

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2017 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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

MINUTES

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

Executive Session – May 23, 2017

AGENDA

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda for Tuesday, June 13th.

AFFIRMED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 105	\$ 351,699.05
Vendor Warrant	# 106	\$ 145,117.03
Withholding Warrant	# 107	\$ 134,909.31
School Warrant	# 108	\$ 433,831.81
Vendor Warrant	# 109	\$ 47,563.19
Ambulance Commitment	# 5C	\$ 40,070.00
Ambulance Commitment	# 5D	\$ 40,262.00

APPROVED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 110	\$ 365,857.21
Vendor Warrant	# 111	\$ 69,883.14
Withholding Warrant	# 112	\$ 124,654.63
Ambulance Commitment	# 6A	\$ 25,656.00
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 6	\$ 5,160.00

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

National Grid (service/concession stand).....	\$ 59.17
W.B. Mason (ink cartridges).....	\$ 106.63
BID Ply. Occupational Health (physical).....	\$ 120.00
Express Newspapers (ad/Highway/Adm. Asst.).....	\$ 29.75
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/May)	\$ 1,392.00
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/May)	\$ 100.00
Michael Gilman Esq. (legal/May)	\$ 605.00
KP Law, P.C. (legal/May).....	\$ 140.00

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Water Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously executed the contract between the Halifax Board of Water Commissioners and Tata & Howard, Inc.

Zoning Change

Attorney Quirk has recommended a change in the by-law that would allow live entertainment events but with lots of restriction including the number of days per year on specific property. Seelig would like to get ZBA, Planning Board and the Building Inspectors comments on this. The BOS had no issue with Seelig doing so.

Skating Rink

Peter Smith, a high school student from Xaverian Brothers, has suggested that the Town build a skating rink. Seelig is going to ask his colleagues if they have rinks in their towns and get some information from them and forward to Youth & Recreation. Roy appreciates his suggestion but at this point we have not built HOPS and she cannot support having the Town use funds for the rink where there has been fundraising to build HOPS.

Town Administrator – Carryover Vacation Leave

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to allow Charles Seelig carryover up to one hundred (100) hours of vacation leave from Fiscal Year 2017 to fiscal Year 2018 in addition to any vacation leave accrued during Fiscal Year 2017.

Sealer of Weights & Measures – Resignation/Appointment

Herbert Wolfer has given his resignation effective June 1st. Until a new Sealer is appointed the Town will call in sealers from neighboring towns on some sort of fee basis. Seelig is going to contact other Sealers to see if they may be interested in taking on another town. He also is going to contact the State.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Reappointments – Finance Committee – Linda Braga & William McAvoy

Moved by Finance Committee Member Gordon Andrews and seconded by Selectmen Chair Thomas Millias, the following vote was taken to re-appoint Linda Braga of 175 River Street and William McAvoy of 381 Thompson Street to the Finance Committee, terms to expire June 15, 2020:

Selectmen Chairman	Thomas Millias	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Gordon Andrews	Yes
Moderator	John Bruno (not present)	Yes (emailed)

Andrews wanted to mention to the Board that Mr. McAvoy is putting together an online spreadsheet of the capital plan items so that the residents can see what items are on the plan.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Ambulance Abatement

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve Ambulance Abatements for April 2017 in the amount of \$19,861.37.

Massachusetts Bay Constables Association

The association is asking communities to oppose bill H. 2252 which will eliminate many of the duties and powers of constables. Seelig is going to ask our constables if they would like the BOS to oppose this bill.

Street Sweeping

The Town's sweeper needs a complete rebuild. The Highway Surveyor is working to get pries from outside vendors to do the work.

Regional Recycling Coordinator Host Agreement

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to have the Chair, Thomas Millias, sign the Municipal Assistance Host Grant between the Town of Halifax and MassDEP.

School Roof Project

Deadline for sub bids for the project was June 7th. No bids were received for the electrical portion of the project and one bid was received for the HVAC. The General Contractors bids are due June 14th and the BOS will be meeting on June 15th to award the contracts.

Yearly Reappointments

Reappointments will be done on June 27th. Those up for reappointment will be notified if there is not a current summary sheet on file and if it has been over two years since they did the online training course.

Unregistered Vehicles – 65 Colby Drive

The BOS has received a complaint about possible unregistered vehicles at the above address. Seelig has sent a letter to the owners and will inspect the property again on June 26th.

Ambulance Purchase

Seelig is working with the Fire Chief and Town Counsel on the contract for the new ambulance. One of the ambulances will be traded in for \$5,000, which the chief feels is a reasonable offer considering the mileage and some mechanical issues. Millias and Garron thought trading the vehicle in was a great idea.

Surplus Equipment – Building Department

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously declared the following items surplus:

- 1 Brother ML100 typewriter
- 1 HP deskjet 1010 printer
- 1 Samsung Syncmaster 710N monitor

Tax Title Signage

Town Counsel has stated that the Town has the right to put up notices on properties under foreclosure. Seelig will work with the Collector's Office on this.

Autumn Lane

Mr. Treannie has resumed landscaping work on this street and is up to date on his engineering bills.

Police Chief Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted to approve the contract between the Town of Halifax and Police Chief, Edward Broderick, effective July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Fire Chief Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted to approve the contract between the Town of Halifax and Fire Chief Jason Viveiros, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Firefighters Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted to approve the contract between the Town of Halifax and the Firefighters Local 3159, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

Plymouth County Budget

On behalf of the Board, Garron will be attending the Plymouth County Advisory Board meeting this Thursday. Millias and Roy were asked if they had anything that they wanted him to address. Millias was concerned that the salaries have doubled and Garron explained that the salaries were cut five years ago and they want to bring them back up to where they were now. He added that there will be others who will have the same concern.

Fuel Storage Permit – 273 Plymouth Street (old BR's)

Cumberland Farms has decided not renew their fuel storage permit for the above location. Seelig will schedule an official revocation hearing sometime this year.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Appointment – Edward Lane – Conservation Commission

Mr. Lane stated that he has been an Associate Member for a few months now and would like to become a member. Garron asked if he has attended Town Meeting and he said he has been to several. Roy asked that he attempt to try and make it to all the meetings and he understood that it is important to attend.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Edward Lane to the Conservation Commission, term to expire June 30, 2020.

Millias did want to thank April Letourneau for the many years she of served on the Conservation Commission.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Line Item Transfers

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following Line Item Transfers:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Water Wages #65-450-5115	Water Superintendent #65-450-5110	\$ 1,500.00
Out of District Vocational Transportation #01-321-5328	Special Needs Tuition #01-311-5324	\$ 54,000.00

273 Plymouth Street – Derelict Building

The Building Inspector has taken a look at the property as it has become quite unattractive not to mention the decay which can cause health problems. Seelig is recommending that the BOS send a letter to the current owner asking them to take corrective measures in cleaning up the building.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter to the current owner of the property.

Marijuana Growing Facility

Seelig wanted to let the BOS know that someone stopped by the office and talked with him about the possibility of a growing facility on one of the large parcels of land on River Street.

BOS Summer Schedule

The Board will meet on their regular scheduled evenings throughout the summer (June 27th, July 11th, July 25th, August 8th and August 22nd).

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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