

**HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

January 18, 2011  
6:30 P.M.

Town Hall  
Selectmen’s Meeting Room

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

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:**

11-30	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 39,062.36
	VOIDS	\$ (32.00)
	MA WATER POLLUTION ADMINISTRATION TRUST	\$ 12,993.26
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION	\$ 6.68
	PAYROLL	\$ 959,357.45
	RECONCILING ITEM – TRANSPORTATION ERROR W11-29	\$ 810.00
	TOTAL	\$1,012,197.75

**ACCOUNTANT’S NOTE:**

**ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID**

\$ 190,151.24

**TREASURER’S NOTE:**

**WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST**

\$ 158,200.62

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

Comments from the Board

Mr. Marsden said that Chief Cassidy is asking for help in shoveling out fire hydrants in neighborhoods.

Mr. Marsden also read a memo from Chief Cassidy explaining about the new notification program on-line called BlackBoard Connect. You can change or up-date all your information directly.

Mr. Porter said that with all the snow storms, the trash and recycling-pick up has been delayed by a day. He also said the Souperbowl will take place in the Upper Town Hall on February 5<sup>th</sup>, to benefit the Pantry Shelf. He also said that Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, is the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Lions’ Club.

Comments from the audience

Carl Damigella, 448 Underwood Street, thanked the Highway Department for the job that they did with snow removal.

**BOARD BUSINESS**

Mr. Porter said that the Chair will need authorization of the Board to sign a consent form to re-finance a unit at Balancing Rock on Washington Street. Mr. Porter said that there is

a restriction on some of the properties about keeping them affordable. A resident is asking to re-finance not over the amount of \$91,795.00.

**MR. MCCOLL MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RE-FINANCE OF AN AFFORDABLE PROPERTY AT BALANCING ROCK, NOT TO EXCEED \$91,795. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### **POLICE CHIEF SCREENING COMMITTEE**

Present: John Cronin, Chairman, Carl Damigella, Vice Chairman; Lisa Dooling, Pat Duffey and Marc Gromada. Absent Retired Chief William George, Clerk and Thomas Dumas.

Mr. Cronin said that this Committee was put in place to find a Police Chief from in-house candidates. They had seven applicants. They worked 184 hours on this process.

Mr. Cronin also thanked Paul Le Beau and Milford Police Chief Thomas O'Loughlin for all their help. He said that the seven candidates were interviewed about their overall knowledge. Mr. Cronin said that they had the option to bring in a company to do the assessment. They chose to do it themselves, by role playing, writing samples and knowledge of policies and procedures. After this was completed, the Committee took a vote to recommend those candidates to the Selectmen that they believe could be the next Police Chief: Sergeant Craig Denman and Patrol Officer John Moore. Mr. Cronin said that this Committee wishes both candidates well in the next step with the Selectmen.

Mr. Porter thanked the members of the Committee for all their work in making this decision. Mr. Porter said that Retired Chief William George had to back out of the Committee due to medical reasons.

Mr. Porter asked if any of the members abstained on any votes and why?

Mr. Cronin said that on the second round of interviews, that two members abstained in the final vote. Mr. Porter asked why? Mr. Cronin said that he does not recall a substantial answer. Mr. Cronin said that he would pass along the agendas, meeting minutes, the questions asked, the scoring, the writing sample, resumes and all the open meeting material within the next few days.

Ms. Duffey said that they did not ask Mr. Le Beau any questions on the candidates, only open meeting law items.

Mr. McColl thanked the Committee for all their work. Mr. McColl said that they had seven candidates. How many went to the all day session? Mr. Cronin said three.

Mr. Marsden thanked all the members for giving up their weekends to do this.

Mr. Porter said that they have a number of options can add people, they can disqualify someone, they could throw the whole thing out or they can do interviews. Mr. Porter said that he would like the Committee to refrain from speaking with the two that you have advanced.

Mr. Damigella said that the two did not even know that they were going to be advanced. They heard it with everyone else.

Mr. Porter said that they will look at the package when it is presented to them and review it..

**AT 7:07 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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