

**HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

November 14, 2012  
7:30 P.M.

Selectmen’s Meeting Room  
Town Hall

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

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANTS**

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| 13-21 | GENERAL WARRANT                        | \$215,463.95 |
|       | VOIDS                                  | \$ (195.00)  |
|       | DEBT SERVICE TOWN (001)                | \$109,012.50 |
|       | STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL    | \$ 16,137.37 |
|       | CAPITAL PROJECTS FIRE TRUCK (3900)     | \$ 522.90    |
|       | PERFORMANCE DEPOSIT (801)              | \$ 2,584.06  |
|       | AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL | \$ 1,021.08  |
|       | COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265) PAYROLL   | \$ 288.00    |
|       | GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT                | \$134,786.02 |
|       | TOWN PAYROLL                           | \$136,085.10 |
|       | TOTAL WARRANT                          | \$479,620.88 |

ACCOUNTANT’S NOTE:

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| ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID | \$ 33,088.66 |
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TREASURER’S NOTE:

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| WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST | \$ 21,097.30 |
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**THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

Mr. Conley said that Veterans’ Day was this past Saturday. Mr. Coney said that they dedicated a memorial stone at Blair Square. He said that the parade was great, and that many Veterans enjoyed lunch in the Upper Town Hall.

Mr. Marsden said that it was a nice dedication. Mr. Leary wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**

Bill Dowd, 95 Shaw Farm Road, said that on October 3, 2012, he was in with some concerns about the West Suburban Health Group and he had not heard anything back from anyone. Mr. Dowd asked if the Board was going to get back to him. Mr. Leary said that yes they will get back to him after they get the answers.

**HOLLISTON PANTRY SHELF**

Postponed

**WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT LOAN**

Mary Bousquet, Treasurer/Collector was present. She said that they are planning on borrowing 2.5 million dollars for well #4 with a rate of .13%. Mr. Marsden said that this was approved at Town Meeting.

Mr. Conley read the vote. See attached

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO SIGN THE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT LOAN IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,500,000. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Ms. Bousquet said that the Water Commissioners took a vote and they accepted this loan and said they were going to abide by the project regulatory agreement.

**SOLID WASTE FEE COMMITMENT**

Mr. Bousquet said that the Warrant to collect trash fees needs to be signed.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE TRASH FEE WARRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$431,500. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**ARTS COUNCIL STATE CONTRACT**

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE ARTS COUNCIL STATE CONTRACT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**BANNER REQUEST**

Mr. Marsden said that they have a request from the Lions' Club for the second banner location for the week of November 26<sup>th</sup>.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE SECOND LOCATION FOR THE BANNER REQUESTED BY THE LIONS CLUB FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26, 2012. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED.** (Mr. Conley is a Lion Club member)

**HOLIDAY DISPLAY**

Mr. Marsden said that the Chabad Center of Milford is requesting their annual display in front of Town Hall. They would like to put up a menorah on November 29, 2012, through December 20<sup>th</sup>, but the lighting will start on December 8, 2012.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE MENORAH IN FRONT OF TOWN HALL FROM NOVEMBER 29, 2012, THROUGH DECEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2012. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Marsden said that the Metrowest Regional Collaborative is asking the Chairman to sign the Weights and Measures software grant application. Mr. Marsden said that this will be purchased through a grant.

**MR. CONLEY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS SOFTWARE GRANT. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Marsden said that in an e-mail from FEMA they are looking for the Chairman to sign a signature page so that we can continue to process the request for reimbursements.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN A SIGNATURE PAGE FOR FEMA REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE OCTOBER 2011, SNOW STORM. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Marsden said that Blair Square will get a new sign.

#### **EVENT PERMIT –HOLIDAY STROLL**

Mr. Marsden said that there is a request from the Holliston Business Association asking for an event permit for the Holiday Stroll on November 24, 2012, from noon to 7:00 p.m.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE EVENT PERMIT FOR THE HOLIDAY STROLL ON NOVEMBER 24, 2012, FROM NOON TO 7:00 P.M. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. MARSDEN ABSTAINED.** (Mr. Marsden is an HBA member)

#### **LIQUOR LICENSE FEES**

At 7:45 P.M., Mr. Leary read the notice of public hearing of Town of Holliston for Alcoholic Beverage License fees. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, November 14, 2012, at 7:45 p.m., in the Selectmen's Meeting Room to consider changing fees for annual alcohol beverage licenses. The current and proposed fees are as follows:

All Alcohol and Package Store current is \$2,000.00, proposed is \$2,500.00.

Wine and Malt Package Store current is \$1,500.00, proposed the same.

All Alcohol Restaurant and Club current \$4,500.00, proposed is \$2,500.00.

Wine and Malt Restaurant and Club current \$1,250.00, proposed is \$1,500.00.

Veterans Organizations current \$500.00, proposed \$750.00.

One Day Alcoholic Beverage License and Permit current \$25.00, proposed \$50.00

Mr. Marsden said that one of the business owners said that \$4,500, is a large amount compared to the other fees. Mr. Leary said this was brought to the attention of the Board because of a survey that was down in the surrounding Towns about their fees.

Mr. Leary said that he does not think that we should increase the fee for the Veterans.

Mr. Marsden said that the VFW will not be re-applying this year as they have sold the building and are closing. Mr. Leary said that another organization could open up a new club. Mr. Leary said that \$500.00 is below the average of the surrounding Towns. He said that the average is \$670.00. Mr. Leary said that out of courtesy, the rate should not be increased for the Veterans. Mr. Leary said that all the other fees are reasonable.

Mr. Leary and Mr. Marsden were surprised that there were no audience members present to talk about this. Mr. Marsden asked how many businesses will this decrease affect. Ms. Minihan said that four will be affected. Mr. Conley said that looking at the All Alcohol for a Restaurant or Club we are 233% higher than the average surrounding Town. He said that if we reduce it to \$2,500 we are still 85% higher than the surrounding Towns. Mr. Leary said that the new fees will go into effect on January 1, 2013.

**AT 7:52 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO CLOSE THE HEARING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO MODIFY THE LIQUOR FEES TO THE NEW PROPOSED FEES, ALL ALCOHOL AND PACKAGE STORE FROM \$2,000.00, TO \$2,500.00; WINE AND MALT PACKAGE STORE WILL STAY THE SAME AT \$1,500.00; ALL ALCOHOL RESTAURANT AND CLUB FROM \$4,500.00 TO \$2,500.00; WINE AND MALT RESTAURANT AND CLUB FROM \$1,250.00 TO \$1,500.00; VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS WILL STAY THE SAME AT \$500.00; AND A ONE DAY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE OR PERMIT FROM \$25.00 TO \$50.00. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Mr. Leary said that he would like to mention that James Carbino is an Auxiliary Police Officer who is going to retire. Mr. Leary said that Mr. Carbino was an Auxiliary Police Officer for many years. The Board thanked Mr. Carbino for his years of service to the Town.

Mr. Leary also thanked Mark Ahronian for his time on the Economic Development Committee, he has submitted his resignation letter. The Board thanked Mr. Ahronian for all his time served.

Mr. Leary said that when the Water Department had a water issue on Appleyard Lane, they sent a letter to the Highway Department thanking them for all their help.

#### **HOLIDAY DISPLAY – LIONS' CLUB**

Mr. Leary said that the Lions' Club would like to put up red and white lights on the trees in front of Town Hall, the Police Station and the Library. Mr. Leary said that they also would like to put lanterns on the poles in the downtown area, starting November 24, 2012, through early January 2013.

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPROVE THE LIONS' CLUB REQUEST TO DECORATE THE DOWNTOWN AREA. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. MARSDEN. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY ABSTAINED.** (Mr. Conley is a Lions' Club member)

Mr. Marsden said that they want to talk about a new group, the Community Center Task Force. They would be asked to look for a new location and or building for the Senior Center, Park & Recreation, Youth and Family Services and the Veterans Agent.

Mr. Conley said he thinks that we need a Community Center. He said that he has a list of questions. He said that since they have said something, a lot of residents have come forward to ask to be on the Committee. He said that he has letters from 10 or 11 residents. He asked if this was going to combine different departments in Town? If so what will it look like? Mr. Conley said that it will be interesting to work on this. Mr. Conley said that they should come up with a plan that does not have restrictions. Mr. Marsden said that we should look at what other Towns have done.

Mr. Conley said that the Senior Center has outgrown their facility. He said they need more parking and a new kitchen. He also said that Park & Recreation may want to get involved with this, because they are growing as well. He also said that Youth and Family Services may be interested in this joint project. Mr. Conley also said that Veterans' Services are also looking for space.

Mr. Marsden said that cost needs to be considered. He also said that he does not want to many projects going on. He said that we have the OPEB Trust and Water infrastructure going on now. Mr. Leary said that there are maintenance issues with the Senior Center that need to be looked at. Mr. Leary said that the Flagg building is in tough shape as well. Mr. Conley said that there should be someone for the Board of Selectmen and someone from the Finance Committee available to this new Committee for questions and comments. Mr. Marsden and Mr. Conley said that seven members would be a good number to work with. Mr. Marsden said that if anyone is interested in serving on this Task Force Committee to get their letter in to the Selectmen's Office before the next meeting on November 28, 2012.

#### **COMMUNITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE COMMUNITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE GRANT FOR CRIME PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP WITH SEVERAL OTHER COMMUNITIES. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**MR. LEARY MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE COMMUNITY INNOVATION CHALLENGE FOR THE ASSESSORS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

**AT 8:12 P.M., MR. LEARY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEVINE V. TOWN OF HOLLISTON. MR. MARSDEN SAID THAT A PUBLIC DISCUSSION MAY HAVE A DETRIMENTAL AFFECT ON THE TOWNS LEGAL POSITION. THE BOARD WILL NOT RE-ENTER INTO OPEN SESSION ONLY TO SIGN PAPERWORK ALREADY APPROVED. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.**

|             | AYE | NAY |
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| MR. MARSDEN | X   |     |
| MR. LEARY   | X   |     |
| MR. CONLEY  | X   |     |

**AT 8:47 P.M. THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION. MR. LEARY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.**

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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