

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

May 22, 2013
7:30 P.M.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

Present Jay Marsden, Chairman; Jay Leary, Vice Chairman; Paul Le Beau, Town Administrator. Kevin Conley, Clerk, arrived at 7:37 p.m.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT

13-48 GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 666,804.13
VOIDS	\$ (856.99)
DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001) MWPAT	\$1,575,556.67
STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) MIDDLE SCHOOL	\$ 14,556.48
PARK CREDIT CARD REGISTRATION	\$ 5,000.00
STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) PLACENTINO	\$ 4,087.00
PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 1,625.82
POLICE STATION BOND (340)	\$ 144.00
AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 923.08
GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$1,045,811.56
TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,046,734.64
TOTAL PAID WARRANT	\$3,313,651.75

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID

\$ 174,368.49

TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST

\$ 136,489.54

THE MOTION WA SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Leary said on this past Sunday there was a dog walk to support the K9 unit. He said that there was a demonstration from Cesh, the Holliston K9. Mr. Leary said the Ashland and Framingham K9s attended this fundraiser.

Mr. Marsden thanked everyone who voted in the Town Election yesterday. He also reminded everyone that this coming weekend is Memorial Day and there will be a remembrance starting at 10:00 a.m. at Lake Grove cemetery then to St. Mary's Cemetery. The Parade will then follow to the Town Hall and then to the Historical Society for a gathering of all the marchers.

There were no comments from the audience.

BOARD BUSINESS

Mr. Marsden said that the Board of Health is looking for a line item transfer in the amount of \$1,250.00. Mr. Marsden said that this will go into the personal service line.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE LINE ITEM TRANSFER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,250.00 FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – CHAPTER 90 REQUEST

Mr. Marsden said that this is for the road work on Church Street, Elm Street and Grove Street. Mr. Marsden said that this was approved at the May 6, 2013 Town Meeting.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO APPROVE THE CHAPTER 90 REQUEST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$525,000.00 FOR THE ROAD WORK ON CHURCH STREET, ELM STREET AND GROVE STREET. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY WAS ABSENT.

Mr. Marsden read the proclamation for Grace Monahan who is the oldest living Veteran in Holliston. Mr. Marsden said a few months ago, there was a dedication of a sword in a glass case in the hall just outside the Town Clerk's office with a plaque with her name on it.

At 7:37 P.M. Mr. Conley joined the meeting.

Mr. Marsden said that we received a request from a resident about a dog that went after another one while out for a walk.

Cheryl Rudolph, Animal Control Officer, said that anyone who wanted to speak about this would need to be sworn in. Mr. Marsden swore in members of the audience.

Ms. Rudolph said that she received a letter of concern from Marco Bisaccia. He was out for a walk on Howard Street on May 8th 2013, and about 3:00 p.m., a dog came out of 15 Howard Street and attacked his dog. Mr. Bisaccia had his dog on a leash and the dog that attacked his dog came from under a fence. Mr. Bisaccia took his dog to the vet where she was treated. The attacking dog's owner had a difficult time restraining his dog. Ms. Rudolph said that the attacking dog is large. Mr. Bisaccia said that in the future, when he walks down that street he has concerns. Ms. Rudolph said that Mr. Bisaccia owns a female pit bull mix and the rabies are current. The dog is licensed to a Susan Darling. Ms. Rudolph said that there is a letter of the series of events of what happened. Ms. Rudolph said that there is a letter from one of his neighbors as well, based on what happened. Mr. Bisaccia's first request was to have the dog removed from Holliston. Ms. Rudolph said that the attacking dog's name is Noah and he lives at 15 Howard Street his rabies is current and is owned by Richard Contreras. She said that the dog was adopted from Bay Path Humane in August 2008, and the dog is licensed. Ms. Rudolph said that she spoke with Bay Path Humane and there is no history behavior on the dog. She said the dog left the yard and attacked the other dog. Mr. Rudolph said that Noah the was not licensed at the time of the attack, he had only been living on Howard Street for about 2 weeks. He is licensed at this time. She said that he is a male neutered dog with a microchip in him. She said that this dog gets along with the family cat and has not shown any aggression with the other dogs in the neighborhood. Noah was adopted from Pittie Love Rescue and she was provided a copy of the intake form that is the behavior evaluation form. She said that Noah is a high anxiety dog. She said that she

will loosely use the word Pit Bull because she does not want this to become breed specific discussion. She said that Noah has a high anxiety level, and he gets aroused quickly. He enjoys staying at the level until he settles down. That was on the behavior assessment from Pittie Love Rescue the organization that adopted him out. Ms. Rudolph said that Noah had a food test, an animal test plus a toy test. they did not do a cat test on him. Ms. Rudolph said that this type of dog has a high anxiety level so they get aroused fast and sometimes they can't contain themselves. She said that there was nothing in the report that would lead her to believe this is a vicious dog. Ms. Rudolph said that Noah has been cited for running at large and a vicious disposition. She said that she is going to use that word carefully because of the way the new laws are. She said that one dog was on a leash and one dog was loose. She said that a dog on a leash could be protective of the owner and all it could have taken was a growl to set off either one. Ms. Rudolph said that both dogs had injuries. Noah did not go to the Vet. Ms. Rudolph said that when they were called, she arrived with in ten minutes. Just a minute later Donald Kramer, the Animal Inspector, arrived.

Marco Bisaccia, Highland Street, said that he was walking down Howard Street about 3:00 in the afternoon. He said when they got to the house after 15 Howard Street turning to Underwood Street, they saw this other dog come out of the yard, but not from his own house. He said that the dog did not come flying out it wandered over and he kept his dog close. He said that they sniffed around each other then Noah just tore into her. She defended herself and was not having much success in doing that. Mr. Bisaccia said that he had never seen this dog before and he yelled, "whose dog is this"? And he yelled this repeatedly. He said that there was no one around. He said that Noah sunk his teeth into the front foreleg and held on to it. Mr. Bisaccia said that his dog was fighting for her life. He said that it was a vicious attack and it was frightening. He said that he kept yelling and he did not know what was going to happen. He said that Noah wanted to kill his dog. He said that it was absolutely clear. Nothing changed until a gentleman appeared that he had never seen before and he came from 15 Howard Street. He said that he did not know how he got his dog away from his dog. But, he was able to do it and it was a struggle. Mr. Bisaccia said that Mr. Contreras dragged Noah by the collar approximately 50 feet to the house. The whole way, the dog was on two legs trying to get back at his dog. Mr. Bisaccia said that with the injuries, he sought medical attention right away. Mr. Bisaccia said that his is doing much better now but it will take a while to heal. Mr. Bisaccia said that he never expected anything like this to happen. He has walked his dogs there for 15 years. Mr. Bisaccia said that he thinks that his dog was protecting him. He also said that it is just speculation about the growl that may have set off the other dog. He said that is irrelevant. The dog was loose and unsupervised. Mr. Bisaccia said that the attacking dog was in town for two weeks and had not been licensed. He attacked and tried to kill another dog. Mr. Bisaccia said that this dog was not in town for the first two years of his life and he did not know if it is clear what this dog may or may not have done. Mr. Bisaccia said that this is not just a breed specific thing but this dog was so strong. A full blooded Pit Bull could have killed his dog because of his great strength. Mr. Bisaccia said that his dog does not have great strength. Mr. Bisaccia said

that Ms. Rudolph spoke about his anxiety level it may or not be the cause. Mr. Bisaccia said that he never went to the dog, the dog came to him.

Michelle Howland Contreras, 15 Howard Street, owner of Noah she said that she is so sorry for what happened. She would never want something like that to happen. She said that they did get Noah ten or eleven days earlier. She said that he came from Pittie Love Rescue in Framingham. She said that prior to Noah, they have had another pit bull for 13 years who was dog aggressive. She said that the second time around, they wanted to make sure they had a dog that was not aggressive to other dogs and children. She said that they put a lot of thought and effort into this dog. She said that they passed up a lot of other dogs because they wanted to make sure that the dog had a good disposition.

Ms. Contreras said that Noah was evaluated with another female pit bull and there was no sign of aggression at all. She said that before they adopted the dog, they wanted to see how he was in the in home. She said that they had two other dogs one a pit bull and the other a rottweiler. There was also a child in the home. She said the reason they went to see him was to see how he was with other dogs. Ms. Contreras said that they have had Noah just over one month and he has showed no signs of aggression from her neighbors that have dogs that walk them every day. She said that they have met Noah and there have not been any issues. She supplied statements from friends and neighbors that have small children and they have not seen any aggression in the dog. She said that they crate the dog when they are not home. Her father went to the house and let the dog out because they have a fenced in back yard. Little did they know that he was able to get under the fence and this incident happened. She said that since they found out that the dog could get under the fence, they have had it fixed. Ms. Contreras said that part of the adopting requirements is that the dog attend obedience class. He has already attended one class. She said that the trainer said that they did not see any sign of aggression and that he was a great dog. Ms. Contreras said that if she thought that the dog was aggressive she would not have him in her house. She also said that her dog had wounds as well.

Mr. Marsden asked about the obedience class. Ms. Contreras said it is in Hopkinton at Higher Expectations. She said that he is a good on a leash, he sits and stays when told. Ms. Contreras said that he has had one class so far. She said that Noah was going to obedience class regardless. Ms. Contreras said that Noah is 90% deaf and does the commands from hand signals. Ms. Contreras said that she had a pit bull in the past and she is used to them.

Mr. Leary asked Ms. Contreras what do you think should be done? She said that securing the fence was the main thing. Ms. Contreras said that she has offered to pay the vet bill. She said that this was an accident he just slipped under the fence. They have had the fence fixed. She said that moving forward, as a parent if she sees any aggression she will not have the dog in her house.

Mr. Marsden said the Contreras have done everything to help fix the problem. They fixed the fence, the dog is going to obedience class and offered to pay the vet bills.

Animal Control Officer Rudolph said that Mr. Bisaccia's dog was on a leash so there was no fault on them. She said that it is an unfortunate situation. She said that she is comfortable with Noah's owners. They have put a plan into action by taking care of the

fence and class. Mr. Bisaccia said that he appreciates what is being done, but there is still that safety question. He said that he saw the gentleman try and drag the dog back to his house. He said that he can't see how this dog can now walk by leash when it took a lot of effort just to get him back in his own house. Mr. Bisaccia said that Animal Control Officer Rudolph said that this was a dog bite, Mr. Bisaccia said that this was an attack. He said that his dog fought for its life. He said that he thinks that this is being taken too lightly. He asked if the attacking dog was to remain on the property he does not know how high the fence is. He said that he took his dog back to the vet yesterday and he asked the vet how high should the fence be to keep the dog in. He said that the vet said five to six feet. Ms. Contreras said that her fence is five feet high. He said that if the dog was not confined to the property he feels threatened. Mr. Bisaccia said that the muzzle option should be taken off the table. Ms. Contreras said that her dad is that one who pulled Noah off the dog. She said that he is 78 and has arthritis and her husband is stronger than her father. She said that he did not have the leash so it was much harder to pull him back. If you have the leash it is a little easier. She said that it was never a problem of the dog going over the fence, he went under it. Ms. Contreras said that the Boars is welcome watch her walk her dog.

Al Shameklis, 1221 Highland Street said that they are neighbors of the Bisaccia's and they walk their dog the same path down Howard Street. He said that they have not seen Noah. He said that this dog has only been in town for 10 days and that is not a lot of time for anyone to make up their mind about the dog. He said that if this dog is a problem, now is the time to do something about it. He said that once we are three to six months down the road, it would much more difficult and the hearing would get much more emotional. He said that these letters of support are for only the 10 days that the dog has been in town.

Mr. Conley asked Animal Control Officer Rudolph if she would watch the dog on a walk. She said yes she would.

Mr. Bisaccia said that this dog may not be vicious but it committed a vicious act. He said that seeing the dog walked does not tell him anything. He said that this is a very strong dog that can pull a person. Mr. Bisaccia thinks that there should be more measures than the fence. He said that muzzling should be an option here. Mr. Bisaccia showed photos of his dog that was attacked.

Donald Kramer, Animal Inspector, said that he met Noah, was not aggressive to him. Tom Lamont, 269 Gorwin Drive, family friend of the Contreras. He said he and his family are always at the Contreras house, in ten days that Noah was in town, the Lamont family has been there at least 5 days. He said that he was leery about the dog and did not want his kids over there until he had met the dog himself. He has heard many stories about this breed of dog. Mr. Lamont said that he and his dog have met other dogs and this time his dog went after another. It took him a while to pull his dog off. Mr. Lamont said that it could be any breed, he had a hard time pulling his dog and he has a little dog. Mr. Lamont said that he feels comfortable with Noah. He said that maybe the other dog growled at Noah first but as he said he was not there. He said that he would feel comfortable bringing his dog over to meet Noah.

Mr. Bisaccia had never called Noah a pit bull. Mr. Bisaccia told Mr. Lamont that he is speculating about what could have happened. Mr. Bisaccia said that Mr. Lamont is insinuating that his dog had a role in the attack and provoked Noah. Mr. Bisaccia said that it is irrelevant. He said that Noah was loose and then attacked.

Mr. Lamont said that he was just expressing his personal experience with Noah.

Mr. Marsden said that the Board has three options: They can dismiss the complaint, they can deem the dog a nuisance dog, or they can require the owners to take certain steps.

He said that they can require the dog to be muzzled or have a muzzle required when the dog leaves the property.

Mr. Marsden said that based on what they are hearing tonight, he does not think that the dog is dangerous. He said that this was an unfortunate event.

He said that he does not think that the dog is a nuisance. The owners have taken every step that the Board would suggest they take so that this does not happen again. Mr. Marsden said that they have owned this kind of dog in the past and the dog has some strength to it. He said that they fixed the fence and the dog is in a training class. Mr. Marsden said that he thinks that this was an isolated event. Mr. Marsden said that his suggestion and it may be in the best interest of Noah to muzzle him off the property. He said that it might give some piece of mind. Mr. Marsden said that, in his opinion, the complaint should be dismissed.

Mr. Leary said that he would not dismiss the complaint. He said that this was a serious attack whether it is or not isolated. Mr. Marsden said he is not saying it did not happen. Mr. Leary said that his concern is the dog has a short history here. Mr. Leary spoke about his experience and how a dog that he brought into his house went off on one of his dogs. He said that he had an aggressive dog trainer come in to work with him. Mr. Leary said that you can't predict what will happen. Mr. Leary said that he would deem the dog a nuisance dog and he said that they have taken some great steps but he would suggest the dog be muzzled when the dog was outside. Mr. Leary said that you may not agree. Mr. Leary said that if we hear of this again, there will be a different story. Mr. Leary said that if Noah got out again and someone felt threatened and it escalated to another attack, his recommendation would be to keep the dog muzzled. Mr. Leary said that it seems that you are responsible dog owners, so to him it would seem like a responsible move on your part. Mr. Leary said that he is comfortable with the dog deemed a nuisance dog and he would be on probation and he would keep him muzzled when he is off property. He said that it would go a long way to giving Mr. Leary more comfort and maybe some of the neighbors. Mr. Leary said that if Noah was able to get out under the fence or got away from someone if he is muzzled on there would be less damage.

Mr. Conley said that he thinks the complaint should be dismissed. The Contreras know the severity now and they have done everything possible. Mr. Conley said that they are responsible. He said that if it ever happens again there will be a different outcome.

Mr. Marsden said that he absolutely understands Mr. Bisaccia's shoes. The exact same thing happened to him. Mr. Marsden said that his neighbors have a 225 pound Alaskan Malamute and he was taking his dog out at 10:00 p.m., the dog came charging through the woods and attacked his dog. Mr. Marsden said that he took his dog to the vet the next day. He said that the attacking dog's owners tackled it the same way that the Contreras did. Mr. Marsden said that they are responsible dog owners.

MR. MARSDEN MOVED TO DISMISS THE COMPLAINT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. LEARY OPPOSED.

Mr. Bisaccia asked if the dog was going to be muzzled. Mr. Marsden said that they would have to deem the dog a dangerous dog to enforce the muzzle.

Mr. Leary asked Animal Control Officer Rudolph if that is the only way to order a muzzle is to deem the dog dangerous.

Animal Control Officer Rudolph said that it can be ordered temporarily. Mr. Leary asked if the dog had to be deemed dangerous. Animal Control Officer Rudolph said that it would fall under dangerous. She said that with a good conscience, they should muzzle the dog.

Mr. Bisaccia asked if the fence could be inspected to make sure the work was done. Mr. Kramer, Animal Inspector, will go and look at the fence.

Mr. Bisaccia asked if the Contreras children would be walking the dog. Ms. Contreras said that she and her husband will be the only ones walking the dog.

Ms. Contreras looked at the photos of the Bisaccia dogs' injuries.

AT 8:30 P.M. MR. CONLEY MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

MR. BARBIERI- SOLAR PROJECT

Peter Barbieri and James Dumar were present to talk about a solar project. Mr. Barbieri said that a couple of years ago, the Town re-zoned some property across from Weston Pond. He said that they went through the Planning Board and got approval for a commercial building in front. He said that there are two industrial zoned parcels to the rear. Mr. Barbieri said that they are about 300 feet plus from the roadway and would be used for a solar farm. He said that they are working with the Town to have the Town be the recipient of the electricity. He said that we should appoint a representative to work with them. Mr. Barbieri said that the plan that you are looking at was shown to Mr. Le Beau last week. He said that they are concerned about ownership of the property along Hopping Brook Road. Mr. Barbieri said that Karen Sherman, Town Planner, was kind enough to send him a copy of the parcels that the Town took many years ago in lieu of taxes. Mr. Barbieri showed a layout of the area. He said that NStar owns a strip of land that goes through the middle. The Town owns the piece up front. He said that the piece owned by NStar goes to Washington Street. Mr. Barbieri said that there was a request by Conservation to take the land for open space and conservation. He said that there is a

question about taking the parcel by eminent domain. He spoke about a full driveway coming from Washington Street so that the back parcels could be used. He said that they do not need the whole driveway so the concept was to come in with an access from Hopping Brook Road to avoid any wetland filling. He said that they would like to work with the Town so that they will have access to the back lot for a parking lot. The rail trail would also connect. Mr. Barbieri said that they have talked with NStar about allowing them to use the NStar land to avoid long delays. He said that now they are looking for access over the NStar parcels to the property. He said that they would offer to the Town the electricity generated from the project.

Mr. Dumar said he works for Solect Energy Development and they are based out of Hopkinton. He is also a nineteen year resident of Hopkinton, and for ten years he worked in Holliston. He said that what their plan is to share and communicate the plans for the project with the intent to talk to the Town and hopefully allow them to be the “off taker” or the user of the electricity. He said that there would not be a cost to the Town, but a savings of their electric rate. He said that he knows that there is a tax piece as well, it could be integrated as a pilot to be able to have the whole project make financial sense. He said that they are still waiting for NStar to get back to them about the parcels. Mr. Dumar said that NStar said that the parcels are what they considered surplus and may be sold to them. That would allow them access. Mr. Dumar said that this is in the beginning stages and they wanted everyone to know what the plan is.

Mr. Marsden said that it does not sound like they are asking for too much from the Town.

Mr. Barbieri said that they need to do a site plan. Mr. Marsden said that they would have to go before the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board.

Someone from the audience asked why this project before the Selectmen when other have had to go through Conservation first for a plan review.

Mr. Barbieri said that they had a meeting with Mr. Le Beau and the staff. Someone from the audience asked who were the staff members that were present. Mr. Barbieri said that Mr. Le Beau, Town Administrator, Town Planner, Karen Sherman and Conservation Agent, Chuck Katuska. This same resident asked if this was a hearing. Mr. Barbieri said no it was an introductory meeting to say that they are planning on coming to all these groups to see if the Town had any interest in the point of purchasing the electricity. Mr. Barbieri said that they have scheduled meetings with all these groups.

Mr. Le Beau said that early on in the discussion for the Bullard Farm Solar Project, before they made application to Town Boards, some staff met with the representatives of that project to get a sense of what they were proposing. Mr. Le Beau said that they have staff level meetings with developers on a variety of projects.

Mr. Conley asked about the map that showed South Street. Mr. Barbieri said that it is just a comparison. Mr. Barbieri said that the parcel in the front is approved for a commercial building. Mr. Leary asked if the owner of the front lot is the owner of the two back lots. Mr. Barbieri said that yes, all the same owner. Mr. Conley said that the picture of the front lot was a beautiful building and he is concerned that if it would become a strip mall. Mr. Barbieri said that they have an elevation plan that was approved by the Planning Board for the front building. Mr. Conley asked how many parking spaces in the lot by the rail trail? Mr. Barbieri said twenty-four. He said that the building

is 4,500 square feet. Mr. Leary said that he thought there would be parking for the rail trail. Mr. Barbieri said that none of the approvals had that as a requirement. Mr. Barbieri said that when they were first looking to use the Town's parcel for access, they planned in exchange for that they were proposing, to build the Town a parking lot and then a connection to the rail trail. Mr. Leary asked if they thought they could use the NStar right-of-way? Mr. Dumar said yes. Mr. Barbieri said once they get those rights.

Mr. Marsden said then you would purchase the excess property? Mr. Barbieri said that they plan on purchasing all three parcels. Mr. Marsden asked if that would include the building. Mr. Barbieri said yes the front building.

Mr. Conley asked if the town had the option to purchase electricity. Mr. Barbieri said that they would have to reach an agreement with the Town. Mr. Dumar said that it would be a discount on the current rate. Mr. Dumar said that there would be little power that would be used at the site most of the electricity would go back to NStar but with the way that they can set it up is the transfer the power to the other accounts that the Town has. He said that it would show up as a credit on other bills. Mr. Dumar said that they would work with the Town to make that happen. Mr. Barbieri said it could be up to 15% of the Town's usage.

Mr. Le Beau said that one approach would be a net metering credit. He said that as described as the power that is generated goes into the grid. The Town's accounts would receive credit for that energy. Mr. Le Beau said that as this is proposed, it could be 1.5 meg-a-watts. Mr. Dumar said it may be a little more. Mr. Le Beau said that the Town consumption of electricity is a little over 5 meg-a-watts a year so that translates into about 30% of our power needs. Mr. Le Beau said that there has been some discussion about a solar project at the Laborers Training Camp in Hopkinton. Mr. Le Beau said that they have been talking to Holliston, Ashland and Hopkinton about a net-metering credit. Mr. Le Beau said that project has been discussed at 3.5 meg-a-watts and it would be off-loaded to three different towns. He said that there has been some talk about another solar project

proposed in Holliston. Mr. Le Beau said that we are looking to get into renewable energy sources.

Mr. Bates from the audience said that the Town will not get any tax value from this project. He also said that the wind turbines that the federal government has put up are not working out. He said that someone has to take care of them and watch them.

Mr. Marsden said that he is in agreement with what Mr. Conley said. The original conversation for the use of the property is very different from the proposal that they received today. Mr. Marsden said that they look absolutely nothing alike. He said that he had a copy of both and would be happy to show them. Mr. Marsden said that it does not sit well with him.

Mr. Barbieri said that they will be in touch with Mr. Le Beau, the Conservation Commission and the Planning Board. Mr. Barbieri said that they will be having those meetings over the next few weeks. Mr. Barbieri said that he would like to file with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission with-in a month. Mr. Leary said that

this abuts the rail trail, you may want to speak with them. Mr. Barbieri said that the property would be fenced in. Mr. Le Beau said that yesterday, he signed the authorization for engineering and architectural work related to the Senior Center roof. He said that the estimate came in less than eight thousand dollars. He said that the services would include designing the solution specs for the solution that then it could be put out to bid. He said they would help in analyzing the bids and selecting the lowest qualifying bid. He also said that they would help with the construction inspection work while it is underway.

Mr. Le Beau said that the process once they get the specs and plans together, would take at least 30 days. He said to get to the point of advertising the bids to awarding the bid but before we can do that we are going to go through a process with the architect and with interested parties making sure it is the best solution. He said that they have information from a contracting company and they identified three possible solutions with three different price tags.

Mr. Le Beau said that there are some concerns, positive and negative for each solution. He said that we will have to get everyone together and work through the plusses and minuses so that we design a solution that everyone can live with. He said that it will be a balance between interruption during construction vs. the life of the fix vs. can we minimize heat loss. All those things will have to be taken into account. Mr. Le Beau said that yesterday they were able to identify a professional who is going to work with us for a reasonable price who is familiar with the Town and lives in Town. Mr. Le Beau said that he has been active on building committees in the past. Mr. Le Beau said that they are finally getting the process going that was funded at Town Meeting.

Mr. Conley congratulated Mr. Marsden on his re-election.

AT 8:58 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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