

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectmen Thomas Millias and Kim R. Roy present.

The following business was discussed:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board as well as those attending tonight's meeting stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda for Tuesday, April 24th.

AFFIRMED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENTS

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously affirmed approval for the payment of the following warrants and commitments:

Payroll Warrant	# 92	\$ 393,493.27
Vendor Warrant	# 93	\$ 41,135.56
Withholding Warrant	# 94	\$ 141,715.40
Ambulance Commitment	# 4A	\$ 56,367.00
Ambulance Commitment	# 4B	\$ 56,895.00

APPROVED WARRANT

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following warrant:

Vendor Warrant	# 95	\$ 287,757.88
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APPROVED SELECTMEN BILLS

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following Selectmen bills:

Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/March)	\$ 1,463.05
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (MA law books).....	\$ 132.00
Automated Business solutions (copier repair)	\$ 187.50

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Beautification Committee - Clean-Up Day

Member of the committee Candace Kniffen began by saying that they are going to have clean-up day this coming Saturday (April 28th). Last year the committee was focused on the Peg Fitzgerald Garden and this year they are motivated on cleaning up the town. C-Mac has donated a dumpster, Highway donated extra gloves and the United Way donated bags. They have some local community groups who will be helping with the clean-up.

Plymouth County Correctional did not have any inmates available but they will contact them again. The next big effort is to get companies to adopt an island and cleaning the garden before Memorial Day.

Millias said that the committee is very enthusiastic and the BOS is thankful for their efforts. Kniffen agreed saying that they have a full committee as well as the support from police, fire and Highway. Highway said that if anyone comes across any large items to call them and they will pick them up and they will pick up any full bags on Monday.

In closing member Amy Troup asked that the volunteers take pictures so that they can post them on the locals.

Roy thanked the committee for their hard work.

Evergreen Beverage Company/Twin Lakes Liquor Continuation of Revocation Hearing

Payments are up to date therefore Seelig is recommending that the Board continue the hearing to June 26th at 7:45 p.m.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to continue the revocation hearing to June 26th at 7:45 p.m.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Monponsett 319 Grant

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to have the Chair, Thomas Millias, sign the amended contract with MA DEP for the aluminum sulfate treatments.

School Resource Officer Meeting

The Halifax Elementary School Committee and school administration have set up a meeting for April 30th at 9:00 a.m. to talk about a school resource officer. Seelig will post that the BOS will be attending.

Use of Town Green – Boy Scout Bottle Drive

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved a request from the Halifax Boy Scouts to use the Town Green on Saturday, July 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for the Boy Scout Troop 39 bottle drive.

Burrage Pond Elm Street Access

Work will begin on May 15th.

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Change in Fees

David Moore has proposed a new fee schedule that would generate a bit more revenue so that fees would cover the annual salary and expenses for the Sealer. The last time the fee schedule was changed was 2010. Changes in fee schedule require a Town Meeting vote so this will be put in the folder for the next one.

Four Daughters Host Community Agreement

Edits for the agreement are still being made. Seelig hopes that there will be a final version before May 8th. Four Daughters will sign it then the BOS will.

Dispose of Elm Street Property – Sale to Fisheries & Wildlife

The Board needs to officially declare that the 17.65 acre parcel on Elm Street, Map 37, Lot A on the Assessors' map is available for disposition.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously declared that the 17.65 acre parcel on Elm Street, Map 37; Lot A on the Assessors' maps is available for disposition.

Use of Lots & Graves Trust fund – Cemetery Commissioners

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved using \$75,000 from Lots & Graves Trust Fund for Article 19 of the Annual Town Meeting for a cab over engine truck with hooklift, sander and plow (to replace #708).

Resignation – Marianne Moore / Central Plymouth County Water District Advisory Board

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously accepted, with regret, Marianne Moore's resignation from the Central Plymouth County Water District Advisory Board, effective May 7, 2018. A thank you letter will be sent to her.

Contract – C.N. Wood - 2006 Trackless MT6 – Highway Department

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to sign the contract with C.N. Wood in the amount of \$62,000 for a 2006 Trackless MT6.

Contract - Howland Disposal Services Inc.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to sign the contract with Howland Disposal Services Inc. in the amount of \$97,982.41 for Fiscal Year 2019.

Ambulance Abatement

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve Ambulance Abatements for March 2018 in the amount of \$46,641.98.

Property & Liability Insurance Fiscal Year 2019

The price came in at \$205,514, which is the same as FY2018.

Youth & Recreation Appointment

The commission is recommending that Kenneth Boudreau be appointed.. Mr. Boudreau will be coming in on May 8th.

Zoning By-Law Committee

Gordon Andrews (the son) and Alan Dias both have indicated in interest in serving on the above committee and verbally Gordon Andrews (the father) also stated that he is interested. Millias added that Mr. Borsari also expressed interest in serving. Seelig asked the BOS if they wanted something in writing. He also said that he wants to make sure that their personal interest does not cloud their judgement. Roy would like to see something in writing and said that she is not comfortable with two members from the same family serving on the same committee.

Opioid Lawsuit

There is not a lot of interest from either of the chiefs about this but if the Board wants Seelig to still set up a meeting with one of the law firms handing the suit he will.

Highway Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously signed the memorandum of understanding for a 2% wage increase for FY2019, contingent on approval at Town Meeting.

Davis Automotive

As of the end of today Ms. Davis has not made any payments, therefore as of tomorrow the Fuel Storage permit and Class II license will be revoked. A certified letter will be sent out tomorrow regarding the revocation of the permits. Seelig said that the Board can rescind the vote at a later time should payments be made.

Road Cut – 3 Ninth Avenue Street

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2018-27 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 4' x 6' road cut tie in & 4' x 35' road cut trench to install new service at 3 Ninth Avenue Street.

Road Cut – 355 Plymouth Street

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2018-28 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 4' x 6' road cut tie in & 4' x 40' road cut trench to install new service at 355 Plymouth Street.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**Ann Marie Reed - Trailer Permit Extension**

Ms. Reed explained that she had a house fire in March and that is why she needs the trailer. Roy asked if she has talked with the contractor and Millias asked if she has settled with the Insurance Company.

A gentle man from American mobile home accompanied Ms. Reed this evening stating that a trailer is allowed on a property for twelve months. Roy asked if there were any neighbors here – none came forward. Millias said that this was a pretty cut and dry request and Roy agreed.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve an extension of Building Permit #18-25 for a temporary trailer to be used for residential purposes on property located at 31 Oak Place. This extension expires on March 14, 2019.

Warren Gardner - Multiple Unregistered Vehicle Permit

Seelig said that the office received a note from the Planning Board recommended three or four unregistered vehicles. Seelig mentioned that there should be limit to as how long a particular vehicle is there and suggested a year. Millias and Mr. Gardner thought that was reasonable.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to grant an unregistered vehicle permit to Warren Gardner with the following stipulations:

- up to four (4) unregistered, unplatd and uninspected vehicle
- permit expires one (1) year from the date issued (expires: April 24, 2019)
- property must be kept in good condition and free of debris at all times

Maria Matthews-Forte - Matron Appointment

Roy stated that she excited for Ms. Forte becoming a Matron and that her resume is very impressive with her mental health background and substance abuse clinician. Chief Broderick said that she offered to become a Matron and they needed the help and as you can see from her resume that she is very qualified for the position.

Roy asked how long has she lived in Halifax and she said she lives in Bridgewater but close to Halifax.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously appointed Maria Matthews-Forte as a Matron, term to expire June 30, 2018.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to recess at 8:11 p.m.

Board returned at 8:35 p.m.

Kimberly Mahoney – Continuation of Dog Hearing

Millias:

We have a hearing continuation for Kimberly Mahoney and this is a dog hearing. I don't believe Ms. Mahoney is here but I think we can still proceed.

Seelig: Right

Roy:

So we had asked that Ms. Mahoney engage with a dog trainer in order to work with the dog to see how it can be controlled with its aggressive behavior. She was to have a letter with what the trainer had thought of the dog after being evaluated along with a plan of action with an end date of around how long it would take in order to mitigate the aggressive behavior. Before us here is Tracy Marzelli who is from Perfected Pup. She had sent Noreen an email stating that due to some personal issues she was unable to meet the dog and she wanted to talk to us a little about that. Hi welcome.

Marzelli: Thank you. I'm sorry and the Chair is ... you're the Chair? Hi

Millias: Hi

Marzelli:

So I'm Tracy Marzelli I'm from Middleboro. I am ... Kim did contact me on April 13th and apparently she had been trying before that to find a dog ... someone who could work with the dog. We had met under a different circumstance a while ago and I had given her my card so she could have my contact information for something unrelated to dogs. She found the card contacted me. I have not been able to and it's totally on me. I have ... I'm not actually taking clients. I work mainly now with rescue groups so I really haven't been taking homeowners. I usually take a dog into my house. It's usually a dog that's aggressive and I work intensely with the dog for about six weeks and then turn it back over to rescue if the dog is able to be safely adopted out. I have the benefit though of having a lot of information before I bring a dog in. A dog is usually safer at evaluating if there's a bit history usually the ACO or the rescue group or the owner can give me some sort of indication of where the bit is on the dunbar scale. You're (looks towards the ACO) probably familiar with the...

Roy: How aggressive the ...

Marzelli:

Well it's a scale of one to six one being no contact at all usually an air snap or non-aggressive behavior six being the death of the person that was ... which is almost never see a six but the ... it tells you the rating tells you what you can do as far as rehab. Not the plan that you would make but the type of effort the type of skill and the type of ... it gives you kind of idea of the dog's intention when they bite. Without witnessing it I can't tell you what triggered the dog. Dogs don't bite for no reason at all. They have a reason. We may not understand it but they have a reason and we're they're biggest problem because usually the owners inadvertently do something that encourages the aggression in the dog of the dogs aggressive reaction. So without witnessing, without having a dunbar bite the best I can promise is what I put in my email that I can evaluate the dog. I can do that this weekend my schedule clears up a little bit this weekend. I can do an evaluation of the dog.

A little bit problematic for me with the dog being under quarantined and I'm not asking you to lift the quarantine I encourage it cause public safety is always every trainer every behaviorist public safety is why we do this. It's not right that a dog should ... I don't believe that every dog gets to live if it's a public safety issue. I have only one time recommended that a dog be euthanized and unfortunately they made me take the dog to be euthanized but it has happened. If it's necessary I do recommend it. So what I can do is I can do an evaluation on the dog. I'm gonna have to work something out with Kim cause I don't like to do an evaluation in their home it just sets the dog up for failure because they focus on the territory

Millias: Right

Roy: Yes

Millias: Right you have to remove from their ...

Marzelli:

And an evaluation is an hour and a half under the best of circumstances. So I will do the evaluation this weekend it's just that logistically we really have to work something out so that I can get a true read of where the dog is and temperament and where Kim is in her ability cause it's just not going to be whether or not cause I can almost rehab any dog but if it's not something that the owner can carry on for the rest of the dog's life and reinforce then I can't work with a dog that is setting up for failure because all they're doing is delaying further down the road.

Roy: And that is my fear.

Marzelli: Yup

Roy:

I think she is the best of intentions I do. I think she loves her dog but I don't know that she has the ability she's got a lot going on in her life. So that's my personal concern.

Marzelli:

And I would have to agree with you and I will reinforce when I say as far as if the owner is incapable of carrying out any plan ... my plan is only effective for the amount of time that I'm working with the dog I can get them to a certain ... obedience is the same way if you don't keep training the dog or keep the dog in their good habits they lose that too. So it's its

Millias:

Right it isn't a one and done thing and that was my concern too is whether she had the capacity to A. do it take somebody on to in fact evaluate and or work with the dog and then the resources and the time to reinforce any good habits.

Roy: Noreen could you remind me when the quarantine is ending.

ACO:

I'll have to double check with the Board of Health but I believe it's the first week in June cause that happened on the 4th of February so it was a four month quarantine so but ...

Roy:

Because Ms. Mahoney was able to bring the dog to a vet finally cause the dog had not been brought to a vet because she was concerned about her behavior. Can we allow the dog to go to a trainer isn't that sort of the same thing or no.

ACO:

I mean like again we'll double check. We got a new animal inspector and we'll run it by him and see what he thinks. I think that would be the best. I would love to have him evaluated fairly and the sooner the better.

Millias: Ya I agree.

ACO: So I'm game with it but I don't want another bite because we're gonna start all over again.

Roy: And are you insured?

Marzelli: Yes

Roy: Okay perfect.

Marzelli: And I actually have rabies vaccination as well.

Roy: Okay perfect.

Marzelli:

Not sure they call it rabies vaccination but it's for people. It's not without its risks. I've been bit a lot.

Roy: Do you wear gloves?

Marzelli:

Yes I have kevlar. I don't have a full suit. I have kevlar gloves they go up to my elbows.

Roy: He did lunge and get somebody's upper ...

Marzelli: And I don't know the circumstances.

ACO:

Right. I mean none of us do really. I mean he indicated that he had bent down to protect himself because the dog was barking.

Roy: No I think he ... I thought he bent down to say "it's okay buddy" and then I think it lunged

ACO:

Right it's like we don't know what might have been a trigger. A hat might have been a trigger.

Millias: Ya glasses.

ACO: We don't know.

Millias: All kinds of things.

ACO: I didn't see it and it's like "come here baby" you don't know how that person acted.

Roy: But we also know that he is very protective of the family.

ACO: Right

Marzelli:

That's a problem for me. No dog. I have a Carnie corso a tiny Mastiff. He's a therapy dog he works with children with cerebral palsy he's retired now. People always say to me he's protective of your house? No I'm protective of my house if he's protective of the house he thinks I can't do the job.

Roy: Exactly

Millias: Ya

Marzelli:

And that's what I try to get people away from that whole mindset of the dog needs to take a role.

Roy: Right

Marzelli:

The dog does not take a role never. The dog will make the wrong mistake the wrong decision every single time. They're resolution to solve any problem is to bite and that's the problem and once they do it it's a behavior. And it works and it gets repeated and the more often it's gets repeated the harder it is to train away from.

Roy:

And would you agree that having a dog sleep with you or let lay on the couch like you're putting him in a higher pack.

Marzelli: That is actually that goes both ways to be honest with you.

Roy: Oh it does

Marzelli: Yes I allow my dog on the furniture but they wait for permission to get there.

Roy: Okay

Marzelli:

So my dog will bark at me at two o'clock in the morning if he thinks he needs permission to get on the bed and he wants to get on the bed. But he won't get on the bed without it.

Roy: Okay. Alright thank you for that tip.

Marzelli: No problem

Roy: Okay perfect so I will make a motion that we continue the dog hearing for two more weeks.

Marzelli: For me that's sufficient time.

Millias: Then we can get an evaluation and then kind of go from there.

Roy:

And then you can check with the new animal inspector to insure that the dog will be able to be taken off property only in the care of.

Marzelli: I am going to go there to do it.

Roy: Oh you are.

Marzelli:

I'm going to go over there to do it. I don't know what we're going to do logistically maybe in the yard. Is the dog allowed to be outside?

Roy: It can be but it has to have a muzzle on when it's outside.

Millias: Ya

Marzelli:

You mentioned that. I don't have a problem with the muzzle I would actually. Usually I require it with a dog with a bite history. Especially if it's a three or higher on the dunbar scale I require it.

Roy: I would suspect that it's somewhere in that.

Millias: I'm surprised we haven't seen or heard from the person who was bit.

Roy: He was transported.

Seelig: Let me put in for seven thirty-five.

Roy: Yes

Seelig: Okay

Millias: So is that a motion?

Roy: Yes

Millias: Second. All those in favor

Roy: Aye

Millias: Aye

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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