

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

November 14, 2011
7:30 P.M.

Town Hall
Selectmen's Meeting Room

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

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS:

12-21	GENERAL WARRANT	\$119,762.71
	DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)	\$114,262.50
	MEALS TAX (220)	\$ 57.36
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030)	\$ 4,267.00
	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265)	\$ 13,500.00
	CONFISCATED TRUSTS (300)	\$ 996.00
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 1,322.47
	PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801)	\$ 787.50
	PAYROLL	\$ 88,722.18
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$343,677.72

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID
\$ 28,766.79

TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST
\$ 18,463.89

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

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley spoke about the Veterans Day dinner in the Upper Town Hall. Mr. Conley said that many Veterans attended. He said that they took a picture on the center stairs and the stairs were filled with Veterans. He said that Bobby Blair did a great job. He thanked the Veterans for all their service. He also thanked all the volunteers who put the dinner together.

Mr. Conley said that he has the new proposed Congressional Re-districting map. He said that it was interesting. He said that he went on-line and did the map himself. He said that when they started drawing the districts, they started in the corner, and then the last was in the middle. He said that we will still be the same as Ashland and Sherborn. He said that Medway and Hopkinton would be in another District.

Mr. Leary said that it was nice to be part of the Veterans' Day celebration. He said that the Veterans asked many questions. Mr. Leary said that there were a few things that needed to be worked on. He also said that Representative Carolyn Dykema, was present at the dinner. Mr. Leary said that the Towns of Hopkinton, Ashland, Medway and

Holliston will be sharing a Veterans' Agent. He said that the application process is over and they have met with the candidates.

Comments from the audience

William Dowd, 95 Shaw Farm Road, asked again for a breakdown on the Town's contribution on their retiree medical plan. He said that he asked for a copy of this in April, and he is asking again for it. He also said that he asked for this in June by e-mail and was never responded to. He said that he spoke to the Board in September and he still does not have an answer to his question.

Mr. Leary said that question on the Medex contribution is done by Labor Counsel. He said that it is not that easy to change. Mr. Leary said that if it is going to change, collective bargaining needs to be considered. He said that they are working on a process for that going forward. He said that it could be part of the new up-dated Health Care Law. They will be setting up a meeting with Labor Counsel in the future to talk about it.

Mr. Dowd asked about the vote at Town Meeting in 2001. Did the Town enter into a collective bargaining agreement to raise the retirement non- plan to 60%.

Mr. Leary said that they just change the number for the retirement he said that this is something that they can bargain for.

Mr. Dowd said that the vote is accurate for the employee, but they are reviewing the retiree for the amount of contribution. Mr. Dowd thanked Mr. Leary for this information. But he wanted to know why it took six months to get that answer.

Mr. Leary said that they have had several conversations about this.

CITIZEN CITATIONS

Chief Moore was present with Sergeant Craig Denman.

Chief Moore said that on October 20th, Sergeant Denman, Officer Ryan and Detective Thompson responded to a medical emergency at Chesmore Funeral Home on Washington Street. Chief Moore said that someone had collapsed. Prior to the officers responding to the medical, two citizens jumped into action and started CPR and helped save this person.

Chief Moore read the Citations to Anthony Varone and Deborah Kerrigan.

Chief Moore also invited the two to the Police Department awards ceremony that they will be having in May 2012.

CHANGE TO TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS – CENTRAL STREET

Chief Michael Cassidy said that the new fire truck was delivered in October and a representative from the company has come to town to instruct the department on how the new truck works. Chief Cassidy said that in order to move the new truck in and out of the station he requested the three spots across the street to be eliminated. He suggested opening up another parking spot in front of the cleaners .

Mr. Conley said that Mr. Sheehan, who owns the insurance agency on Central Street that they want to take the parking spaces away from, is in the audience. Mr. Conley said that having parking is important to a company and to have those parking spots eliminated

is very disturbing. Mr. Conley said that it is unfortunate that the turning radius of the new fire truck is too wide. Mr. Conley said that this new truck is an asset to the town and the community and it needs to be protected. Mr. Conley did say that it would be nice if they could work-out something with the hardware store and the insurance agency. Bill Sheehan, owner of Jensen and Sheehan Insurance agency Central Street, said that the loss of the spots has already been noticed. He said that the elderly and the disabled are having a tough time getting into the back parking lot behind the hardware store and the insurance agency. Mr. Sheehan has made the suggestion of 15 minutes of live parking in front of his building. He also asked if parking could be done on Meader Row. He said that if they take the parking spaces on his side of the road, can they put a few on the fire department side? He said that it would be easier for the elderly and the disabled. Mr. Sheehan asked about the value of his property. He asked if there was going to be a reduction in his taxes.

Mr. Leary said that they are looking to put a few parking spaces back, in front of the cleaners. He also said that there will be parking on Meader Row on the west-bound side. Mr. Leary said that there will be two parking spots on the side of the hardware store. Mr. Leary said that the only thing that will be changing is the locations of the parking spots. He said fire protection is very important. Mr. Leary said that the parking spaces belong to the Town not the business. Mr. Leary said that he watched the new truck back into the station and it did clip a cone, so if there was a car there it would have been hit. Mr. Leary said that this new truck needs to be able to get in and out of the fire station safely.

Mr. Leary said that they may be able to put up a sign that says that there is parking behind the building.

Mr. Conley asked if a parking spot could be put at the corner of the driveway going into the back parking lot of the insurance agency?

Mr. Sheehan said that yes, they could, but what is it going to do the traffic going in and out of the back parking lot.

Chief Cassidy said that they knew that the truck would fit in the station and that it would not be too high. Chief Cassidy said that it takes about 2 minutes to back the truck into the station. Chief Cassidy said that there is a handicap parking spot in front of the fire station.

Mr. Conley asked if someone wanted to park that was not handicap where would they park?

Chief Cassidy said in the municipal lot behind the fire station.

Mr. Sheehan said that he would appreciate anything that could be done.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC RULES AND ORDERS FOR THE PARKING SPACES ON CENTRAL STREET TO BE REMOVED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2011 Postponed

**ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT – PARTY SERVERS, INC.
MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PERMIT FOR A PARTY IN THE UPPER TOWN HALL ON NOVEMBER 19, 2011 FROM NOON TO 4:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

**BANNER REQUEST, SECOND LOCATION – HBA – HOLIDAY STROLL
MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR A BANNER AT THE SECOND LOCATION ON WASHINGTON STREET FROM NOVEMBER 18, 2011 TO NOVEMBER 26TH. FOR THE HOLIDAY STROLL, SPONSORED BY THE HOLLISTON BUSINESS ASSOCIATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.**

TOWN HALL ARCHITECT CONTRACT

Mr. Leary said that this is the document that they will have to sign to begin renovation on the outside of Town Hall. Mr. Le Beau said that the Town Hall Restoration Committee interviewed five firms. They chose the best one for the job. He said that they have an agreement with the firm. Mr. Le Beau said that some of the Committee members were part of the original Town Hall Committee and the new Police Station Committee. He said that they worked well together. Both projects were done with-in the last few years.
MR. CONLEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE AGREEMENT WITH THE ARCHITECT FOR THE TOWN HALL OUT SIDE RENOVATION PROJECT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT. THE CONTRACT WILL BE SIGNED AT THE NEXT MEETING.

INDIAN RIDGE SOUTH ROAD ACCEPTANCE PLAN

Mr. Le Beau said that the plan has not come in yet. Mr. Leary said that we will postpone this.

CONTRACT – WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Mr. Leary said that the company that has been running the plant has been taken over by another company.

Mr. Le Beau said that this will be a new agreement with the new company. Mr. Le Beau said that the length of the contract will remain the same as the one that they are taking over and the terms will remain the same.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE NEW CONTRACT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT FROM UNITED WATER TO WHITE WATER INC., AND AUTHORIZE THE VICE-CHAIRMAN SIGN IT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.

MUNIS CONTRACT

Mr. Leary said that this is the software that the Town uses to keep track of bills paid out and bills paid by residents. Mr. Leary said that this needs to be done by April 2012. Mr. Le Beau said that all the Towns that use Munis through Tyler Technology will have to choose if they will go with the cloud or continue to host their own system.

Mr. Le Beau said that Tyler Technology will still be servicing the server. Mr. Le Beau said that staff can access Munis from any computer with a proper pass code.

Mr. Leary said that Paul Le Beau, Mary Bousquet and Chuck Corman have done a lot of work on this. Mr. Leary said that this would be a three year contract with Tyler Technology.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MUNIS AGREEMENT FOR A THREE YEAR TERM WITH TYLER TECHNOLOGY. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.

Mr. Le Beau said that the next Selectmen's meeting would be on November 28th and it will be the Tax Classification Hearing.

AT 8:05 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN WAS ABSENT.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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