

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 12, 2011
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes

Present: Jay Marsden, Chairman; Jay Leary, Vice Chairman; Kevin Conley, Clerk and Paul D. Le Beau, Town Administrator. Andrea Minihan, Administrative Assistant was absent.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:

12-25	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 755,406.07
	VOIDS:	\$ (9,159.66)
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030)	\$ 3,475.00
	CONFISCATED TRUSTS (300)	\$ 3,035.00
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 463,913.94
	EXPENDABLE TRUST (722) AFFORDABLE	\$ 1,650.00
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 1,275.00
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$ 130,923.02
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$1,350,518.37

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 34,639.09
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 22,970.96
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley said that he had attended the Holliston Police Department Community stake holders meeting. He said that meeting took place on December 8, 2011, at the police station. Mr. Conley said that meeting took place in the John Johnson room. Mr. Conley said that Chief Moore went over the Police Community Survey. The Chief also presented his goals and projections for the department. Mr. Conley said that Chief Moore was assisted by Officers Stone and DiGiorgio. Mr. Conley said that one of the items that was discussed was the downtown traffic and lights in downtown. He said another topic was what to do with school age children when they are out of school for the day. Mr. Conley said that the Recreation Department has been trying out a program on Fridays after school and on one Friday, 84 kids showed up. Mr. Conley also said that one of the topics was how to get the police department more engaged with the residents in a more informal way. He said that it was discussed that an officer in uniform may be intimidating, if there were times when officers dressed down to be less intimidating on non working hours or coming to a community activity or a pre-planned event. Mr. Conley said that he was impressed with the leadership of Chief Moore and Officers Stone and DiGiorgio. Mr. Conley said that they gave a wonderful presentation. Mr. Conley also said that Detective David Gatchell has done a wonderful job with the youth in the community.

Mr. Leary said the holidays are coming up, he wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy Chanukah.

Mr. Marsden said that downtown looks wonderful with all the lights.

There were no comments from the audience.

Mr. Ranieri – Veterans Memorial

Mr. Ranieri was present and he is looking to have a memorial in his son's name. Mr. Ranieri said that his son was home from Bosnia, he was a Provost Marshall working at Fort Devens at the time of the accident. Mr. Ranieri said that this was ten years ago. Mr. Ranieri said that he received a citation from Congress.

Bud Adams, from the VFW, said that they would like to place the memorial at Highland Street and Hollis Street. Mr. Adams said that they want to put up a bronze plaque. He said that the VFW would cover the cost of the plaque. He was looking at Linden Street, but there is a Memorial there already. He said that in front of the VFW would be too much; they have a lot in front of the building. He said that the Garden Club has a sign in the island at Highland Street and Hollis Street and they would be keeping up the island with plantings.

Mr. Leary said that when they put up a memorial that person had met some criteria, Mr. Leary asked if all were on the same page, with the VFW and the American Legion. He wants to make sure that everyone would be in agreement. Mr. Adams asked what is the standard that the Selectmen is looking for. Mr. Marsden said that he was under the impression that the standard was that an individual had passed away on active duty, that they were a resident of Holliston at the time of their passing and it was with the approval or the support of the American Legion or the VFW. Mr. Adams said that all the members that are present at this meeting are members of both. Mr. Marsden said that the VFW and the American Legion would set the standard. Mr. Adams said that he would bring this up at the next American Legion meeting and get back to the Selectmen.

Mr. Blair said that when he has his next meeting they will discuss this.

Mr. Leary also said that the Veterans Memorial in front of Town Hall may not be up to date. He said that he would like to be part of the updating of the memorial.

STREET OPENING WAIVER REQUEST

Mr. Parnell, 424 Central Street, said he is switching from oil to natural gas, because of a failing oil tank. Mr. Parnell said that they do not even have to open the street, only the side just in front of his house.

Mr. Le Beau said that Central Street was paved about one year ago.

Mr. Marsden said that Tom Smith, the Highway Superintendent, has some requirements that Nstar needs to follow.

Mr. Parnell asked why the town could not do the paving. Mr. Marsden said that Nstar is going to cut the road then they are the ones that need to fix it.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO ALLOW A STREET OPENING AT 424 CENTRAL STREET FOR NATURAL GAS TO BE PUT IN. ALL THE REQUIREMENTS OF

THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT MUST BE FOLLOWED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

POLICE CHIEF

Chief John Moore gave a copy to the Selectmen his report on the Lieutenant position. His request from the Committee is keep the executive session minutes part of the process but not to release them until after the process is over including his report.

Chief Moore said that he would start his interview process in January.

Chief Moore said that on December 3rd, there was a stolen car in Ashland and was heading into Holliston. He said that the Officers were able to track the car into Holliston. He said that Officer MacGray was able to get behind the car and followed it up Washington Street. He said that they called for mutual aid when the operator got out of the car and ran into the woods. Chief Moore said that a K9 was called in to help with the search.

Chief Moore said that he was captured in about 1 ½ hours by a citizen. Chief Moore said that Officer Ryan was also involved. Chief Moore said that the action of the Officers and the citizen and the K9 were commendable.

Chief Moore said that while this was taking place, Sergeant Mark Lewis was patrolling the Fatima Shrine. There were many citizens around because of a dinner that was taking place. Sergeant Lewis spoke with a volunteer that was working at the Shrine and told him to be on the lookout. Sergeant Lewis gave a description of the suspect to the citizen who made the call to the Officers and they were able to capture the individual. Chief Moore read the citation for Joseph Horrigan. Chief Moore also said that Mr. Horrigan was a retired Auxiliary Officer who was on the force for fourteen years. Chief Moore also gave out commendations to Officer MacGray and Officer Ryan.

ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT – CHANGE OF DATE

Mark Kelley from November 28th to January 28th.

EXTERIOR HOLIDAY DISPLAY REQUEST

Mr. Marsden said that this request is from the Chabad Center of Milford is asking for permission to put up a Menorah, with the lighting taking place on December 20, 2011, in front of Town Hall.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE HOLIDAY DISPLAY IN FRONT OF THE TOWN HALL STARTING ON DECEMBER 20, 2011, FOR THE CHABAD CENTER OF MILFORD. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

BOND – ASSISTANT TREASURER – STEPHANIE FOLEY

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BOND REQUEST FOR STEPHANIE FOLEY THE ASSISTANT TREASURER AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN IT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

SCHEDULE OF MEETING – JANUARY – JUNE 2012

The Board said that the meeting schedule looked good.

COMMON VICTUALLER LICENSES

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING COMMON VICTUALLER'S LICENSES: BAZEL'S PIZZAS, BERTUCCI'S, CASEY'S CROSSING, CENTRAL CAFE, COFFEE HAVEN, HOLLISTON DONUTS, HOLLISTON GRILL, JING'S GARDEN, PEJAMAJO CAFÉ, SUBWAY AND TABLE TOP PIZZA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE INTERN

Mr. Marsden said that he received a request from the Economic Development Committee asking for an intern to help them put together a few packages. Mr. Marsden said that the Committee will be looking for a college student to help. He said that they are requesting \$500.00 as the stipend. He said that the intern would work about 3 months.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR \$500. STIPEND FOR THE INTERN FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

STATE ENERGY GRANT

Mr. Marsden said that this request would be for a Regional Energy Coordinator. This request comes from MAPC. Mr. Le Beau said that we have had energy audits done through State funding. He also said that the Town has an Energy Committee that identified some targets of priority. Mr. Le Beau said that MAPC is proposing to secure state funding to employ a Regional Energy Coordinator. He said that at this point he is not sure how many communities he/she will serve. Mr. Le Beau said that there are about a dozen Communities that are interested in the program. He said that they would share the Coordinator by assisting communities to move forward with renewable energy and conservation programs. He also said that the State has a Green Communities Program Communities can qualify for specialized grants based on certain criteria. He said that there are four criterias to qualify. He said that we have met three so far and just one to go. He said that the Coordinator could assist us with this. He said that if there is a Coordinator, there would be an expense to the Town and the cost would be shared with all the other Towns that have joined. He said that the funding for this position would be discussed at Town Meeting in May, if the grant is approved. Mr. Le Beau said that there is a basic commitment form for the Board to sign and a letter of support to be signed by the Chairman.

Mr. Conley said that this is a positive thing.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO SIGN THE COMMITMENT FOR THE SHARED REGIONAL ENERGY COORDINATOR AND TO HAVE THE CHAIRMAN SIGN THE SUPPORT DOCUMENT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

RATIFICATION OF TAX CLASSIFICATION

Mr. Le Beau said that the Board of Assessors presented the tax rate to the Board. He said that the Assessors submitted the values to the State for review and approval. He said that until the State approval came through, that process could not be finalized. He said that they received word on Friday December 9th they were approved. Mr. Le Beau said that if the Board wanted to ratify its' last vote he would submit the final piece of paperwork tomorrow. He said that would finish setting the tax rate.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO RATIFY THEIR PREVIOUS VOTE ON THE TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

Mr. Le Beau said that the Agricultural Commission has interviewed Paula Marks and they are recommending her as an Associate Member.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT PAULA MARKS AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF THE AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Marsden said that Metrowest Regional Collaborative have asked if Holliston was willing to re-join them. Mr. Marsden said that Towns get together and share planning strategies that affect the surrounding towns. Mr. Marsden said that they have no joined because of the expense. Mr. Marsden said that they have been kept in the loop about what is going on in the surrounding towns. He said that the Collaborative have been very helpful, even though we have not joined. Mr. Marsden said that the Metrowest Regional Collaborative have been very helpful with all the casino talks.

Mr. Leary asked if this would be for FY2012 or FY 2013?

Mr. Marsden said that he will confirm it with the Collaborative.

Mr. Leary said that they should bring this up at a Finance Committee meeting. The cost to join is about \$6,200.

Mr. Leary said that John Givner is the new Regional Veterans' Agent. He will be taking care of the Town's of Ashland, Medway, Hopkinton and Holliston.

Mr. Leary said that the new fire truck is in service. He said that the firefighters have been driving the new truck.

Mr. Leary said that they would be having another meeting on December 21, 2011, at 7:00 a.m. and they will be talking about the Andrews School building.

Mr. Marsden said that he and Mr. Le Beau will be meeting on December 14th to discuss the proposed casino in Milford. They are planning on putting a Casino Forum together.

AT 8:20 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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