

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

January 10, 2011
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

Present: Andrew M. Porter, Chairman; William McColl, Vice Chairman; Jay Marsden, Clerk; Paul D. Le Beau, Town Administrator and Andrea Minihan, Administrative Assistant.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:

11-29	GENERAL WARRANT	\$575,442.14
	VOIDS	\$ (2,577.57)
	MEALS TAX (220)	\$ 109.59
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030)	\$ 14,905.99
	PAYROLL	\$118,080.15
	TOTAL	\$705,960.30

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID
\$ 33,505.68

TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST
\$ 22,390.00

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MCCOLL. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER ABSTAINED.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. McColl said that the High School Community Service Group is collecting new and gently used books to support reading.

Mr. Marsden said that with the snow storm coming, all residents should put all trash barrels at the end of their driveways so that the sidewalk plow can plow the sidewalks.

Mr. Porter said that the Highway Department had done a great job with sanding and plowing. He also said that the Souper Bowl, sponsored by the Pantry Shelf, will be held in the Upper Town Hall on Saturday, February 5th, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Sunday, the Lions' Club will be having the Super Bowl brunch.

Mr. Porter also said that the High School Football team will be getting Super Bowl rings, and some of the players can't afford them. They will be selling squares for a raffle. Each square will be selling for \$100.00 and if you win all the quarters you could win up to \$4,000.00. He said that all squares will be sold by adults. No students will be selling them. He said that this will be a one time drawing.

There were no comments from the audience.

AUXILIARY POLICE BUDGET

Sergeant Craig Denman was present. Mr. Porter said that the Auxiliary Police saved the Town \$119,910.25. Sergeant Denman said that they were able to get special funding for training to supplement the budget. Sergeant Denman thanked the Newcomers Club and

The Lions' Club for all the donations that the Auxiliary Police received to off-set the cost of tuition. He also said that they have twelve applicants that they will be reviewing.

VETERANS BENEFITS

Mr. Porter said that we just never know when a Veteran may apply for benefits. He said that this budget will eventually go up because of the demand for benefits.

SOLID WASTE

Mr. Le Beau said that as the budget stands for solid waste, the amount is \$5,000.00 less than the guide-line. Mr. Le Beau said that they have tried to maintain the existing services, including the Recycling Center on Marshall Street. He said that the Household Hazardous Waste Day is included in this budget. Mr. Le Beau said that town-wide, we are recycling at over 40%. Mr. Le Beau said that we purchase 1,000 18 gallon recycling bins per year and on average we give out about 20 per week. Mr. Le Beau said that the number of trash stickers sold was down a little last year due to recycling and the free stickers for seniors.

He also said that we receive revenue from metals and cardboard from the Marshall Street location.

STREET LIGHTING

Mr. Le Beau said that the budget is \$4,000 less than the guideline. He said that street lighting is going down do to aging fixtures. He also said that the Town would be assuming responsibility of street lights in some of the new developments, when they are accepted by the Town. He said that it would not be that much of an impact because the subdivisions are not that big. Mr. Le Beau said that they have looked into purchasing the street lights and contracting out the service work a few years ago.

MOTOR VEHICLE FUELS

Mr. Porter said that projected cost for gas will be \$3.75 by the spring. He said that the cost has gone up nine cents per gallon in the past three weeks. Mr. Le Beau said that when we buy gas, we are in a group with other towns for a better price. The Highway Department pays the gas bill and then they charge back several departments.

SNOW AND ICE

Mr. Le Beau said that they budgeted \$200,000. It has been the same account since 2005. He said that the snow and ice budget is the exception to the rule in that they may carry any balance of unpaid bills into the following fiscal year. He also said that this is the only account that can overspend. There was also a brief discussion about adding more to the snow and ice budget for next year.

WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Mr. Le Beau said that the utilities are 2/3 of the budget. He said that are budgeted \$18,000 for utilities for the next fiscal year. Mr. Le Beau said that the treatment plant is meeting all State requirements.

MINUTES

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 29, 2010, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF DECEMBER 6, 2010, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER ABSTAINED.

RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST – ZONING BOARD

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE RESERVE FUND TRANSFER REQUEST FOR THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS FOR LEGAL FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,674.52. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

CUTLER HEIGHTS CONSTRUCTION AGREEMENT

Mr. Porter said that this is an agreement with the Congregational Church, Cutler Heights and the Town for improvements and drainage in the parking lot.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, CUTLER HEIGHTS FOR PARKING LOT IMPROVEMENTS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

UPPER TOWN HALL RENTAL DONATION

Mr. Porter said that the Board received a request from the Pantry Shelf for the use of the Upper Town Hall to be raffled off at the Souperbowl Dinner.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST TO RAFFLE OFF THE USE OF THE UPPER TOWN HALL AT THE SOUPERBOWL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. PORTER ABSTAINED.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE – LIONS CLUB

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO INVOKE THE RULE OF NECESSITY FOR THE FOLLOWING MOTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE HOLLISTON LIONS' CLUB ON JANUARY 22, 2011, IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 11:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Porter said that this is the 70th anniversary of the Lions' Club in Holliston.

AT 8:10, MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION INVOLVING FAFARD VS HOLLISTON AND LEVINE VS HOLLISTON. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

	AYE	NAY
Mr. Porter	X	
Mr. McColl	X	
Mr. Marsden	X	

MR. PORTER SAID A PUBLIC DISCUSSION WOULD COMPROMISE THE TOWN'S LITIGATING POSITION. HE SAID THE EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES AND THERE WOULD NOT BE ANY FURTHER PUBLIC BUSINESS.

AT 8:25 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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