

## HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

March 13, 2013  
7:30 P.M.

Room 014  
Town Hall

Present; Jay Marsden, Chairman; Jay Leary, Vice Chairman; Kevin Conley, Clerk; Paul D. Le Beau, Town Administrator.

### MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

12-38	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 411,916.34
	VOIDS	\$ (925.00)
	MANUAL CHECK (001)	\$ 1,115.00
	MEDICARE (001)	\$ 661.00
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 4,950.00
	HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACTIVITY-MONEY MARKET	\$ 33,851.55
	AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,371.08
	GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$1,079,909.39
	TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,081,280.47
	TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$1,532,849.36

#### ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 167,844.45
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#### TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 132,651.79
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

### COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley wished everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day. He also said that the Lion's Club had a successful fundraiser last Saturday night.

Mr. Leary said that he appreciates the public safety folks and the Highway Department for all their efforts in this last storm. He said that he knows that they put in a lot of overtime and it is appreciated. Mr. Leary said that we got more snow than we should of gotten.

Mr. Le Beau said that the renovation work at Town Hall caused by the broken pipe back in January will be finished next week. All offices will be back in their original locations.

There were no comments from the audience.

### SENATOR SPILKA AND REPRESENTATIVE DYKEMA

Mr. Marsden said that the Governor has a new transportation bill.

Senator Spilka said that the biggest thing going on at the State House in the budget. She said that the Governor has come out with his budget and increased taxes. She said that he put a lot of that towards transportation, early education and many other areas of the budget. Senator Spilka said that the Governor has changed the way local aid

would be delivered. She said that this was not a benefit for her towns that she represents. She said that the formula would not be changed. She said that priorities will be Chapter 70. Senator Spilka said that not every line item in the budget will be getting the increases that they seek. Priority will be transportation. Senator Spilka said that if there is a project that is important to you please get us all the information so that we can be ready to pass it along. Senator Spilka said that there is a big push for early education and there were lots of people at the State House to lobby for certain areas of the budget. Early education was one of them. Senator Spilka said that we should level fund and go with caution. Mr. Marsden said that he thinks that the Finance Committee is thinking the same way. Mr. Marsden asked if tolls were just to make revenue, or are they for the up-keep of the bridge or road. Senator Spilka said that the only reason that tolls were installed was to increase them every two years. She said that the Tobin Bridge tolls keep going up because the tolls are there. She said that if there were no tolls on the Mass Pike they would not be looking to put them there but if they stay they will continue to raise the fee. Senator Spilka said that all the revenues that come in should be spread out and not that everything go to the MBTA.

Mr. Conley asked about the sales tax, he said that there are many companies that ship into MA that do not pay sales tax. He said that the Commonwealth is missing out. He asked if there was any progress in trying to correct this. Representative Dykema said that MA residents do pay a sales tax on Amazon purchases. She said that funding would come in November. Senator Spilka said that some of the other states that have tried this sales tax have been knocked down by the Federal Government. She said that we can still negotiate and all purchases on line should be taxed. Mr. Conley also asked about the people who are on unemployment and then work under the table. Mr. Conley said that it happens all the time. Mr. Conley said that many years ago when you collected unemployment you had to go in to their building and pick up your check and there was a work station to apply for jobs. Now all you have to do is call on the phone to say that you did not work and you get your check in a few days. Representative Dykema said that they have been talking about that and it is very frustrating. Representative Dykema said that there is a task force that was established in 2008 and they focus on that issue. She said that there is a confidential hot line you can leave a message and they will look into it if you feel that someone is working under the table and collecting unemployment. Representative Dykema said that this task force has a report that will be out with in the next few months. Mr. Conley asked Representative Dykema if there was anything that we can do for you. Senator Spilka said that we may need support for proposals and the time will come when we need help. Senator Spilka spoke about the Tech Hub Caucus and all the high tech items that are available. She said that many different speakers were there and there is so much to take advantage of in the high-tech world. She said that many college students were there trying to get an internship with the companies.

Mr. Leary asked about OPEB. Senator Spilka said that it is in committee and then the next step would be a hearing. Representative Dykema said that the hearing have not been scheduled yet. Mr. Leary said that we are on an aggressive track to put funds aside for the OPEB Trust. Representative Dykema asked to put all questions in writing so she can get the information. She said that she thinks that they will get questions about the OPEB

Trust. Mr. Leary asked if the Selectmen would have to appear before the House. Senator Spilka said that would help. Senator Spilka spoke about child care and tuition deductions; there may be a plan to eliminate them. Representative Dykema said that there are many pushing for a gas tax instead of an income tax increase. She said that there are a lot of things on the table.

Mr. Leary asked Representative Dykema if she heard back from Milford on the casino issue. Representative Dykema said only by the press. Mr. Leary said that there is a meeting tomorrow about it.

Senator Spilka said that she has spoken with the Gaming Commission and asked them to have hearing in the Metro West area. She said that many communities are all looking for the casino to be built in their area. She said that Milford will be up-against Suffolk Downs and Everett. She said that the Commission would be looking to see what actions or inactions the applicant has done.

Mr. Leary said that they have requested a meeting with the Milford Board of Selectmen just for general conversation. He said that a casino may be a topic to talk about. Mr. Le Beau said that he has not heard back from them and the letter was sent two weeks ago.

Mr. Leary said that the RTA has done a great job of re-routing the bus so that it can go to Milford hospital, but they are still waiting for the approval by the Milford Selectmen. Senator Spilka said that Milford does not pay MBTA Assessments so they would not be able to recapture the portion of the funds that go towards transportation. It would have to come directly out of their budget. She said that is why Milford has not wanted to join the RTA. Mr. Leary said that the RTA offered to just go into Town because they do see the value of the transportation to Milford.

Mr. Conley said that we have a Community Center Task Force that is looking into the Senior Center because it is not in such great shape. Mr. Conley said that the population is aging and it would be nice to get that facility up to date. He also said that the Highway Department garage is in bad shape. Mr. Conley asked what can we do in case there are funds available at the State level to grab. Senator Spilka said that there are specific projects and if you contact her she can research to see if there is any State funding available. She said that there may be Federal funding available depending on the project that needs to be done.

## **TREE WARDEN**

Postponed

## **BOARD BUSINESS**

### **REQUEST FOR TOWN MEETING ARTICLE - ATTORNEY BARBIERI AND MR. CRISTOFORI**

Mr. Marsden said that Attorney Barbieri would like to put an Article on the Warrant regarding property encroachment. Attorney Barbieri said that Mr. Cristofori's house was purchased in 1992 and what no-one knew at that time was the builder put 981 square feet of the driveway on Town property. Attorney Barbieri said that it is just behind the 8<sup>th</sup> tee of the Pinecrest Golf course. Attorney Barbieri said that they want to work with the Town to correct this. Attorney Barbieri showed several pictures, and lot plans. Mr.

Cristofori said that the house was built in 1962. He said that the has not changed anything with the footprint of the house or driveway.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO SPONSOR AN ARTICLE TO RECTIFY THE PROPERTY AT 7 FAIRVIEW CIRCLE, FOR MR. CRISTOFORI AND TO GIVE HIM THE 981 SQUARE FEET FOR THE EXISTING DRIVEWAY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2012, JANUARY 2, 2013, JANUARY 16, 2013 AND JANUARY 23, 2013**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 2012, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 2, 2013, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 16, 2013, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2013, AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2013, AS WRITTEN AND NOT TO BE RELEASED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE - UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH FOR THE AUCTION IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON APRIL 6, 2013, FROM 6:00 P.M. TO MIDNIGHT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**APPOINTMENT OF SEASONAL FIREFIGHTER AND EMT**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT NATHANIEL BACHMAN AS A SEASONAL FIREFIGHTER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPOINT JULIA MINIHAN AS AN EMT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**RESERVE FUND TRANSFER – SENIOR CENTER ROOF**

Mr. Marsden said that the Building Inspector, Peter Tatakoff went to take a look at the roof of the Center along with some of the Finance Committee members and they are looking for an estimate for structural engineering work on the roof. Mr. Le Beau said that this estimate may include a price for a new roof or just the repair of it. Mr. Le Beau said that Cohen Engineering was in to look and the walls of the building are fine and their recommendation is to have someone come in that deals with metal roofs to see if this roof is salvageable or should we build a new roof on top of the existing one. Mr. Le Beau said that Mr. Tartakoff will be talking with another engineer that specializes in metal roofs. Mr. Conley said that he has someone who is willing to come and take a look as well. Mr. Le Beau said that he is hoping that we can get the estimate in time for the Annual Town Meeting on May 6, 2013. Mr. Le Beau said that the best time to address this issue is in the summer.

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE A RESERVE FUND TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$675.00 TO COVER THE COST OF THE ENGINEERING OF THE ROOF AT THE SENIOR CENTER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**CASEY'S CROSSING ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE ONE DAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE FOR CASEY'S CROSSING FOR MARCH 16, 2013. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MWRTA LETTER**

Mr. Marsden said that he spoke with Ed Carr of the MWRTA looking for support for the work that they are doing at 15 Blandon Ave in Framingham. He said that this will allow the MWRTA to consolidate maintenance and the operations all under one roof.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR THE MWRTA FOR THEIR NEW PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

There was a brief conversation about our Bond rating.

Mr. Leary asked about the coffee office hours. He said that he would like to start them up again. One Selectmen per month will meet the first Saturday of each month from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Coffee Haven.

**AT 8:40 P.M. MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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