

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 12, 2018 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectmen Kim R. Roy, Troy E. Garron and Thomas Millias 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

The agenda for Tuesday, June 12th, was unanimously approved.

AFFIRMED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 105	\$ 360,051.69
Vendor Warrant	# 106	\$ 48,320.74
Withholding Warrant	# 107	\$ 123,731.87
Vendor Warrant	# 108	\$ 88,467.59
Vendor Warrant	# 108	\$ 4.00
School Warrant	# 109	\$ 299,653.12
Ambulance Commitment	# 5C	\$ 22,499.00
Ambulance Commitment	# 6A	\$ 40,650.00

APPROVED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENT

Moved by Millias and seconded Garron, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following warrants and commitments:

Payroll Warrant	# 110	\$ 376,689.60
Vendor Warrant	# 111	\$ 557,021.35
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 6	\$ 5,160.00

MINUTES

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the following Selectmen Minutes:

- Regular Session – May 14, 2018
- Regular Session – May 22, 2018

APPROVED SELECTMEN BILLS

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following Selectmen bills with the exception of Roy abstaining from bill payable to Miiia Property & Casualty Group, Inc.:

National Grid (service/concession stand).....	\$ 76.39
National Grid (service/Town Hall).....	\$ 1,225.65
Bartlett Consolidated LLC (repair guardrail @ fire station).....	\$ 1,610.00
KP Law, P.C. (legal/April).....	\$ 177.50
Paper Direct (certificates & folders).....	\$ 83.97
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/May)	\$ 1,750.00
Brooks & Derensis, P.C. (legal/May)	\$ 723.57
BID Plymouth Occupational Health (3 physicals).....	\$ 2,400.00
Michael Gilman Esq. (legal/May)	\$ 1,056.00
Miiia Property & Casualty Group, Inc. (annual policy)	\$ 428.00

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**Dennis Carman**

Mr. Carmen briefly wanted to express that he is humble to be the new town moderator. He has been in town for many years and looks forward to working with everyone. He did want to say that we as a Town need to promote getting more people involved in town elections and volunteering for boards and committees. Roy said he was correct that we need more volunteers and with that being said she asked the home audience for those interested in volunteering to please contact the office.

Finance Committee Reappointment - Diane Ruxton

Moved by Selectmen Chair Kim R. Roy and seconded by Town Moderator Dennis Carman, the following vote was taken to re-appoint Diane Ruxton to the Finance Committee, term to expire June 15, 2021:

Selectmen Chairman	Kim R. Roy	Yes
Finance Committee Members	William McAvoy Melinda Tarsi Leonard Teceno	Yes Yes Yes
Moderator	Dennis Carman	Yes

Mel Conroy's term was also up but due to other priorities at this time he can no longer serve on the committee.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to send him a letter thanking him for serving on the committee.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS**Zoning By-Law Committee**

Seelig asked the BOS if they wanted everyone to come in who has expressed interest to be on the committee to get a charge of the committee. Millias thought that they should give them direction. Seelig said have them come in at the next BOS meeting and the Board can let them know what they want them to do first.

Fire/EMS Shared Services with Plympton

Plympton has suggested the possibility of having Halifax provide EMS services while the Plympton Fire Department continues to respond to fire calls in Plympton. Roy began by saying that when they met back in November 2016 Halifax gave Plympton options and Halifax providing Ems service to Plympton while they respond to fire calls in Plympton was not a good idea. Millias said that he was not in favor of this idea and Chief Viveiros added that there is no benefit to Halifax providing only EMS service. Garron said that it made no sense not to provide total service.

Roy said that she sat down with Seelig and Selectmen Traynor and it was stated that Halifax is looking into a contract for services and not regionalizing. She continued to say that they (her, Seelig & Viveiros) are going to work on the figures for Plympton to present to their residents and if for some reason they cannot come up with something solid they maybe they will have to spend a little bit of money and work with a consultant.

Garron pointed out that Halifax is jumping through a lot of hoops for something Plympton may not want. With that being said Roy said that if we cannot pursue Plympton then we need to figure out a way to retain our staff at the fire department.

Millias said that he does not want to this cost Halifax money and understands we have a problem with retention. He continued to say that this is hard to sell to the residents if it is going to cost more money. Viveiros said yes they have done a lot of work so far but he thinks we need to take the extra step and use the grant money.

Garron asked how this helps Halifax - does it give us more grant opportunities, staff retention, and are we able to put more emergency personal at fires and accident scenes. Viveiros said that it will give the firefighters more opportunity to engage in emergency situations, fire scenes, car accidents as well as promotional opportunities.

Garron then asked when does the grant need to be used by and Viveiros said January 2019. He continued to say money has been set aside for training, communications, turn out gear and legal fees.

In closing Roy said they have a draft of the agreement. The Board agreed to meet with the Plympton Board of Selectmen on June 28th around 5:30 p.m.

SCHEDEDLED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Joe Cardinal – National Grid

Seelig began by saying that he asked Cardinal to come in to talk about what National Grid and the town could be doing to reduce the number and severity of the outages when a severe storm hits.

Cardinal began saying that he is the Manager of Customer Community Relations for most of the towns on the South Shore. During storm events he is in the Brockton office overseeing all the community liaisons that National Grid sends out into the field. There are twenty-two cities and towns and each town is assigned a liaison, who report to the incident commandos, who is Chief Viveiros. They do that throughout the system and have a municipal room in the Brockton office running 24/7 that he oversees during these events.

Cardinal presented the Board a drawing of the locations of the substations throughout the area and as they could see there were no substations in Halifax. He said that ninety-nine percent of the power comes from a substation either on Mill Street, which is tucked in behind the Farm Supply on Route 104 in Bridgewater or Spring Street in East Bridgewater, which is tucked behind the CVS where Ocean State Job Lot is (Route 18). So those are the only two substations that feed power and serve Halifax.

Roy asked how does Halifax get a substation and Cardinal said it has to be built near transmission lines so that you can run the substation off the transmission lines and then distribute the power. He said at this time they are in negotiations and looking at a piece of land for another substation, it is not in Halifax but it could help the town down the road but by it will be four or five years before the feeds would be out of the substation.

He explained that what happened during the March event (the first storm) was the substations went flat leaving East Bridgewater and Halifax were pretty much flat until National Grid could get out. So what they did because it was so severe was they put as many crews as we possibly could in supervision down on Spring Street so that they could get other crews out to patrol everything.

Cardinal continued to say typically what National Grid does once an event hits is day one ‘make safe’ where we try to cut and clear any live wires to make everything safe as quickly as possible and then restoration. Because there was so much damage from the march storm they had to bring some of the crews in to start patrolling these lines and start finding out what the damage was before all the cut and clear was done. He explained that now they have broken the South Shore area up into five zones and work in stages where they will have a couple of tree crews, a line crew, a cut and clear crew and a standby crew all of them working in one particular zone. In past years they found that we were sending crews all over the place and they were losing just too much valuable time. So basically how we work a storm is that we put crews in these areas and kept them there. If the damage is too much for them then outside contractors are called to come in to help out. With the storm in March we had so many wires down and trees that came down and we were overwhelmed that it took us longer than we wanted to before we could do the restoration.

Cardinal said that he has checked with the Arborous to see if they are keeping up to date on tree-trimming and he was told that last year they trimmed approximately forty miles in Halifax (Plymouth, East, Walnut, Summit, Monponsett & Holmes Street). He has some plans this year for more trimming and hazard tree mitigation where they have seen a lot of dead trees and they will be working with the Highway Surveyor (Hayward) on this. He did mention that he had done about another four or five miles of tree trimming back in 2016 too, it goes on a rotating five-year basis, so with the trimming they did last year it will have to be done again in four more years because everything will be grown back in again. Cardinal said that they are always looking for advice on how they can do things better.

Millias said that years ago Verizon had the polls, is that still the case or has National Grid taken the polls over? Cardinal said the agreement between National Grid and Verizon has changed and they now do the sets and Verizon does the removers.

Millias said that is good because Verizon had only two trucks for all of southeastern New England and you could never get them to put a pole up. Cardinal said they have contractors who set the pole then they will trim the pole down to just above or below the secondary and then they officially are done. Everybody else then does their work and then once Verizon does the transfers National Grid can do the pole.

With storm was of a magnitude Chief Viveiros said it was amazing that power got turned on in that short period of time. His thinks pre-establishing Halifax’s priorities - the water pumping stations; public safety communication towers and the mobile home park is important. Cardinal said that they can make sure that the mentioned locations are on their ‘critical facilities’ list, which is updated annually and distributed to the cities and towns. How it works is the locations on the list shows up on their Outage Management System and will get first precedence. He suggested that Halifax take a look at the list to see if it is okay.

Chief Broderick said with the number of cell towers we have here in town AT&T is the only one that has a permanent generator system and we piggyback off of that for our repeaters because Sprint doesn't have a backup generator, which is unfortunate as the whole town runs on Sprint – all the policemen Chief Viveiros added that all the town phones are on that also. Roy mentioned that emergency personnel couldn't talk amongst each other on their cell phones, which was not a good situation.

Fire Viveiros said that if the feed for the elementary school is cleaned up quickly then they will be able to help those coming to the shelter for heat and electricity.

Cardinal said a lot of feeds that come out of Mill Street are in the woods so crews are walking in the woods to patrol them. Once they fix the mail line crews go out and patrol every single street and look at every single service before National Grid can energize.

Cardinal said that they have somewhere in the range of twenty to twenty-five internal crews that we can quickly bring over but when a major storm happens, those crews get eaten up real fast so that's why we are bringing in contractors and outside tree crews. And now they have a new safety measure which is even if it is dead from the substation and it is not live, the tree crew will not take the tree off of a wire until a line crew comes out and grounds it on either side.

He continued to say is that you may have coordination issues where somebody might grab someone to go someplace else, and then the crew might show up and then you call Mike or me or Joe Calvin and you're saying what the heck is going on - why can't you guys get it straight. Please know that we are trying to utilize them but because of the extra safety measure we are losing time and we understand how frustrated everyone can get. Cardinal said they replaced hundreds and hundreds of poles and it was amazing that they were able to get as much work done as quickly as they did and added that they are not supposed to work when the winds are above 35 miles per hour.

Cardinal said that after a storm everyone gets together to discuss what could have been done better. He asked if it was possible to team up with a city or town with the DPW if we can get a tree crew and we can a line crew and somebody from the DPW and just start going through an area and clearing it if it is in that bad of shape. He thinks this would benefit everybody but there is a lot of logistics that have to be figured out.

Chief Viveiros thought that was a good idea and asked if the cut-and-clear one person or multiple people and Cardinal said it can be it can be multiple depending on event to see who's available. Chief then said that they did coordinate a few spots on Plymouth Street with a crew out there and Highway took care of some stuff so maybe in the future if we all could coordinate with the a cut-and-clear person we can all help to get all the work done.

Seelig asked what more can the town do besides what has been discussed and Cardinal said ninety-five percent of the outages are caused by trees and there is only so much anyone can do. There are only so many trees that can be taken down and so much trimming that can be done and he does not think you can make a pole to withstand the damage that we saw.

Seelig asked aside from the new subdivisions and it being costly would we burying the existing lines we have now would we be we're not going to be burying the lines we've got right now and Cardinal said it really is because when the feeds come into the substation overhead and that was where some of the issues originated, some of the transmission lines were down coming into the substation, it's all overhead, overhead backed up and it's, you're talking millions and millions of dollars per town to underground these utilities and that just includes electrical, you still have everybody else – Verizon and cable that you'd have to be concerned about.

Seelig asked if we lose the substation we don't lose the entire tower or if we lose power from one direction can we reconnect to another substation and he said if you have more substations in the area the feed might be two miles long and then they might get more switching points.

Seelig then asked if we lose East Bridgewater can we feed into a different substation and Cardinal said if there was a substation in Pembroke or Hanson and there was no damage there then you can find the switching points and back-feed in.

Cardinal said Halifax being at the end on the power line is a disadvantage and they don't service Plympton so there is no way to help Halifax through the Plympton end. He continued to say with continuous tree trimming along with the town getting out there and taking down the dead trees this would help out when future storms come in.

Millias asked in terms of tree-cutting obviously anything that's in the town layout is available for trimming but limbs that are coming off somebody's personal property does National Grid have the right to take care of that as well? Cardinal said they usually knock on everybody's door asking if it is okay to trim and there will be residents that will say no. He added that a file is kept on the residents that deny wanting trees trimmed.

Hayward asked what the priority was on Hemlock because the diesel and gas tanks are down at the highway barn and are used by the fire and police vehicles and Cardinal said that he will make sure that street is on the list.

Cardinal said their group keeps track of the critical facilities and customer service keeps track of the life support of customers, so as you're talking to residents out there and anybody that has life-supporting equipment that they need in their house they should be calling National Grid's customer service line to make sure they are put on a list so their account gets flagged. Again if the whole feed goes down there is only so much you can do and if you have two feeders out, same length, same amount of damage and you've got one that's loaded with critical facilities and one that isn't, they are going to the one that has the critical facilities first.

Roy said that this was a very productive meeting and thanked him for coming in and explaining how everything worked. She then asked what can we do to help National Grid make things a lot easier for our people. Cardinal said the important thing is keeping the communication open during the storm and he understands it is not always the information they like to hear but they want the town to know what is going on.

The Board thanked Mr. Cardinal for coming in.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

61A Properties – Fuller & Wood Street

Seelig said that he had not been able to find an appraiser to appraise the above property but this does not mean that we can't find an appraiser later this summer and then make an offer. He thinks the Board should vote to officially release the property.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to relinquish the Town's right of first refusal on the following parcels of land located on Fuller & Wood Street being removed from Chapter 61A:

<u>ASSESSORS MAP / LOT</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
Map 126, Lot 3	9.2403
Map 127, Lot 13 & 15	64.4203
Map 130, Lot 1	18.6703
Map 131, Lot 16A	.9183

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**Joan Pierce – Department Fish & Game (DFG)**

Ms. Pierce came in tonight to give the Board an update on the Elm Street property. She began by saying that the 17.65 acre parcel conveyed to the Town in 2002 came with less frontage than what was originally proposed. She explained that years after the Settlement Agreement was reached, DFG realized that they needed to retain frontage on Elm Street along with a stripe of land for the public to have access to the parking area and for State personnel to manage Burrage Pond. In 2013 DFG had a survey plan prepared which created 100 ft. of frontage of the 169.25 ft. and DFG retained the remaining 69.25 ft. of frontage, along with a narrow strip of land containing the access driveway to the rear.

Pierce said based on additional research, the appraiser determined that, with the approval of certain waivers pertaining to subdivision and road construction, this 69.25 ft. of frontage and the small amount of acreage retained by DFG could be divided into two residential lots resulting in a fair market value of the property is \$197,500. Roy said that this is not good.

Garron said that an Article was presented at Town Meeting for this sale and Roy asked if a certain amount was specified in the Article and Seelig said that we did not put an amount in the Article but thinks it was mentioned.

Millias thanked Pierce for her help and Roy said that the Board appreciates her efforts and she is sure Pierce was just as horrified as they are.

Millias said that makes sense to him because he remembers being upset when he saw the plan that DFG wasn't looking to give us what was owed to the town, but it took so long to get anything and DFG was successful in grinding the town down.

Seelig said that he looked at the agreement and it was a hundred and fifty thousand dollars in cash and then two hundred and fifty thousand dollars worth of land and Roy said but they didn't give us \$250,000 worth of land.

Roy asked Pierce how can we fix this and Pierce said she is proposing that the town gets \$197,500 for the Elm Street parcel and that DFG would be willing to purchase other property the town has but it will not be this fiscal year. The parcels DFG has in mind are near or abutting the Peterson Swamp WMA down on Aldana Road. Millias commented that it is all wetlands and there is an uplands portion of a third of the way up from Oak Street.

Pierce said that she does not know if there are other properties that would be better but these are the three that she has been aware of for several years. Property #1 listed on a map she handed out to the BOS (copy attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes), is the former dog pound which has an area already cleared for parking but it doesn't abut Fisheries & Wildlife and she does not know how much or a problem that might be. She said years ago, they contacted A.W. Perry (owner of the large and intervening parcel) and asked them if they would be willing to sell DFG this piece of property so that in the event we could get these Town parcels then we could have a connection and the person at A.W. Perry said 'no' that the company was holding onto the property in case they needed it for mitigation or for something else. We could always go back and ask A.W. Perry if they would like to sell. Millias stated that historically they don't like to sell any of their land.

Property #2, in the assessor records combined with Map 74 Lot 2 is about seven acres with some upland in the front. She added that there is a beautiful walking trail that connects with other trails. This will benefit mostly the residents of Halifax because it's a pretty small area and people are not going to drive from very far to go hunting or to go for a walk down this road. They do not have any appraised values for this, but the assessed values are way over \$50,000.

Millias asked if #2 is clearly owned by the Town and Pierce said yes according to the field cards but she has not done any deed research on any of these.

Seelig stated that in years past Dan Borsari had complained of people accessing Peterson Swamp on ATVs. Pierce said there is a little bit of ATV activity and continued to say that they will create a parking area big enough for two vehicles. This is a beautiful woods road, but it doesn't take you all that far. Roy asked if it was a mile and she said probably a few hundred yards but it is beautiful.

Roy added that there is a group of people that are interested in making a dog park and that is one area where it could happen not that she is killing Pierce's idea she just wanted it to be known.

Pierce said that she cannot say 'oh, we will pay you any amount" because the appraisal could come in at way over the fifty thousand so we would have to pay you that amount. Roy then said that they would be in the same position meaning if the property didn't appraise at where it needs to be. Pierce said that could be a problem and if so they can keep looking.

Millias said that the town owns very little property and parcel #1 actually has potential down the road and can see giving it up for either fifty or a hundred grand and Pierce understood that. As for parcel #2 he was unsure of how much of it is actually bordering wetlands and Pierce said it was a lot. He was guessing there is at least a hundred and fifty feet of frontage so it potentially could be a buildable lot and Pierce said correct.

Furthermore Millias stated that DFG didn't actually sell the town a parcel worth \$250,000 and we allowed ourselves to be cheated and taken by DFG. Pierce was in agreement with what Millias was saying and Roy said that we did not get an appraisal at the time.

Garron said that we had not fought for what was our then DFG would not have given us anything.

Pierce said that she is here to say that they are committed to getting the town the whole amount of money but it won't be this fiscal year.

Roy asked that if they do not sell this to them is it going to hold up the project of opening the parking lot?

Garron asked what the time-line was and Pierce said it is tight because the money is for this fiscal year.

Roy asked if June 26th was too late and she said yes it would be because they have to draw up the documents. She totally understand and respected how she is feeling because she was the one who has been a part of this for so many years so Roy understands her frustration with the situation and appreciate that she is willing to try to figure a way out to get the town the full \$250,000 but she does not think it is feasible and Pierce said not right this minute it isn't.

Roy asked Millias if the town could get more money by having it be a builder's lot and selling it.

Millias said all you need is fifty feet per the State law and Pierce said there are two driveways together, but the fact of the matter is the appraiser was told no. Millias said they could fix the two driveways and Pierce said the appraiser talked to both the Chair of the ZBA and the Planning Board and was told the way you could do this but you can't do that.

Seelig suggested that the BOS get a variance approved from the ZBA and Planning Board so that we have it on the record even though we don't actually intend to build anything. Millias said that he really did not want to go that route because they wouldn't do it for anybody else so they shouldn't do it for us.

Garron said the does not want to give it away but it is becoming a real thorn in his side and Pierce agreed with him and said that they tried asking about the variances but it was not feasible.

Roy said that we can't go back and so what we are left with is the value of the property today which is \$197,500 and Pierce said that was correct. She then stated that by conveying the property the town technically loses money that should have been given to us years ago.

Roy asked Millias and Garron if they were not inclined to do this at this time and wait until next fiscal year or did they wanted to take a couple of days to think about it. Garron said that is not where his head is right now but to be honest he wants this over with because it has been hanging around for a long time.

Millias asked if they had to go back to Town Meeting and Seelig said if they were going to sell another parcel they would.

Seelig stated he will check the motion.

Millias said that he is pretty sure he said the amount. He understands the motivation to quote/unquote "unload" this headache and he wouldn't have a problem with other people willing to do that but on principle he will vote no.

The Board was a little shocked about this news and Roy suggested meeting another day to make the final decision.

Pierce said that this has to be decided soon because she does not know if there's another project in line that we could put this money towards but they or do we leave it on the table and then if the town finds out that you could get a variance and then F&W appraiser could look at it again.

Seelig said that there was nothing in the motion; it simply said we are authorized to sell it.

The Board agreed on meeting with Pierce this Friday (June 15th) at 10:00 a.m.

Pierce said that this was a shock and a disappointment to them and that they want to have a good relationship with Halifax with the hope that what had happened in the past not dampen future purchases from the town.

Millias said that his animosity is not directed to her.

Pierce completely understood how the BOS felt but does not know what else to say only that they really want this piece of property for this fiscal year but if for some reason it get put off until next year then that is the way it is

The Board thanked Pierce for coming in and she also thanked the Board.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Site Plan Review - 413 Plymouth Street

There is some confusion about the two site plans presented to the Planning Board. One that shows the intention of having 12 spaces outside for displaying vehicles for sale (along with space for 12 more vehicles inside the building) and another that shows 17 spaces outside (12 for vehicles for sale and 5 for employees).

Seelig questioned the following:

- Is there sufficient space to move cars around, host visitors, etc. with whatever plan is used?
- Also how does this plan depend on obtaining any variances from the Board of Appeals and approvals from the Conservation Commission (wetlands issues in back and on the side)?

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to have Seelig relay the above mentioned concerns to the Planning Board.

Dunkin Donuts

Dunkin Donuts donated a check to the Council on Aging for their building project. They also will be donating to the youth soccer organization at their ribbon cutting ceremony on June 29th.

MacDonald's Industries/Landfill/Solar Field Project

Marilyn MacDonald sent over a copy of a letter of support for the project from the Town of Bridgewater. Seelig would like to have a public presentation/forum about the project with the past history of the site, the current shipping in of materials, the proposed shipping in of “contaminated” materials, and the proposals for solar fields and possibly a wind turbine. This will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project, ask questions, etc. before the Town offers any additional feedback/support about the project. Seelig is going to contact MacDonald to set up a public presentation.

Live Entertainment Permit Stipulation

The Board of Health has suggested that when the Selectmen approve live entertainment permit, that the applicant be notified that if the event is being catered, that the caterer needs to notify the Board of Health either prior to the event or within 72 hours of serving the meal/food (this is under 105 CMR 590.009). In addition the applicant may wish to obtain a copy of the caterer’s food establishment permit. The applicant is not required to have the copy, but may wish to do so. Seelig and the BOS were okay with the BOH’s suggestion. Going forward this will be noted on the live entertainment application.

Brian Cook - Crystal Lake

Brian Cook sent out letters to one or more parties, including the Town, stating his plan for determining ownership of the various properties around Crystal Lake. He may have cleared some land during the last couple of weeks that may or may not be owned by him. Town Counsel has been notified but no action by the Town is needed at this time.

Reappointments

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously reappointed the following individuals to the various Boards, Committees and Commissions contingent on them completing all requirements from the Town and the State.

Agricultural Commission

Suzanne Emerson

Assistant Town Collector

Linda McCarthy

Assistant Town Treasurer

Linda Cole

Beautification Committee

Gregory Cowan

Thomas Fitzgerald

Jeanne Kling

Candace Kniffin

Amy Troup

Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings

Robert Piccirilli

Building Inspector Assistant

William Kelly

Cable T.V. Advisory Committee

John Shiavone
Elaine Wissel
Richard Wright

Capital Planning Committee

Michael Zarella

CERT Director

Thomas Schindler

Conservation Commission

Gerald Fitzgerald
John Peck

Council on Aging

Helen Doucette
Richard Wright

Forest Fire Warden

Jason Viveiros

HEMA Director

Fire Chief Jason Viveiros

HEMA Deputy Director

Kevin Miller

Historian

Susan Basile

Historic District Commission

David M. Mason
John Werra

Historical Commission

Mason Cook
Kevin Shea

Holidays in Halifax

Stacy Varao

Licensing Authority Agents

Chief Edward P. Broderick
Sgt. Theodore Benner
Robert L. Briggs
Sgt. William Caprio
Joseph Cushman
Patrick DeRoo
Albert Hingst
Robert McDonnell
Michael W. Schleiff
Ryan Simpson
Sgt. Patrick K. Sterling

Municipal & School Building Committee

Gerard Elliott
Gerald Joy

O.C.P.C.-Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee

Ellen Murphy

Parking Clerk

Pamela Adduci

Police Matrons

Christine Callahan

Joy Firth

Maria Matthews-Forte

Susan Lawless

Antoinette Ross

Special Police Officers

David X. Acevich

Patrick Donnelly

Sealer of Weights & Measures

David Moore

Town Accountant

Sandra Nolan

Town Accountant Assistant

Jean Pitts

Town Counsel

Lawrence P. Mayo

Town Director of County Co-operative Extension Service

Kozhaya Nessralla

Veterans' Agent, Service Officer & Burial Agent

Wilford C. Corey

Wiring Inspector

Stephen Peterson

Wiring Inspector Assistant

Dennis McManus

Zoning Board of Appeals

Robert Durgin

Michael Manoogian did not want to be reappointed as the Deputy Emergency Management Director and Seelig recommended that a thank you letter be sent to him.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to send a thank you letter to Manoogian thanking him for his service.

111F Status – Sgt. Ted Benner

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to place Sgt. Ted Benner an injury that occurred on May 14, 2018 while on duty.

111F Status - Firefighter Reid Broderick

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to place Firefighter Reid Broderick on 111F status due to an injury sustained while on duty on May 18, 2018.

Highway Vacation Carryover

Moved by Garron, seconded by Millias, the Board voted to allow three employees of the Highway Department to carryover 40 hours vacation leave each from FY2018 to FY2019 as per highway union contract.

Line Items Transfers

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved the following line item transfers:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Insurance #01-193	Law #01-151	\$ 3,707.07
Trash Collection #66-435	Recycling Center Expense #66-433	\$ 5,545.00
Fire Training #01-221-5115	Ambulance Supplies #01-225-5501-014	\$ 2,100.00
Fire Wages #01-220-5115	Vehicle Maintenance #01-225-5243	\$ 8,000.00
Treasurer Clerical #01-145-5113	Treasurer Tax Title #01-159	\$ 372.37
Training #01-211-5115	Police - Wages #01-210-5115	\$ 6,450.00

Burrage Pond Elm Street Access

Work to access Burrage Pond started on June 5th.

Monponsett Pond Algae Counts

One test was done a couple of weeks ago with “0”. Next test should be this week.

Police & Fire Accident Insurance

Back in the 1990s, the Town’s policy for Police & Fire Accident had a limit of \$25,000. The Town raised the limit to \$100,000 after 1997. MIIA has recommended, several times, increasing the limit to \$200,000 (an additional \$2,268) or \$300,000 (\$3,780). A \$1M policy could be \$8,795 per year. Seelig recommends that the limit be increased to \$300K per year and thinks that the additional cost is offset by the probability that any serious injury will cost more than \$100K.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to increase the Police & Fire Accident Insurance limit to 300,000 per year.

Monponsett Pond/Earmark for FY2019?

Senator Brady’s office notified Seelig that the Senator was able to obtain an earmark for \$125,000 for testing and treatment of cyanobacteria in Monponsett Pond.

Unregistered Vehicle Permit - Richard Harrison

An unregistered vehicle permit was issued to Mr. Harrison in January with an expiration date of July 9th. One of the stipulations was that a fence be put up, it now is up. If he applies for a renewal, the hearing will need to be held on June 26th. Seelig will notify him about renewing his permit and notify the neighbors.

Disclosure of Special Municipal Employee

A 20(d) form for Holly Merry to serve as Principal Assessor/Appraiser and as a member of the Board of Assessors needs to be signed by the Chair.

The Board voted as follows to have the Chair, Kim R. Roy, to sign the 20(d) disclosure of special municipal employee for Holly Merry:

Thomas Millias	- Abstained
Kim R. Roy	- Yes
Troy E. Garron	- Yes

Donation of Property – Bow Street

Paula Long would like to donate Map 20, Parcel 950 on Bow Street to the Town as it has no use. It is about .11 acres. The taxes are up to date. If the town wants to move forward Seelig will want to do the following:

- Check with counsel about the cost of preparing a deed
- Check with counsel to ensure that the Board (not Town Meeting) could accept the parcel
- Any concerns about hazardous waste or other liabilities with the property

The Board was fine with Seelig moving forward on this.

Pope's Tavern Project

Building Committee will be meeting on June 13th at 7pm. Roy is unsure if she can attend and asked Seelig if he knew what they have been talking about at their meetings. Seelig does not but he will be talking to the architect tomorrow and will inform the BOS what is said.

Use of Town Green – Historical Society Fall Plant Sale

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously granted the Halifax Historical Society the use of the Town Green on Saturday, September 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to noon for their annual fall plant sale.

Appropriation Certification

The Highway Department needs a certification from the Board of Selectmen that \$29,000 was appropriated for the hydraulic lifts and four pneumatic jack stands for the garage. The Board needed to sign a letter. No vote was needed

Gordon Andrews Resignation - Finance Committee

Gordon Andrews has resigned from the Finance Committee in order to serve on the Elementary School Committee and the Silver Lake School Committee.

Audit

A group of financial officials have interviewed three firms. The group will make a recommendation to the Board with the intent of that firm interviewing with the Board of Selectmen on June 26th.

Use of Town Green – COA Annual Cookout

Moved by Garron seconded by Millias, the Board granted a request from the Council on Aging to use the Town Green on Wednesday, August 22nd for their annual senior BBQ.

Lindy's Store – Holmes Street

The owners have started to build an extension on to the building without obtaining any permits. The Building Inspector has issued a stop order.

School Project Change Order Request

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve the change order # 1 to furnish & install door access control panels in the amount of \$11,631.65 and change order #2 to install new hardware to the doors in the amount of \$5,730.93.

Road Opening – 13 First Avenue

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2018-39 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts to locate & raise a test station across from 13 First Avenue.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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