**August 5, 2015 DRAFT**
**5p.m. 8/5/2015**
Select Board discussed paving and purchase orders.
Discussion on Maine Street Garage. McCubrey will call the Attorney to begin legal action, as they are in violation of their conditional use permit.

730 Hollis Road – Dog barking complaints. The Clerk will call the State Animal Welfare Office to see if they have requested a shelter permit. A letter was sent in April requesting that the owner obtain a dog shelter permit and apply for a conditional use permit before the Hollis Planning Board
A Bulky Days tentative date was set for October 17th.
Department Head meeting will be planned for October, Wednesday morning.
Tax Acquired properties: three certified letters that were sent were returned unopened. These three tax payers (McLeod, Marean & Baker) need to enter into repayment contracts with the Select Board or the Town will take procession of these properties and put them out for public sale. One attempt will be made to give them a phone call before the properties go for public sale. Most other property owners in foreclosure have entered into repayment agreements.
Fascia has been completed at the Community Building to comply from the MMA insurance company.

**8/5/2015 Televised Selectmen’s Meeting 7pm** was opened by Select Board Chair McCubrey.
Select Board meeting was suspended for the Town Clerk to open the Public Hearing for warrant articles for the Special Town Meeting being held on August 25, 2015. The posted notice was read.

 Article 2: Shall the town authorize the Select Board to use $130,000 from the
Town’s Undesignated Fund Balance to apply to the Tax Commitment
 in order to bring the Town’s Property Tax Levy into compliance
with Maine State Statutes Title 30-A § 5721-A?

Select Board – Recommends Budget Committee-Recommends

Selectperson McCubrey provided informational sheets 2015-2016 warrant results and percentage of voters approving articles and Hollis Tax Commitment Accounts over 10 years. Selectperson McCubrey gave a brief explanation. Selectperson Payne said this year’s budget is a better reflection of actual expenditures, and that $250,000 was taken from the General Fund for the past 4 years worded on the Warrant to fund or offset taxes. McCubrey stated that our tax rate is lower than surrounding towns, and our fund balance is healthy. Our tax rate is low increased from 11.00 to 11.50 last year, and taking money out of the general fund will make .30 (per thousand dollars of value) difference to the tax payer.

Becky Bowley discussed the school budget, stating that if Frye Island withdraws from SAD6 this will have huge effect on Hollis. It is quiet right now thanks to our Legislature’s efforts and stated this issue will come back. The advisory committee to SASD 6 is looking for members / residents to join.

Chief Johnson- the informational sheets do not give a true cost of what town’s people spend. The Fire Department brings back 24 % in revenue. School department 70% of the expenses are labor costs. Many Fire Department increases are mandated by state or federal statute. (Unfunded mandates)

Payne: Tax levy you can go over the limit if it is a specific unfunded mandate. Many silent unfunded mandates. With no additional comments, The Public Hearing was closed at 7:24 p.m.

 **Selectmen’s Meeting was reopened**. The Town Clerk listed the upcoming election dates. A Special Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday August 25, 2015 at the Hollis Fire Station 405 Plains Road. Polls Open at 7 am and close at 8 pm. Residents may register to vote now or at the polls. Please bring identification and proof of residency. Absentee Ballots are available now until Thursday 8/20/2015 at 4pm. After that time voters requesting absentee ballots must take an oath that they meet the special circumstances requirement sunder Maine Law (see absentee voting on the Hollis website for more info). Absentee Ballots may be returned until voting day, 8/25/2015 at 8 p.m.

**New Business:** York County Sheriff William “Bill” King gave a presentation on Heroin in Maine. Most heroin usage begins with oxycodone usage. In 2000 Maine’s usage of opiates was more than double the national average. 1/3/2011, Bangor Daily News headline was, “Maine tops the nation in prescription drug abuse.” Oxycodone usage has been restricted so addicts seek heroine as it produces the same effect Maine has a huge market for heroin. Residents need to report things out of the ordinary to law enforcement. Heroine usage does affect us in York County. Assaults, thefts, break-ins at expense to tax payers for treatment. Rescue units carry Narcan a drug to reverse the effects of opiates at a cost of $42.

Questions for Sheriff King:
Lester Harmon, Deerwander Road. How do we as a community prevent this from happening?
Sheriff: If you see something report it and stay in tune with your children

York County Sheriff stated YCS is very understaffed. 14 towns in York County divided up into three zones. Every month the State Police and York County switched these areas back and forth. Due to a lack of consistency, the Maine State Police agreed to cover 5 towns, one of these towns is Hollis. The Sheriff stated that Hollis can have a contract deputy for $100,000 per year.

Becky Bowley gave some statistics for Sgt. Shapiro from the Maine State Police and stated that Hollis has voted down a contract deputy. Why don’t the departments all get together and work it out?

Sheriff King proactive policing. We do an outstanding job with the limited resources.

 **Warrant**: last three week’s:$34,665., $ 13,802, $ 37,113.
**Payroll**: $29, 911, $ 14,747, $20,857.
**PO’S**
$3,000 TO FIX TOWN FARM ROAD
$49,150. FR CARROLL for paving
$3,500. To replace culvert at 62 Pleasant Hill Road.
$3,200. OLD ALFRED ROAD Ditching
$10,200 Upper Tarbox 2 culverts (near Legards)

Selectperson Hicks reported on Tuesday 8/4/2015 the Road Committee had met and alternate emergency truck route is being reviewed. This may open up a way to utilize TIF funds on other roads off the designated truck route.

7/29/2015 the Select Board appointed Donna M. Hanson to be a board member of the Saco River Corridor Commission representing the Town of Hollis.

 **Correspondence:**
SAD #6 Letter class of 2007 records will be destroyed. Please contact 648-7810 Christine Wallace if you would like your records before 9/30/2015.
KICK CANCER IN THE GRASS 8/15/15
HOLLIS COMMUNITY DAYS 8/29/2015- Five miler sign up on the Town website.
Any local businesses wishing to be linked to the Town’s website please send us your contact information.
Website – look under Town Clerk for information on upcoming elections.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS OF THE BOARD**
8/10/15- Ten Town Group
8/11/2015- meeting at Berry Talbot Royer at 7:30 a.m.
8/12/2015 PB meeting and public hearing for proposed Growth and Zoning Ordinance changes ( proposals are listed at [www.hollismaine.org](http://www.hollismaine.org) / departments/Town Clerk.
8/12/2015 the Select Board will met in Executive Session at 4pm in accordance with MRSA 1 subsection 405(6) A.
8/12/2015 – Select Board will meet at 5-7 pm.
8/13/2015 FEMA meeting to review flood maps
8/19/2015 the next televised meeting of the Select Board.
9/17/15- Truck Route Committee will meet at Poland Spring at 10 am.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUGUST 25, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

 Martha E. Huff. Hollis Town Clerk