

HOLLISTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

September 12, 2012
7:00 a.m.

Selectmen's Meeting Room
Town Hall

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

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING WARRANT:

13-12 GENERAL WARRANT	\$1,287,348.39
CAPITAL EXPENDITURE FUND (704)	\$ 236,000.00
STUDENT ACTIVITY (8030) HIGH SCHOOL	\$ 8,980.17
GIFT ACCOUNTS POLICE LAW ENF (245)	\$ 104.90
HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST (701)	\$ 1,064.11
PERFORMANCE DEPOSITS (801) PAYROLL	\$ 1,350.00
AGENCY (890) VETERANS DISTRICT PAYROLL	\$ 1,021.08
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION (265) PAYROLL	\$ 528.00
GENERAL PAYROLL WARRANT	\$1,067,462.59
TOWN PAYROLL	\$1,070,361.67
TOTAL WARRANT	\$2,603,859.24

ACCOUNTANT'S NOTE:

ACCRUED DEDUCTION LIABILITIES NOT PAID	\$ 179,585.96
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TREASURER'S NOTE:

WIRE TO HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST	\$ 141,771.43
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THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

There were no comments from the Board or the audience.

BOARD BUSINESS

Possible Town Meeting Articles

Mr. Leary said that when he had coffee time with a Selectmen, a resident of Pleasant Street asked about discharging water into the street. Mr. Leary said that it can cause a hazard if the water should freeze. He said that it can build-up and then ice over. That is when it becomes dangerous. Mr. Leary said that there is a problem with water being pumped onto several streets in town.

Mr. Marsden said that the homeowner should be able to find a portion of their property to drain water onto without affecting neighbors and the public way.

Mr. Leary said that this is an Article that the Selectmen should sponsor. Mr. Leary called it a pump-out By-law.

Mr. Leary asked Bobby Blair about water in the yards in Mudville. Mr. Blair said that some houses have water in the basement and that they pump it into the yard.

Mr. Leary said that Peter Barbieri, an Assessor, is planning on an Article for the Assessors' stipend. Mr. Conley said that Mr. Barbieri would like the Selectmen to sponsor it.

Mr. Marsden said that should be something that the Assessors sponsors themselves.

Mr. Leary said the Selectmen will sponsor the Website, OPEB and GIS Articles.

Mr. Marsden also spoke about 32B and the paperwork assigned to it. He suggested that Segal run the numbers with the 32B assumption and run the numbers without the assumption.

Mr. Leary said that they should form an OPEB Trust Committee to formulate a strategy. He suggested that it be a five member board. He said that Mary Bousquet, Treasurer; Paul Le Beau, Town Administrator; Jay Marsden, Chairman of Selectmen; Ken Szajda, Chairman of Finance Committee, and the last member could be the Town Accountant or the School Business Manager.

Mr. Leary said that this Committee could look into forming a trust, and the direction that the trust goes in. He said that Ms. Bousquet would be the custodian of the trust.

Mr. Leary said that a majority of the members of the Committee would have to vote on where to put the funds.

Mr. Marsden said that the Committee would be appointed by the Selectmen.

Mr. Leary said that there were going to be No Parking signs in front of the Doyle's house on Washington Street. Mr. Marsden said that the Highway Department painted yellow lines. Mr. Leary said that he want to see No Parking painted in the street in yellow paint.

Mr. Leary asked about the Liaison list and asked if they were going to re-assign some of the liaisons.

Mr. Marsden said they were going to put the list in order. He said that they should break it down into groups, public safety, infrastructure, finance and human services.

Mr. Marsden said that they have spoken about three month goals, six month goals and long term goals.

Mr. Marsden asked about the Compensation and Benefits Study. He asked when would we get the results? Ms. Minihan said next week.

Mr. Leary said that they will be doing the traffic study on September 26, 2012. Mr. Marsden said that the Police Chief, Fire Chief, Highway Superintendent, Town Administrator, the Selectmen and members of the State DOT would be involved. They will be looking at the pattern of traffic in the downtown area. Mr. Marsden said that they will be meeting in the training room at the Police Station at 10:30 a.m. on September 26th. He said then they will be walking the downtown area.

Mr. Leary spoke about Holliston becoming a Green Community. He asked the Building Inspector about it. He was told that we would have to adopt a stretch code and it is very expensive to do. Mr. Leary said that the homeowner does the work, then the Inspector

comes to inspect it. Mr. Leary said that solar panels will not give the Town any kind of credit towards becoming a Green Community. Mr. Leary said that this will need more investigation to see if it is something that is really worth doing.

Mr. Marsden said that they should start with a specific project in mind and not blanket the whole Town.

Mr. Leary said that Flagg Cole houses the Park & Recreation Department and Youth and Family Services. The Selectmen will be meeting with the School Committee to discuss the future use of the building.

Mr. Leary said the Economic Development Committee will be to discuss the one stop permitting. Mr. Marsden said that each department should be working with the Economic Development Committee to try and get things in place for the one stop permitting process.

Mr. Leary said that he did the first office hours at Coffee Haven and each Selectmen will be taking turns to have office hours each month. Mr. Marsden said that he will take the next Saturday, October 6th, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. at Coffee Haven.

Mr. Marsden said that he was going to ask Mr. Le Beau to put together a schedule for the All Chairs meeting. He said that one person said that they are concerned about adding another meeting to their heavy work load.

Mr. Leary asked if the Town By-law review will be ready for Town Meeting.

Ms. Minihan said it will be done in pieces.

Mr. Leary said that he spoke with Mr. Briggs about the Recycling Center and he was invited over to the Dover Recycling Center. Mr. Leary said that he was told that it is very impressive. Mr. Leary said that the Dover Recycling Center is open Wednesday, Saturday and Sundays. Mr. Leary said that Mr. Briggs is in charge of the compost.

Mr. Briggs said that compost does not need DEP testing.

Ms. Minihan said that we were told by the DEP that the compost needed to be tested.

Ms. Minihan said that she will look into it.

Mr. Marsden said that residents can help themselves to the mulch pile but not the compost. Mr. Leary said that Dover can give away their compost because it does not have street sweepings in it.

Mr. Leary said that most Towns make money at the Recycling Center.

Mr. Marsden spoke about changing Town Hall hours and have the employees work until 7:00 p.m. one evening. Then the employees can have a shorter Friday.

Mr. Marsden said that he is in favor of it. He said that it would make Town Hall more customer friendly. Mr. Leary said that he supports the idea.

Mr. Marsden said that there are other Town Halls that are open at least one night.

Mr. Conley spoke about a house on Norfolk Street that was damaged by fire last year. Mr. Conley said that the fire smoldered for eight hours so all the wall board had to be replaced. He said that while the resident was replacing the wall board they thought that they should enlarge the kitchen. But in order to do that there will be a temporary trailer on the property for the people to live in. Mr. Marsden said that he would like the condition to be not more than 8 weeks. Mr. Marsden said that this is now a renovation project not a restoration project.

Mr. Conley said that the homeowner said that the trailer will only be there for about three to six weeks.

Mr. Leary said that the Building Inspector will issue permits for the temporary trailer on Norfolk Street for not longer than 8 weeks.

MR. CONLEY MOVED TO APPROVE THE BUILDING INSPECTOR ISSUING PERMITS FOR THE TEMPORARY TRAILER ON NORFOLK STREET FOR UP TO 8 WEEKS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Mr. Marsden said that they will meet with the Economic Development Committee at 7:35 p.m. at the next meeting.

Rich Maccagnano would like the Selectmen to let him know when they plan on talking about the Brewfest at the Historical Society. He would like to be present at that meeting.

AT 7:46, A.M., MR. CONLEY MOVED TO ADJOURN. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. LEARY. ALL IN FAVOR.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna A. Muzzy

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