

**HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 15, 2012**

The Board met at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Adams Middle School, 323 Woodland Street for a discussion of the recent casino legislation. Present were Chairman Jay Marsden, Vice-Chairman Jay Leary, Clerk Kevin Conley and Town Administrator Paul Le Beau. Also present was Representative Carolyn Dykema. Approximately 50 people were in attendance.

Mr. Marsden welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that he viewed the casino licensing process like a trial. We need to prepare our arguments so that we are prepared in the event that a casino is proposed in Milford. Mr. Marsden suggested that we form groups that will focus on individual issues and will do the research and prepare the arguments. We could then test the arguments in large group meetings as a sort of mock trial. He estimated that the licensing process would not start for another 9 to 18 months.

A resident suggested that we plan to reach out to Milford residents because they would be voting on any casino proposal.

Mr. Mastrangelo said we should also develop legal options so that there will be some teeth to our arguments. He also suggested considering funds for legal and/or PR assistance.

Representative Dykema said the Gaming Commission will have to develop the procedures for funding mitigation studies and that will likely be at least 9 months from now. She also noted that the Gaming Commission is mandated to consider licenses that generate the maximum amount of revenue.

Mr. Rockett pointed out that the mitigation amounts detailed in the law are meager in comparison to the impacts on communities.

Mr. Leary said he thought the process will be a marathon and we should look at getting funding for professional assistance and look at working on a regional basis.

Mr. Conley thanked everyone for their ideas and input and said he agreed that we should take a regional approach.

Mr. Marsden urged everyone to leave their contact information on the sign-up sheet and said that everyone will be contacted by e-mail to start the process of creating focus groups.

**AT 8:45 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED, MR. CONLEY SECONDED AND IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.**

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:\_\_\_\_\_

Paul D. Le Beau  
Town Administrator