it is being indefinitely postponed. Kevin Conley, 44 Cranberry Ln., said there are two reasons: 1- he wants to get an estimate from a contractor, to know how much; 2- He want to see what the numbers are in use, with the new "senior by numbers" program that has been implemented, to see when the high traffic times are. Ann Pelon, 166 Washington St., wants to know what the liability to the Town is if someone were to get hurt in the road. Jay Leary, 146 Karen Cir., the liability would be the same as on any Town parking lot. Lina Arena-DeRosa, 9 Mechanic St., said that winter parking is a safety nightmare. Parashar Patel, 3 Metcalf Dr., asked when this article would come back to Town Meeting. Ken Szajda, said they are looking at the Fall to re-visit this. Henry Dellicker, 24 Skyview Terrace, would like to know how much they were proposing for the study. Ken Szajda, said \$21,000. Barbara Gardner, 114 Jennings Rd., made a motion to move the question, it was seconded and passed.

**VOTE:** Indefinite Postponement was defeated by a hand count.  
Yes ó 65, No ó 76

**MOTION:** Move that the Town ~~raise and appropriate from available funds~~ the Capital Expenditure Fund the sum of \$21,000.00 for the purpose of an engineering study to expand the parking lot and storm water management system, at the Holliston Senior Center.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** Ken Szajda, 676 Fiske St., made a motion as amended above.

**VOTE:** Motion to Amend passed by voice vote.

**VOTE:** Passed by voice call vote to accept Article 21, as amended.

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of exploring and testing a technology for cleaning deposits from water mains; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Water Commissioners**)

**MOTION:** Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to indefinitely postpone Article 22 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of installing a variable frequency drive pump and associated controls at Well #8; or take any action relative thereto.  
**(Board of Water Commissioners)**

**MOTION:** Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to indefinitely postpone Article 23 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors and the Board of Selectmen to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreements (PILOT) for the solar power projects known as Blue Wave Capital at 56 Chestnut Street and Solect Energy Development off of Washington Street and Hopping Brook Road; or take any action relative thereto. **(Board of Assessors)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to grant the Board of Selectmen the authority to enter into a payment in lieu of taxes agreements (PILOT) for the solar power projects known as Blue Wave Capital at 56 Chestnut Street and Solect Energy Development off of Washington Street and Hopping Brook Road.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** Howard Hager, 425 Winter St., wants to know if there is an amount. Jay Leary, said there isn't an amount yet. Also, once this authority was granted the negotiations would be finalized with the Board of Selectmen. Sandra O'Neil, 110 Bullard St., suggests voting against this until there is a figure before Town Meeting. Marty Lamb, 57 Wingate Rd., made a motion to amend the article to get a contract then come back to Town Meeting for approval. The motion was denied.

**VOTE:** Passed by voice call vote to accept Article 24 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 25.**        **ARTICLE 25.**        To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody and control of that property shown as Lot 366.2 of Block 7 on Assessorsø Map 7, located on Chamberlain Street, from the Board of Selectmen to the Holliston Housing Trust for the purpose of constructing low and moderate income housing; or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**) (See map segment on page 39.)

**MOTION:**    Moved that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody and control of that property shown as Lot 366.2 of Block 7 on Assessorsø Map 7, located on Chamberlain Street, from the Board of Selectmen to the Holliston Housing Trust for the purpose of constructing affordable, low and/or moderate income housing.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:**    None

**VOTE:**    Passed by voice call vote to accept Article 25 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 26.**        To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorization previously voted under Article 9 of the Warrant for the October 28, 2013 Special Town Meeting regarding property acquisition; or take any action relative thereto.  
(**Treasurer/Collector**)

**MOTION:**    Moved that the Town vote to indefinitely postpone this Article.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:**    None

**VOTE:**    Passed by voice call vote to Indefinitely Postpone Article 26.

**ARTICLE 27.**        To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorization previously voted under Article 24 of the Warrant for the 1999 Annual Town Meeting regarding anticipated grant funds; or take any action relative thereto.  
(**Treasurer/Collector**)

**MOTION:**    Moved that the Town vote to rescind the borrowing authorization previously voted under Article 24 of the Warrant for the 1999 Annual Town Meeting regarding anticipated grant funds.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:**    None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to Article 27 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind the borrowing authorization previously voted under Article 7 of the Warrant for the October 28, 2013 Special Town Meeting regarding acquisition of a Fire Department pumper engine; or take any action relative thereto. **(Treasurer/Collector)**

**MOTION:** Moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to indefinitely postpone Article 28.

**ARTICLE 29.** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XXIII of the Town of Holliston General By-laws by changing "thirteen members (13)" to "seven members (7)" in Section 1; changing "five (5)" to "three (3)" in Section 1; changing "four (4)" to "two (2)" in Section 1; changing "April" to "June" in Sections 1 and 3; and deleting Section 6, so that Article XXIII reads as follows:

Section 1. The Town shall have a Council on Aging, consisting of seven members (7), appointed in June by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three years (3) each, and so appointed that the term of not more than three (3) nor less than two (2) shall terminate in any one year.

Section 2. The council shall have the power to coordinate and carry out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in cooperation with programs of the Department of Elder Affairs.

Section 3. The council shall elect from its membership, in June of each year, a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer.

Section 4. The council shall submit an Annual report to the Town and shall send a copy thereof to the Department of Elder Affairs.

Section 5. The council may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require.;

or take any action relative thereto. **(Council on Aging)**

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to amend Article XXIII of the Town of Holliston General By-laws as stated in the Article.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 29 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town by adding a new ARTICLE XLII ó STRETCH ENERGY CODE, set forth below, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk:

#### **ARTICLE XLII STRETCH ENERGY CODE**

##### **Section 1. Definitions**

**International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)** - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the MA State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

**Stretch Energy Code** - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 8th edition Massachusetts building code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts building code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

##### **Section 2. Purpose**

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for both new construction and existing buildings.

##### **Section 3. Applicability**

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

##### **Section 4. Stretch Code**

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is herein incorporated by reference into the Town of Holliston General Bylaws, Article

## XLII.

The Stretch Code is enforceable by the inspector of buildings or building commissioner:

or take any action relative thereto. (**Board of Selectmen**) (See full text of the Stretch Energy Code beginning on page 42.)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to amend General By-laws of the Town by adding a new ARTICLE XLII 6 STRETCH ENERGY CODE as stated in the Article.

### SECONDED

**DISCUSSION:** Jay Leary, 146 Karen Circle, explained that accepting this Article would make the Town more energy efficient and its acceptance is just one of the requirements of becoming a "Green Community". The Town has put a plan together to reduce its energy consumption by 20% over the next 5 years. He mentioned residents' concerns over historic buildings not meeting the requirements, but that some would be exempt. Mark Bush, 224 Concord St., said he would like the Town to see what the Code will look like when it's revised in the Spring, and made a motion to Indefinitely Postpone the Article.

**MOTION:** To Indefinitely Postpone Article 30

### SECONDED

**DISCUSSION:** Brendan Shea, 92 Winthrop St., opposes the motion, because the Stretch Energy Code will be saving energy. Parashar Patel, 3 Metcalf Cir., agrees that this is in the best interest of the Town as it only applies to new construction to build the most energy efficient homes. Peter Tartakoff, Building Inspector, explained the impact it would have on the Town.

**VOTE:** Amended Motion to Indefinitely Postpone Article 30 was denied by voice vote.

**VOTE:** Passed by voice call vote to accept Article 30 as originally stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Holliston Zoning By-Laws at Section V-J Flood Plain District Regulations to include references to a new FEMA flood study and insurance rate maps for Middlesex County (effective date July 7, 2014) as well as other language to comply with National Flood Insurance Program regulations as follows (strikethrough text is to be deleted and italicized text is new):

#### 2. Flood Plain District

The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Holliston designated as Zone A and, AE on the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Middlesex County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Holliston are panel numbers 25017C0610E1 and 25017C0642E dated June 4, 2010 *and*

25017C0610F, 25017C0627F, 25017C0628F and 25017C0631F dated July 7, 2014.

The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Middlesex County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated ~~June 4, 2010~~ July 7, 2014. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk and Inspector of Buildings.

~~These maps, as well as the accompanying Flood Insurance Study, are incorporated herein by reference.~~

### 3. Use and Development Regulations.

All development in this district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and with the following: 780 CMR ~~120.G of the State Building Code, "Flood Resistant Construction...~~; 310 CMR 10.00 and 13.00 Wetlands Protection Regulations and Inland Wetlands Restriction, and 310 CMR 15, Title 5 Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage. Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.;

or take any action relative thereto. (**Planning Board**)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to amend the Holliston Zoning By-Laws at Section V-J Flood Plain District Regulations as stated in the Article.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 31 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Indian Ridge South (formerly James Road) in the Clearview Estates II Definitive Subdivision (Sta. 0+25 to 10+51.55), as shown on the plan entitled "Layout Plan of Land in Holliston, MA" dated March 13, 2014, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., 333 West Street, Milford, MA 01757, such way having been laid out as a Town Way by the Board of Selectmen; or take any action relative thereto. (**Planning Board**) (See map on page 40.)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to accept Indian Ridge South as a public way as described in the Article and laid out by the Board of Selectmen.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 32 as stated in the motion.

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Brandon Lane (Sta. 0+00 to end), as shown on the plan entitled "Layout Plan of Brandon Lane, Wilson Acres, Holliston, MA" dated March 3, 2014, prepared by Guerriere & Halnon, Inc., 333 West Street, Milford, MA 01757, such way having been laid out as a Town Way by the Board of Selectmen; or take any action relative thereto. **(Planning Board)** (See map on page 41.)

**MOTION:** Moved that the Town vote to accept Brandon Lane as a public way as described in the Article and laid out by the Board of Selectmen.

**SECONDED**

**DISCUSSION:** None

**VOTE:** Unanimously passed by voice call vote to accept Article 33 as stated in the motion.

The Meeting was adjourned at 11:02 PM.

True Record, ATTEST:

Elizabeth T. Greendale, Town Clerk