

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
FRIDAY, JUNE 15, 2018 – 10:00 A.M.  
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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Meeting came to order at 10:00 a.m. with Selectmen Kim R. Roy, Troy E. Garron and Thomas Millias present.

The following business was discussed:

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT**

**Joan Pierce – MA Fisheries and Wildlife**

Millias bounced the idea off with the building Inspector and ZBA of possibly of some type of land transaction involving the frontage which would then create a space between two proposed driveways, thereby allowing the construction of two estate lots. Pierce does not have a problem with this idea only if the ZBA Chair says they can grant a variance asked that if the strip can happen on paper will it be a problem with ZBA and Millias said no but that was just an interpretation from the Building Inspector. Fisheries and Wildlife really wants the town to take the \$197,500 this Fiscal Year and they can work on getting Halifax the remaining \$52,500 through acquisitioning other property here in town. Roy appreciates her trying but does not know how she can get the funds.

Pierce said they could get the funds by buying property in town that no one would have use for and suggested that they could purchase the skinny piece of land that abuts Peterson Swamp on Aldana Road as it is no use to the town. Millias did say that it could be buildable for \$125,000 and Piece said that if it is a buildable lot then Fisheries and Wildlife would pay the town what it is worth.

Garron stated that they should have had the property appraised beforehand. Millias said at this time they are under the gun and is not sure what criteria the appraiser used. He asked if they would have interest in the land next year.

Pierces said that she will tell her Board that she made commitment to the parcel on Peterson Pond and that the BOS has her word; a letter and her signature that she will pursue getting Halifax the remaining money. She is asking that the Board move forward with this and she will work with them.

Millias said that if this came up a month ago he would have seen what they would have gotten for the property. Pierce said that if they can get Katzenberger to sell that would be ideal and continued to say that it is their mistake that they did not give the town the right amount of frontage. Millias said that he does not have a problem with selling the property but is upset that the money did not come in for this properly and added that the town does want the money.

Pierce understands if this does not happen this Fiscal Year that it is not the town's fault/problem as Fisheries and Wildlife should have had other property on the table. She continued to say that they will get the money to make this happen.

Garron said that we do not lose anything if it has to be put off for a year.

Millias asked what the sentiment from her colleagues was and she said that no one on her committee was involved in the mess that happened twenty years ago regarding the Northlands property and Jason Zimmerman is sympathetic and their attorney is aware how the town was treated years ago.

Millias said he is not happy about all this but is willing to go along with it this year only if we get the remaining money from other properties.

Pierce said that they have the money and if they have to have to survey property they will do it and it will be done over the course of the summer. They then will have an appraisal done with the hope to have the money in December. Garron said that she needs to offer the BOS something tangible and she understood that and will send them a letter stating that Fisheries & Wildlife will have to pay the town the appraised value of the land.

Moved by Garron and second by Roy, the Board unanimously voted as follows to convey approximately 17.65 acre parcel owned by the Town of Halifax to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts acting through its Department of Fish and Game for the amount of One Hundred Ninety-Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$197,500), said parcel is located on the east side of Elm Street and designated as Assessor's Map 37 Parcel A.:

Kim R. Roy	-	Yes
Troy E. Garron	-	Yes
Thomas Millias	-	Yes w/ extreme prejudice

Moved by Garron and second by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to sign the option to sell.

### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:47 a.m.

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Thomas Millias  
Clerk

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