

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

April 19, 2011
7:00 p.m.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

AT 7: 04 P.M. MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND ELC SPORTS VS THE TOWN OF 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 THAT A PUBLIC DISCUSSION MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL AFFECT ON THE TOWN'S BARGAINING AND LITIGATION POSITION. HE SAID THAT EXECUTIVE SESSION WOULD LAST ABOUT 30 MINUTES.

AT 7:45, P.M. THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO OPEN SESSION.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:

11-43	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 55,155.33
	CONFISCATED FUNDS (300)	\$ 1,664.00
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 500.00
	PAYROLL	\$ 89,003.33
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$146,322.66

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID
\$ 29,322.65

TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST
\$ 18,855.50

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

THERE WERE NO COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

There were no comments from the audience

LETTERS OF MERIT- POLICE

Officer Matthew Waugh and Officer Kenneth Belson

Mr. Porter read a letter of praise from Chief Moore to Officer Waugh and Officer Belson for an outstanding job on a medical in April.

Officer Bryan DiGiorgio

Received a letter of praise from Chief Moore for an outstand job on the dispatch desk giving CPR instructions.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. McColl spoke about revolving accounts. Mr. Porter said that there are 35 Articles for Town Meeting.

Mr. Porter said that Ms. Minihan received a letter of thanks for all her help with a RAD class. Ms. Minihan said that 15 people attended this class.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Le Beau said that the Finance Committee was present to talk about post-employment benefits and the liability of the Town. Mr. Le Beau said that Article 20 is about accepting Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws. This would allow a community to establish other post employment benefits liability trust funds, in order to meet the financial liability. Mr. Le Beau said that this was passed in 2009. Mr. Le Beau said that if the Town accepts this, that acceptance would be irrevocable barring a future change in State Law. Mr. Le Beau said that he was hoping to start putting funds aside in that trust.

An outside section of the proposed House budget for Fiscal Year 12 would amend section 20 to allow Municipalities to pool their OPEB funds with the State.

Ken Szajda, Chair of the Finance Committee, said this trust would be an irrevocable trust. He said that it would be a benefit to the Town to have this trust professionally managed.

He said that the trust should be managed by a professional in money management, to get a maximum return for the Town. He said that it is not written that way in the legislation.

Mr. McColl said that they can do a total re-write in section 20. Mr. Porter said that he is in favor of the money being put aside in a stabilization account. Mr. Szajda said that would be a temporary holding place for the funds.

Mr. Marsden said we should not rush into anything. He said that there are many options and we don't need to be locked in at this time.

Mr. McColl thought that this article should be pulled all together off the warrant.

Mr. Marsden said that it is unsettled.

Gordon Johnson, Finance Committee, said that if they had extra money they would put it into a stabilization fund.

Mr. Szajda said in the past, the Town took action without the site to see where it may lead. He said that legislation has changed many times over the years.

Mr. Szajda said that as a Committee, they have been discussing this for a while. He said that the Committee has not been ignoring this.

Jay Leary, Finance Committee, said that they should hire from the outside to run the fund. They would have the expertise in this. He said that the employees that will be affected, should have a say in what happens. He said that they should be heard.

Mr. Porter said that there are many good ideas. He does not want to set up something for the next board to do. The new board that comes in at the end of May can set their own agenda. This is something that should not be inherited by the next board.

Mr. Szajda said that the Finance Committee has not taken a vote on this section.

AT 8:32 P.M., MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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