

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2017- 7:30 P.M.  
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectmen Troy E. Garron, 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**

The Agenda for Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, was unanimously approved without revision.

**MINUTES**

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

Regular Session – August 9, 2016  
Regular Session – August 23, 2016  
Regular Session – August 30, 2016  
Regular Session – September 7, 2016

**AFFIRMED WARRANT, COMMITMENTS AND BILL**

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

Vendor Warrant	# 64	\$ 456,621.43
Ambulance	#12C	\$ 72,946.00
Commitment		
Ambulance	# 1A	\$ 29,742.00
Commitment		
Mass. Municipal Association		\$ 170.00
(Roy attending trade show 1/20-1/21)		

**APPROVED WARRANTS**

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

Payroll Warrant	# 65	\$ 344,757.07
Vendor Warrant	# 66	\$ 220,345.62
Withholding Warrant	# 67	\$ 129,809.78

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

AAA Halifax Glass (windshield/2015 Ford Exp.).....	\$ 607.95
National Grid (service/Town Hall).....	\$ 1,646.73
W.B. Mason (toner).....	\$ 83.59
The Vertex Comp. (prof. services/Halifax Elem.).....	\$ 4,268.44
Beth Israel Deaconess Hosp. (J. Crowley).....	\$ 72.00
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/December) .....	\$ 6,369.05
Michael Gilman Esq. (legal/December) .....	\$ 693.00

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS**

Fieldstone Farms

None of these require the Board to take any action; Seelig just want them aware of what was going on.

On January 17<sup>th</sup>, the Building Inspector informed Mr. Clawson that the building permits for the structures that had been previously permitted were no longer valid as the permit holder, the builder, withdrew the permits. In addition, the plans for the gazebo were for one-story but the actual gazebo was built with two stories.

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Health informed the Selectmen that Mr. Clawson would be meeting with the Board of Health on February 1<sup>st</sup> concerning the testing of his irrigation well.

On January 20, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife informed Mr. Clawson that the DFW had noted encroachments in the Wildlife Management Area bordering Fieldstone Farms. These encroachments include, clearing of underbrush, stockpiles of logs, stump dump and potential wetlands violation, and equipment and lumber storage. The DFW has requested removal of these encroachments and restoration of the WMA.

On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Board of Health informed the Selectmen that the Board of Health had placed the Large Outdoor Event Permit for Fieldstone Farms on hold until the well testing issues were resolved.

Garron asked if the office has had any response from him and Seelig said no.

Burrage Pond - Elm Street Access

Seelig wanted to keep the Board up to date on the numerous emails going back and forth. No action is needed from the BOS.

January 19<sup>th</sup>

Chris Kasmerek wrote to Jason Zimmer about plans for security camera, limitations and restrictions on access

January 20<sup>th</sup>

The Police Chief [indicated] that he has not received any complaints about individuals using the access for purposes other than what was intended.

January 20<sup>th</sup>

Jason Zimmer wrote back saying that FW would confirm the property lines between the DFW property and Mr. Kasmerek's, plans on moving cameras to the site, and provide access to them to law enforcement. He provided the phone number for the Environmental Police.

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January 20<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Kasmerek asked whether DFW would put up dusk to dawn signage.

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Marjorie Lyssikatos wrote that two ATVs drove from across the street into the WMA and then came back across private property, churning a mulched up area.

January 21<sup>st</sup>

Daron Snyder (whose property the mulch was on) wrote to say he had not realized that dirt bikers were involved and that he would flag them down next time.

January 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mr. Kasmerek wrote that Mr. Snyder should be careful when confronting ATV riders. He said that police never respond promptly, that visitors will violate the curfew and be destructive toward abutting properties.

January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Mr. Zimmer agreed that residents should not confront ATV riders, but call police, and keep records about the incidents. He reiterated that the cameras should be there in the next few days.

#### Resignation – Shirley Schindler / Historical Commission

The Board unanimously accepted Shirley Schindler's resignation and asked that a letter be sent to her thanking her for her service to the Town.

#### Firefighters Military Pay

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to sign the amendment to the Union contract regarding military pay.

#### Negotiations

Firefighters, Highway/Cemetery, Dispatchers and the Fire Chief have requested negotiations for next year. Seelig told the unions that the Town would be happy to meet with them, but would not have any proposals available until March. The Fire Chief sent pay information from neighboring communities. The office will get information from our ten town comparison list.

#### OCPC/GIS/First Try

OCPC attempt to obtain funding for the first go-round did not work out, but they are working with several communities, including Halifax, to obtain funding for a regional GIS program.

#### Fireworks Committee Applicants

The Committee has recommended the appointments of Deborah Hogan, Nicholas Seremetis and Colleen Fiumara. The office will set up times for them to come before the BOS in February.

#### Pope's Tavern Chimneys

The Historic District Committee has cc'ed the Board on a letter to the Building Committee stating its opposition to the removal of the chimneys at Pope's Tavern as part of any building project. Millias stated that the chimneys will still need to be repaired if kept. With that being said Garron questioned if they would be needing money for the repairs.

Building Permit Fees

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the new fee schedule that the Building Inspector had submitted for Building, Gas, Plumbing, and Wiring fees.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS*****Jonathan Jamoulis – Common Victualler Application - Cape Code Café***

Mr. Jamoulis came before the BOS this evening to apply for a common victualler license. The restaurant will be Cape Cod Café and the location will be between Dick Mauls bike shop and Subway. He explained that his grandfather opened the first restaurant in Brockton in 1947. He moved to Halifax three years ago and loves it here so he thought he would open another restaurant here. They will be serving bar style pizza (10 inch & 14 inch), Sicilian pizza, salad and pasta. The restaurant will have twenty seats and he will not be serving any alcohol and will be open seven days a week. Roy stated that everyone is so happy they are opening here including herself and thanked him for choosing Halifax. Mr. Jamoulis is very excited and said the town is great. He has started the construction and is looking to open in early March. Garron asked who will be the manager and the person in charge and Mr. Jamoulis said that would be him.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously granted a Common Victualler License to Cape Cod Halifax LLC, d/b/a Cape Cod Café – Jonathan Jamoulis, Manager on property located at 300 Plymouth Street – Unit C, Halifax, MA.

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)**Letter of Support for the Assistant Town Clerk

Susan Lawless plans on attending the three-year certification program starting this summer (each year runs a week). The Town Clerk has proposed a budget that includes funding for this program. Ms. Lawless needs a letter of support from her to attend.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to write a letter of support for Ms. Lawless to attend the three-year certification program held by the IIMC Institute.

Monponsett/319 Project

DEP has given the Town the go-ahead to proceed. Seelig is working with SOLitude to get the necessary permits and with Cathy Drinan and Russ Kleekamp about going out to bid for the work. He will contact SOLitude to see if they have sent in the permits to DEP.

Use of Town Green – Boy Scouts

Moved by Millias and seconded by Roy, Board unanimously approved a request from the Halifax Boy Scouts for use of the Town Green on Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a community yard sale and granted permission for the Boy Scouts to put a sign announcing the yard sale on the Town Green for two weeks before the event.

Monponsett TMDL

Mass. Audubon sent in comments, emphasizing that Monponsett needs to be preserved as a natural resource and that Brockton needs to be a major player in the work that needs to be accomplished.

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#### MetroSouth Chamber of Commerce Regional Meeting

The meeting scheduled for January 27<sup>th</sup> has been postponed. A new date has not been announced.

#### Fireworks Contract

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve the contract for the fireworks and have the Chair, Troy E. Garron, sign it.

#### State Auditor/Water Systems

Report from the state auditor concerning unmet water system spending needs statewide. Seelig has sent the full report to the Water Department.

#### Cemetery Complaint

There has been a complaint concerning the moving of objects by new grave (due to burial nearby). The Cemetery Superintendent has contacted the family and resolved the matter.

#### Snowplowing – Stoney Weir Road

Resident from Stoney Weir Road has stopped by the office stating that there has been damage to the shoulders of properties due to plowing. Seelig has forwarded this to the Highway Surveyor.

#### Ambulance Abatement

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve the December Ambulance Abatements for December 2016 in the amount of \$51,111.46.

#### Status of Abandoned Properties

Seelig continues to work with the Building Inspector on this.

#### School Roof Building Committee Review of Costs

Seelig asked the BOS if they wanted to schedule a meeting with the Building committee and they said yes.

#### Silver Lake Land Legislation

Seelig is trying to get the formal wording and on another note, Silver Lake Regional School District has submitted their budget in a binder.

#### Class II License Holders

We are still dealing with a couple of license holders who need to comply with the stipulations of their license as well as overdue taxes (Halifax Auto has not paid taxes; will have to start incurring fines).

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

***John McCarthy - Eagle Scout Project***

Boy Scout John McCarthy is hoping to build a shed next to Blacksmith Shop to house a wagon for his Eagle Scout project. He came in this evening and presented the Board with a binder with drawings of a floor plan.

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Garron asked how large and when does he intend to start. He said it will be 12 x 12 x 10 and is hoping to do it on April vacation and added that he will need to do fundraising and get materials.

Garron then asked why a shed and if he had carpentry knowledge. John said that he could not think of a project so he approached Mr. Shea and he suggested a shed. Mr. Shea has directed me someone else who has done a shed.

Millias suggested that he reach out to the Building Inspector as he would be more than happy to help. John stated that there will be other scouts that will help out and he has friends in the carpentry studies at Silver Lake who are willing to help him.

Roy stated that we are lucky here that we have so many Eagle Scouts here in the community who are willing to do projects for our town and that we need to thank the scout leaders.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board voted unanimously to support the Eagle Scout Project, the construction of a wagon shed for the Blacksmith Shop, which John McCarthy presented to the Board.

#### Recycling Abatements

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to grant recycling abatements for Bill #2280 for Fiscal Year 2009; Bill #2284 for Fiscal Year 2010 and Bill# 2296 for Fiscal Year 2011 through 2017, based on the fact that the office has received confirmation from their private hauler that they provide recycling service to the resident.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn until 8:30 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. to discuss the safety of the Town.

Troy E. Garron - Yes

Thomas Millias - Yes

Kim R. Roy - Yes

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

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m.

Troy E. Garron - Yes

Thomas Millias - Yes

Kim R. Roy - Yes

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

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Kim R. Roy  
Clerk

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