

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

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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 Board unanimously approved the Agenda for Tuesday, July 24<sup>th</sup>.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

**Taylor Fruzzetti – use of Town Green – fundraiser yard sale for HOPS**

Taylor Fruzzetti and Jasmine Huntress came in this evening to request the use of the Town Green for a fundraiser yard sale they would like to have to benefit HOPS playground. They would like to have it on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 to 10:30. The Board suggested 10:00 to noon seeing as it is a Sunday morning and maybe they could get people from the church crowd. Fruzzetti thought that was a great idea.

Roy appreciated their thoughts and just asked if they could take what they do not sell and Fruzzetti said no problem. Roy suggested a bigger window of time and Fruzzetti said 9:30 – 1:00 would be great.

The Board thanked them for their efforts to fundraise for HOPS.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously granted Taylor Fruzzetti and Jasmine Huntress' request to use the Town Green on Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a charity yard sale to benefit HOPS.

**MINUTES**

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

Regular Session – May 8, 2018

**AFFIRMED WARRANTS, COMMITMENTS & LINE ITEM TRANSFERS**

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

FY2018 Vendor Warrant	# 123	\$ 28,857.28
FY2018 Vendor Warrant	# 124	\$ 26,191.40
FY2019 Vendor Warrant	# 6	\$ 582,208.76
Ambulance Commitment	# 7A	\$ 20,853.00
Ambulance Commitment	# 7B	\$ 17,396.00
from Veterans' Benefits to Veterans' Expense		\$ 17.26
From Accountant's Expense to Accounting Clerical		\$ 4.40
From Fire Wages to Town Building Wages		\$ 420.00

**APPROVED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENTS**

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

FY2019 Payroll Warrant	# 7	\$ 226,239.87
FY2019 Vendor Warrant	# 8	\$ 55,427.61
FY2019 Withholding Warrant	# 9	\$ 77,093.65

**APPROVED SELECTMEN BILLS**

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

MA Municipal Association (annual dues).....	\$ 1,033.00
MMA (Seelig/ attending 7/19/18 meeting).....	\$ 40.00
BMI (annual license fee).....	\$ 349.00
MMA (annual dues).....	\$ 143.15
Pamela McSherry (mileage/ABCC meeting 7-18-18).....	\$ 13.41

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS**

Unregistered Vehicles - 65 Colby Drive

A letter has been sent to the property owners listed about regarding the unregistered vehicles on their property two weeks ago. The Property remains in violation. Unless the Board tells Seelig otherwise, he will send a certified letter stating that fines will begin on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

Brian Cook - Crystal Lake Properties

The office has received more correspondence from Attorney Cook. Seelig recommends referring this to Attorney Mayo. On a side note, another member of the Cook family wrote to say that Attorney Cook does not represent them in this matter.

Cultural Council Survey

The every three year Cultural Council survey will be printed and added to the warrant and mailed out for the Special Town Meeting on August 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board was okay with this.

Recycling Fee Fiscal Year 2019

Seelig has talked with Susan Johnston, Steve Hayward, and Sandy Nolan and they all agree to keep the recycling fee for FY2019 at \$50.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to keep the recycling fee at \$50 for FY2019.

Regional Grant for Fire Department Wellness/Fitness

Halifax is sharing a \$66,040 grant with Bridgewater being the lead community. The Fire Department will need to provide a small match through its budget.

Thompson Street – No Passing Lane

William Balfour wrote to the Board and the Highway Surveyor requesting that the passing lane in front of his house (#156) be eliminated (replaced with a double line) because of safety concerns. Seelig still needs to find out from MA Highway as to what the procedure is.

Garron asked if there have been any accidents at this location and Seelig said he does not know. Mr. Balfour's son was present this evening and said that his parents have lived on Thompson Street for fifty years and there have been accidents and deaths at that location. He added that at one time his brother was hit while pulling into the driveway because someone was passing another car.

Seelig recommended that the BOS approve it with the stipulation that he will check with Mass Highway to see if the town needs permission from the State for the double line.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved a double line at this location with the stipulation that Seelig checks to if there are any legal technicalities with the State and also that Highway Surveyor Hayward is okay with this.

### **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

#### **Davis Automotive – revocation hearing**

A revocation hearing was schedule for tonight, the Collectors Office received \$3,000 today, therefore Seelig is recommending continuing the hearing to September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to continue the revocation hearing for Davis Automotive to September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m.

#### **Old Colony Elder Services - Halifax Representative**

The CoA is recommending that the Board appoint Judy Rakutis of 24 Ferndale Drive as the Halifax representative to the Old Colony Elder Services.

#### **Use of Town Green – Congregational Church BBQ**

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously granted a request from the Congregational Church the use of the Town Green on the backside of the town Hall and the entire left side on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for their chicken BBQ and harvest fair.

#### **Site Plan Review - River Street Solar array**

Comments are due by July 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Pine Street Bridge**

The Highway Department has applied for a grant from the State for repairs to the bridge.

#### **Plymouth Rock/Ronald Tossi v. Halifax**

The above case has been filed against the Town for damage to vehicle on July 28<sup>th</sup>. MIIA (which will handle this) and Town Counsel have been notified.

#### **Dillon Riley 111F - Return to Work**

The Board of Selectmen acknowledged a memo from Chief Viveiros stating that Dillon Riley has been cleared to return to work effective July 19, 2018.

#### **Patrol Officers & Fire Chief Contracts**

The Patrol Officers and Fire Chief contracts are ready to be signed by the Board.

#### **Earth Removal Operation - Thompson Street**

There have been no further complaints, but the office still has not received and application. Seelig will invite Mr. Peck to the next BOS meeting on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

Trash - 105 Circuit Street – Complaint concerning the property

Seelig is going to follow up on this tomorrow.

Halifax Trails - Trash

The owner has been notified about problems with people dumping on the property. The next step will be a certified letter, then fines if necessary.

674 Plymouth Street

Seelig thinks that either the owner of the property or the occupant of the trailer obtained a 60-day permit but as far as he knows the application for an extension has not been filed with the Board of Selectmen. He will check on this.

Police Chief Contact

The office is still waiting for this contract.

Bow Street Property Donation

Seelig still needs to work on this.

Council on Aging/Pope's Tavern Project

Bid conference on July 25<sup>th</sup>, sub-bids are due on August 1<sup>st</sup> and General contractor bids are due August 8<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Assessment Center Bids

The bid deadline is July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Surplus Equipment Bids

The bid deadline for numerous items from the Town Barn is July 27<sup>th</sup>. The closing times for the bids are at various times.

Underground/Aboveground Gas Tanks/Highway Garage

Seelig needs to catch up on permitting for this project.

Fieldstone Farms Building Permits

Seelig needs to check on the status of this.

Hemp Production

Growing is allowed in the residential/agriculture zone and on all other parcels of greater than two acres and processing and manufacturing is allowed in the commercial district by special permit and in the industrial district by-right. Depending on the size of the processing/manufacturing zone, it might be allowed in the residential/agriculture zone with a growing facility, but that would be a judgment call on a case-by-case basis. All uses subject to site plan approval if structures are included instead of just growing fields.

Evergreen Tax Payments

The next continued revocation hearing will be on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Cranberry Drive Sidewalk

Seelig is waiting for an estimate from Highway Surveyor.

Road Cut – 374 Plymouth Street

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2018-52 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 4' x 6' road cut tie in & 4' x 15' road cut trench to install new service at the above location.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)****Jake Sullivan & Justin LeClair – Class II license - 413 Plymouth Street**

Jake Sullivan and Justin LeClair came in this evening to request a Class II license to sell twenty-four vehicles. The vehicle will range in price from \$3,000 to \$10,000 with twelve cars inside and twelve outside. They want to make this a clean business and plan on making it look nice, well organized and not too crowded.

Garron asked where would the employee's park and LeClair said they have five parking spaces including a handicapped and are seeing customers by appointment only so there really won't be any more than one to two cars.

Roy asked if there was going to be any repairs or manufacturing, auto body repair, soldering, fabrication, packaging or welding of any kind and LeClair said there is nothing of that nature going to be done there. LeClair added anything like detailing would be sub-contracted out to a different location.

Millias said that he is not crazy about the containers that are on Indian Path Road and LeClair said that they contacted the people because they were not picking the stuff up and are going to give them a month/month and half to make sure they are picking the items up and if things don't change they will have to come get them. They do not want to take the donations away from them but they also do not want their place looking bad as they are going to be doing some mulching, putting up a new mailbox and nice signage and the property will be maintained weekly/bi-weekly. Eventually they may put awnings up on the front of the building for more curb appeal. Seelig suggested putting a stipulation on the license about keeping the property maintained to the standards of the Board.

Garron also asked if this was their first venture and LeClair said it was.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approved the Class II License for J & J Motorsports with the stipulation that the property be maintained to the Boards standards and also included in the motion was that there will be no car repairs work or manufacturing of any kind; no auto body repair; no soldering; no fabrication; no packaging; no welding on the premises.

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)**Articles for the Special Town Meeting – August 20<sup>th</sup>

- Council on Aging Project - no amount at this time
- Ambulance Billing - \$27,000
- Relocation of computer room at Town Hall - no amount at this time
- Regional Dispatch - \$20,000
- Special legislation for town-wide speed limit
- Handicapped ramp at Town Hall - Scott is working on a price
- Transportation Network Company Disbursement
- Weights & Measures - new fee schedule
- Area 58

Seelig would like the Board to approve the above Articles and authorize the Chair to approve anything else deemed necessary.

Moved by Garron and second by Millias, the Board unanimously approved the above Articles for the August 20<sup>th</sup> Special Town Meeting and authorized the Chair, Kim R. Roy, to approve anything else deemed necessary.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss litigation between Halifax v. Bergstrom and Andrews v. Halifax and contracts for the Fire and Police Chiefs:

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

Roy announced that no statement would be made at the end of the Executive Session and the Board would not reconvene in open session.

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Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 8:55 p.m.:

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

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Thomas Millias  
Clerk

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