

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

December 21, 2011
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen’s Meeting Room

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

12-26	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 206,050.53
	VOIDS:	\$ (363.74)
	MEALS TAX (220)	\$ 52.67
	MEDICARE (001)	\$ 629.50
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 18,501.00
	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITY	\$ 6,080.00
	PAYROLL	\$1,024,468.47
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$1,255,418.43

ACCOUNTANT’S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID

\$ 194,689.29

TREASURER’S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST

\$ 160,400.42

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

There were no comments from the Board.

There were no comments from the audience.

CLASS II AND CLASS III LICENSES

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CLASS II DEALERS LICENSES: CLASSIC AUTO SALES INC, 330 HOPPING BROOK PARK ROAD; COUNTRY SIDE MOTORS, 45 WASHINGTON STREET, HOLLISTON AUTO VILLAGE, 75 CENTRAL STREET; HOMETOWN AUTO SERVICE AND SALES INC, 439 WASHINGTON STREET; HOMETOWN AUTOMOTIVE SERVICES INC., D/B/A HOMETOWN SELECT CARS, 419 WASHINGTON STREET; KEYSTONE AUTOMOTIVE INC, 455 WASHINGTON STREET; MATTY’S CARS, INC., 1670 WASHINGTON STREET; BELOW GAS CORP, D/B/A PLANET PETROLEUM, 567 CONCORD STREET; SCOOBY’S TRUCK SALES, 1569 WASHINGTON STREET; VILLAGE SERVICE CENTER, 1292 WASHINGTON STREET AND GREENGUSS MOTOR COMPANY INC., D/B/A W.C.G. ENTERPRISE, 1286 WASHINGTON STREET.

THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING CLASS III LICENSES.**HOLLISTON AUTO BODY, 229 LOWLAND STREET AND HOLLISTON EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC., 1569 WASHINGTON STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Marsden said that he would like to talk about the Andrews School and the proposed casino in Milford.

Mr. Marsden said that he and Mr. Le Beau met last week with some Selectmen from surrounding Towns and some of the people who will be affected. Mr. Marsden said that they have come up with a date for a casino forum, January 26th, at the Middle School starting at 7:30 p.m. He said that they have planned for Carolyn Dykema, State Representative, and Karen Spilka, State Senator. He said that Ms. Spilka can come in and talk about the bill on what it will look like and how the process will unfold going forward. He said that all the information on what will happen will be presented that night. Mr. Marsden said that this will be an informational meeting, not a complaint session. Mr. Marsden said this will be to give out as much possible information as possible. Mr. Marsden said that Ms. Dykema has addressed some of the issues at the HBA meeting.

Mr. Conley said that the Gambling Commission will be a five member Board.

He said that they have a Chairman and are looking for four other members.

Mr. Le Beau said that there is information on the Attorney General's website about the Commission.

Mr. Conley said that in the selection process there may be only one casino, but more could follow.

Mr. Marsden said he was not sure. But at the meeting hopefully they will have everything in place. Mr. Marsden said they invited the surrounding Town to the meeting. Mr. Leary said that he thinks it will be well attended. Mr. Marsden said that this meeting will only be an hour long.

Mr. Marsden said that each of the surrounding Towns will have their own forum on the casino.

Mr. Le Beau said that if a developer were to apply to the Gambling Commission for a casino, they would have to have an agreement with the surrounding towns (affected communities).

ANDREWS SCHOOL UP-DATE

Mr. Marsden said that he received an up-date from Joe Antonellis (Town Counsel) with the history of the land deal with the former owners of the Andrews School. Mr. Marsden said that this will have to go before a Judge to finalize the transfer of the property. Mr. Marsden said that they had trace back to the 1800's looking at property boundaries.

Mr. Leary asked if every abutter to the Andrews School had questionable titles also? Mr. Marsden said he did not believe so. Mr. Marsden said that the further that they went back looking at land the, harder it was to clarify. Mr. Le Beau said that the

Andrews School was donated to the Town by Mr. Perry in the 1840 for the purpose of a school. Mr. Le Beau said Mr. Perry retained a Right of Reversion if the Town did not use the property as a school. The property would revert back to Mr. Perry's family. Mr. Le Beau does not believe that there are any remaining family members. Mr. Le Beau said that the first title search was in 2009, and that it indicated that there were no survivors of Mr. Perry. Mr. Le Beau also said that it was difficult for the engineers to go back to 1840 and follow the description of the land. Mr. Le Beau said that because the property is not a school any longer and they can't find a family member the property should go to the State, but the State does not want it so then it will become the property of the Town. Mr. Marsden said that they are confident that the Judge will award the property to the Town. He said that Attorney Antonellis has done all the back-ground work. Mr. Conley said that the Housing Trust is interested in the property. Mr. Leary said that at Town Meeting 2009, it was voted for affordable rental senior housing. Mr. Leary said that he is hoping for more options for the property. Mr. Leary said that there is nothing for young people to do in town he asked is it was possible to explore the support of a community center. He said that they have talked about it at the Flagg building. Mr. Leary said that the neighbors should be involved with the process. Mr. Marsden said that this has been a priority for the Board. He said that he would like to have a plan in place so that the building is not sitting so long after the decision if it went in the Towns favor. Mr. Marsden said that the neighbors have been patient. He said that if anyone has any thoughts on what we should do with the building, please get in touch with the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Conley spoke about the traffic in down-town and the traffic lights. Mr. Conley said that he has spoken with some of the merchants in the down-town area and they love the new crosswalk lights. Mr. Conley said that this may be a discussion for the HBA. Mr. Marsden said that when there is a traffic light in a down-town area, people try and avoid it by going down small side streets. Mr. Conley said that the residents in Mudville are concerned about the traffic. He said that we could put up signs that say do not enter between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. He suggested that we have a public meeting on this. Mr. Conley they spoke about a Memorial Park. Mr. Leary said that we have one in front of Town Hall. Mr. Marsden said that they are in the process of putting one at Goodwill Park. You can buy a brick and have it engraved. And it will be placed at Goodwill Park. Mr. Leary said that they are still waiting for the veterans' to get back to them.

AT 7:50 A.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BT MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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