

**HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES**

January 19, 2011

Restaurant 45, 45 Milford Street, Medway, MA

The Board convened the meeting at 8:05 a.m. at Restaurant 45 in Medway, MA. Present were Chairman Andrew Porter, Clerk Jay Marsden and Town Administrator Paul Le Beau. Vice-Chairman William McColl was absent.

The Board participated in a discussion of issues of common concern with members of the Boards of Selectmen and Town Administrators/Managers from the towns of Ashland, Franklin, Medfield, Medway and Millis. Dennis Crowley, Medway Selectman, led the discussion.

Issues noted during the discussion included unfunded pension liability, health care reform, state mandates, regionalization of services, redistricting and communicating with state senators and representatives. Medway representatives were the only ones to indicate any interest in regionalizing schools but noted that their school department had advised that it would be more expensive. Most town representatives said they were planning for a 5% cut Chapter 70 local aid; Millis said they were assuming a 10% cut.

The discussion focused on ways to seek legislative changes to give officials greater flexibility in plan design and other aspects of employee health insurance programs.

There was consensus that within two weeks each community would designate one or two representatives to a "working group" with another meeting to take place in thirty days. The representatives will bring a list of up to three priority issues to the next meeting. Another invitation will be extended to Hopkinton.

At 9:15 a.m. MR. MARSDEN MOVED, MR. PORTER SECONDED AND IT WAS VOTED TWO IN FAVOR WITH MR. MCCOLL ABSENT TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul D. Le Beau
Town Administrator

Approved: _____