

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 17, 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 WARRANT:

12-17	GENERAL WARRANT	\$ 868,575.72
	CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUND (704)	\$ 350,000.00
	MEALS TAX (220)	\$ 44.94
	STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030)	\$ 16,511.50
	HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 570.00
	NEW POLICE STATION (34192) (PAYROLL)	\$ 287.57
	PAYROLL	\$ 88,032.77
	TOTAL WARRANT	\$1,324,022.50

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID
\$ 28,709.46

TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST
\$ 18,298.81

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

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

Mr. Conley said that the BrewFest was well attended on Thursday night. This event was sponsored by HBA.

Mr. Conley also said that this past Sunday was Holliston Walks against Breast Cancer. He said that it was a five mile walk.

Mr. Leary said that on October 29th from 10:00 to 2:00 the Police Department will be sponsoring a drug take back program.

Mr. Marsden said that Brewfest had a great turn out. He said that they sold 350 tickets, all to benefit the Community Action fund.

He also said that the Wizards will be playing basketball on Tuesday night. He said that the event is sold out.

Mr. Marsden congratulated Officers Stone, Belson and Sergeant Dalrymple on making an arrest following the car breaks.

There were no comments from the audience

BOARD BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT – SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT CHRIS LANGMEYER AS A SPECIAL POLICE OFFICER. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

APPOINTMENT TO THE G.I.S. COMMITTEE

Mr. Le Beau said that the Board of Assessors' office has found a reasonably priced vendor. Mr. Le Beau said that the Assessors were not ready to sponsor an article at this Town Meeting to request the funds. Mr. Le Beau said that the Board of Assessors has put a list together with eight names of Town Employees and town residents that they would like to be appointed to the G.I.S. Committee. Mr. Le Beau said that the few presentations he has seen from vendors showed storm drains, under-ground pipe, sidewalks, hydrants and he said that you can map data. He said that you can even break it down by age groups and crime statistics. He said that the possibilities are endless.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO APPOINT KATHRYN PEIRCE, KAREN SHERMAN, MICHAEL CASSIDY, TOM SMITH, RON SHARPIN, CHUCK CORMAN, DAVID NALCHAJIAN AND BRIAN EGNITZ TO THE G.I.S. COMMITTEE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

495 METRO WEST PARTNERSHIP

Mr. Marsden said that Karen Spilka called him and asked if he would replace Andy Porter on the 495 Metro West Partnership. Mr. Marsden said that he would be happy to do it.

Mr. Leary and Mr. Conley approved of Mr. Marsden to take the place of Mr. Porter on the 495 Metro West Partnership.

VETERANS DISTRICT

Mr. Marsden said that the agreement was approved at last meeting. It only needed to be signed by the Board.

MR. LEARY MOVED TO SIGN THE VETERANS' DISTRICT AGREEMENT AND TO APPOINT PAUL LE BEAU AS THE TOWN'S REPRESENTATIVE. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. CONLEY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Le Beau said that on October 26, 2011, they will be interviewing the candidates for the Veterans' Director position.

FEE WAIVER FOR UPPER TOWN HALL – CRESTVIEW CONDOMINIUM

Mr. Marsden said that the Crestview Trust would like to have their annual meeting in the Upper Town Hall on Sunday, November 20th, from 5:00 to 8:00. They are asking for a waiver of fees.

MR. CONLEY MOVED NOT TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR THE UPPER TOWN HALL FOR THE CRESTVIEW CONDOMINIUM MEETING. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

FEE WAIVER – PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST – WILLIAM DOWD

Mr. Marsden said that Mr. Dowd was requesting a waiver of the fees for document preparation by legal counsel. Mr. Marsden said that there is a cost incurred by the Town for the preparation of these documents. Mr. Marsden said that the cost will be passed on to the Town. Mr. Marsden said that cost should be passed on to Mr. Dowd.

Mr. Leary said that this was asked for outside what we normally do.

Mr. Conley said that to charge a person after the fact, he does not believe in that. Mr. Conley said that he is in favor of waiving the fee and moving on.

Mr. Leary said that this was not initiated by us but by Mr. Dowd.

Mr. Marsden said that he remembers a discussion about the fee if we should be billed and that Mr. Dowd said that he would be willing to pay the bill.

Mr. Dowd said what he requested were copy of invoices that the Town received. He said that he did not mean to have anyone do extra work. Mr. Dowd said that he has been getting copies of paperwork from several departments and he has never been charged. He was not expecting to be charged. He said he offered to pay legal expended for the e-mail he sent directly to Town Counsel.

Mr. Le Beau said that Labor Counsel is reviewing the documents and that is where the charge may come from.

MR. CONLEY MOVED NOT TO WAIVE THE FEE FOR MR. DOWD FOR EXPENSES PASSED ON FROM LABOR COUNSEL. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. TWO IN FAVOR. MR. CONLEY OPPOSED.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Leary said that the Finance Committee is still in the process of going through the Articles. He said that there are two Articles, # 10 and 11, that have some new discussions around them. Mr. Le Beau said that this is about well #7 on property that is not owned by the Town in some areas, some is owned by the Army Corp. of Engineers and some private property. The Water Department wants to put in new water lines.

Mr. Le Beau said that the Finance Committee report is complete. It is available on the Town website; there are printed copies in Town Hall, Police Station, Library and the Senior Center.

Mr. Conley said that he will prepare a survey for residents to fill out on how Town employees are doing at their job. Mr. Conley said that there will be seven questions. Mr. Conley said that he would have the survey available at Town Meeting. He also said that the Website Committee is going to put it on the webpage when it is ready.

CASINO LEGISLATION

Mr. Marsden said that he and Mr. Le Beau have been working with neighboring Towns about the Casino issue. He said that they will be going Town to Town to talk about the legislation and whether the Casino should be built in Milford.

Mr. Leary said that after Town Meeting they would like to bring in Carolyn Dykema, State Representative, to lead us in the discussion.

Mr. Marsden said that this would be a public discussion.

Mr. Leary said that it would draw a large crowd and that it should take place at the High School or the Middle School.

WEB SITE COMMITTEE

Mr. Conley said that the Website Committee is organized and they are in the process of giving out homework assignments. They are going to find companies that do Websites and look into them. They will come back to their next meeting with all their ideas.

DOWNTOWN TRAFFIC

Mr. Conley said that he takes the back roads to work. He did say that sometimes he does go down Washington Street. He said that the new traffic light on Washington Street, Woodland Street and High Street did have an issue, but it was addressed and was fixed. Mr. Conley has asked that the traffic light at Washington Street and Highland Street be looked at. He said that sometimes the traffic is at a standstill. Mr. Conley also spoke about the traffic at Hollis Street and Washington Street. He said that if we had an officer to monitor it may help. He said in the morning around school time and in the afternoon. Mr. Leary said that the design of the lights is not conducive with the amount of traffic that goes through Town. He also said that the crosswalks slow traffic down. Mr. Conley said that if he comes down Central Street towards Washington Street he can't see the blinking light. Mr. Marsden said that it becomes a domino effect.

AT 8:15 P.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING A DISCIPLINARY APPEAL FILED UNDER THE COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF HOLLISTON AND THE HOLLISTON POLICE ASSOCIATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN.

	AYE	NAY
Mr. Marsden	X	
Mr. Leary	X	
Mr. Conley	X	

Mr. Marsden said the Executive Session would last approximately 30 minutes and there would not be any further public business.

AT 8:45 P.M., THE BOARD EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AND MOVED TO ADJOURN.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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