

**HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
February 27, 2012**

The Board met at 8:30 p.m. in the dining room at the Pinecrest Golf Course clubhouse as guests of the Holliston Business Association. Mr. Marsden and Mr. Leary were present; Mr. Conley was absent.

Mr. Marsden explained that the Board was working with residents and representatives from neighboring communities to respond to the casino legislation, particularly the proposal to site a casino in Milford. Focus groups will be formed to concentrate on individual issues of concern, conduct research, and prepare the “arguments” relating to the issue, including Public Safety, Traffic/Transportation, Water, Schools, Housing, Public Relations and Infrastructure. He urged interested parties to become involved.

Mr. Marsden noted that the long running effort to reuse the Andrews Building was getting close to a resolution. He explained that a title flaw in the property has necessitated court action to clear the title and confirm the Town’s ownership. This has been a long and frustrating process. The problem arises from the fact that when Mr. Baruch Perry donated some of the land to the Town he specified that the land should revert to his heirs if it is no longer used for school purposes. The court proceeding seeks to confirm that there are no living heirs of Mr. Perry and that the state has no interest in the property. Once the court proceedings are concluded the Board will be working with the various housing groups in Town to create housing on the site.

Mr. Leary explained that the Board was in the process of negotiating changes to municipal employee health insurance with Town employee groups. There is an opportunity to save a combined \$1 million or more through an expedited process under legislation passed last year. The proposal is to change from traditional HMO plans to so-called benchmark rate saver plans that are structured around lower premiums with higher co-pays and deductibles.

Mr. Marsden and Mr. Leary both expressed an interest in working with the HBA and the Economic Development Committee to bring business to the Town. Questions from HBA members focused on difficulties that new businesses have in obtaining approvals through the various Town rules and regulations.

AT 9:30 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED, MR. MARSDEN SECONDED AND IT WAS VOTED TWO IN FAVOR WITH MR. CONLEY ABSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved:_____

Paul D. Le Beau
Town Administrator