

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 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:

Regular Session – June 13, 2017

AFFIRMED WARRANTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 113	\$ 610,662.45
Withholding Warrant	# 114	\$ 184,446.77
Vendor Warrant	# 115	\$ 87,642.06

APPROVED WARRANTS

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

FY2017 Payroll Warrant	# 117	\$ 248,816.22
FY2017 Vendor Warrant	# 118	\$ 47,419.38
FY2017 Withholding Warrant	# 119	\$ 75,797.85
FY2018 Vendor Warrant	# 1	\$ 1,305,273.75

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

National Grid (service/concession stand).....	\$ 68.37
National Grid (service/Town Hall).....	\$ 1,237.79
KP Law, P.C. (legal/May).....	\$ 2,062.41
Gatehouse Media (ad/bid/ School Roof project)	\$ 150.00
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/June)	\$ 1,196.12

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Fieldstone Farms

The testing of the wells at Fieldstone Farm has been fine but Clawson and his attorney have not replied to the BOH's request for a sign off. Town Counsel has been advised. Roy asked if there was anything in the consent agreement specifying adhering to the water testing and Seelig said no there is not.

Amanda’s Estate

Gordon Andrews has appealed the Building Inspector’s decision to issue building permits and his decision that the permits are in compliance with zoning. Appeals will be heard by the ZBA. No action is need from the BOS.

Line Item Transfer

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the following line item transfer:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Fire Wages #01-220-5115	Fire Vehicle & Equipment Maintenance #01-225-5243	\$ 8,000.00

Revised Ambulance Abatement

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following adjusted amount from the Ambulance Account for April 2017:

Previously Abated	Should Be
\$19,861.37	\$19,757.71

Visiting Nurse’s Agreement

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the agreement between the Town of Halifax and the Norwell Visiting Nurse Association for the period of July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Fire Station Garage Door Contract

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to award the contract for the Fire Department garage doors to Overhead Door Company of Boston in the amount of \$23,994.

Pansahe Flint – Resignation/Special Police Officer

Officer Flint has submitted his resignation effective June 30, 2017.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously accepted, with regret, Officer Flint’s resignation and voted to send him a letter thanking him for his service.

Reappointments – Boards/Committees/Commissions

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously reappointed the following individuals to the various Boards, Committees and Commissions:

Agricultural Commission

- Amber Doherty 2018
- Suzanne Emerson 2018
- Mary Feight 2018
- Sheila O’Handley 2019
- Joanne Smith 2019

Beautification Committee

- Candace Kniffen 2018
- Amy Troup 2018

Building Inspector Assistant

William Kelly 2018

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Cable TV Advisory Committee

John Shiavone 2018

Elaine Wissel 2018

Richard Wright 2018

CERT Director

Thomas Schindler 2018

CERT Director Assistant

Jeffrey Boltz 2018

Council on Aging

Ellen Murphy 2020

Ava Grimason 2020

Fence Viewer

Richard Gilcoine 2018

Fire Department Study Committee

Jason Viveiros 2019

Kim Roy 2019

John Pesa 2019

Gordon C. Andrews 2019

Thomas Hall 2019

Forest Fire Warden

Jason Viveiros 2018

Gas Inspector

John F. O'Brien, Jr 2018

Halifax Cultural Council

Pamela McSherry 6/24/20

HEMA Director

Jason Viveiros 2018

HEMA Deputy Director

Michael Manoogian 2018

Historian

Susan Basile 2018

Historical Commission

Paul Murray 2020

Holidays in Halifax

Tania Massa 2018

Licensing Authority Agents

Chief Edward T. Broderick 2018

Sergeant Theodore Benner 2018

Officer Robert L. Briggs 2018

Sergeant William Caprio 2018

Officer Joseph Cushman 2018

Officer Patrick DeRoo 2018

Officer Albert Hingst 2018

Officer Robert McDonnell 2018

Officer Michael W. Schleiff 2018

Officer Ryan Simpson 2018

Sergeant Patrick K. Sterling 2018

Municipal and School Building Committee

Robert Hodge 2020

OCPA Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee

Ellen Murphy 2018

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Parking Clerk

Pamela Adduci 2018

Plumbing Inspector

John F. O'Brien, Jr 2018

Police Matrons

Christine Callahan 2018

Joy Firth 2018

Susan Lawless 2018

Antoinette Ross 2018

Special Police Officers

Officer David X. Acevich 2018

Officer Patrick Donnelly 2018

Town Counsel

Lawrence P. Mayo 2018

Town Director, County Cooperative Extension Service

Kozhaya Nessralla 2018

Veterans' Agent, Service Officer, and Burial Agent

Wilford C. Corey 2018

Wiring Inspector

Stephen Peterson 2018

Wiring Inspector, Assistant

Dennis McManus 2018

Youth and Recreation Commission

Derek Bennett 2020

Zoning Board of Appeals

Kozhaya Nessralla 2022

Halifax Fireworks Committee

Roy wanted to thank the committee for their hard work. She understands that a lot of time and work are spent on making the day a success.

Lunch for the Flagger Workshop

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to provide lunch for the participants of the Flagger Workshop and pay for it out of the Recruitment and Employment Account.

Fire Department Phone System

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously authorized National Telecom as the sole source procurement to install the new phone system at the Fire Station.

Patrol Officer Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve the contract between the Town of Halifax and the Halifax Association of Police Patrolman, effective July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

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SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Nate Coombe – Eagle Scout Project

Eagle Scout, Nate Coombe, came in this evening to get the Board's approval to build of two wooden benches at the Veterans' Memorial along with some plantings. The BOS liked the idea of the benches. Roy asked what kind of plants he was thinking and what type of material would he be using. Garron would like to keep it simple and not take away from the monument. Nate understood what Garron was saying and said that he was thinking mahogany as it is not hard to maintain and only needs to be treated once in a while and use plastic wood for durability. Roy was concerned about the maintenance because in the past projects have been done but then later not maintained. Millias was not sold on the shrubbery because of maintaining them. Garron did suggest maybe a Hosta at the base of the flag pole seeing as that area needs to be cleaned up a bit. Seelig suggested bouncing the idea off the Beautification Committee, the Veterans' Agent and the Veterans' Service Organization

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Nate Coombe's Eagle Scout project contingent on comments from the Beautification Committee, the Veterans' Agent and the Veterans' Service Organization.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

COA Project Status

The Building Committee has been given a draft of RFP for an owner's project manager for the COA renovation. After an OPM is hired the Building Committee can then hire an architect.

Snack Shed Bathrooms used by the Fireworks Company

The BOS was informed that the fireworks company's employees will have use of the bathrooms while setting up and putting on the display. The public will not have access to them. The Board was also informed that there has been about \$1,000 worth of damage at the snack shed to the kitchen, front overhang and the door look. The only solution is to step up patrols and continue to keep the area lit.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Erika Rossini – Appointment to Wage & Personnel

Millias began by saying that W&P has spoken with Ms. Rossini regarding her interest in serving on the board. Roy asked her why she wanted to serve and Rossini said that she has been a resident of the town since the early 90's and in that time has volunteered on the PTO and been involved in the community. Also there was a plea at Town Meeting in May asking for volunteers to come serve on the Board. Roy said that this is a great place to learn about what each position is and what it entails. She further said that Rossini will be surprised that the employees of the town are really hard workers. Roy stressed that it is important to attend Town

Meeting to see how town government works and that it is the people of the town who set the tax rate.

Garron asked what would she accomplish on the W&P Board and Rossini said that she is going to listen, learn and be fair. Millias said that she will get the inside view of what happens here at Town Hall.

Roy asked if she had the time to take this on and she said yes. Bruno mentioned that it is not an appreciated position and not as fun as some of the other boards or committees. He further said that she has a great attitude and thanked her for wanting helping out.

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Moved by Town Moderator, John Bruno and seconded by Finance Committee Member, Melvin Conroy, Erika Rossini was unanimously appointed to the Wage and Personnel Board, term to expire June 30, 2020.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Monponsett Pond

At this time the algae levels are significantly below the 70,000 threshold.

Evaluations

Robert Piccirilli, Charlie Seelig and Sandra Nolan's evaluations are all due. Roy said that she would do Piccirilli's and Nolan's.

HOPS Road Race

Some members of the Congregational Church complained about the ability of trying to get home after service the day of the Road Race and that a Police Officer was rude. They have asked that future races not conflict with services at the Church. Seelig will forward the letter to Jonathan Selig and Chief Broderick. In defense of HOPS Roy said that they came in very early to request the date for the race. She continued to say that where it is a community event and some people work and sports take place on Saturdays, Sunday seemed to work better.

Open Meeting Law Regulations

The Attorney General has proposed making changes to the Open Meeting Law regulations.

Heron Road

Rick Springer has written to the Planning Board stating that Springer Construction has hired a paving contractor to rework the driveway opening at 4 Heron Road.

School Roof Project

The contract for the roof has been reviewed by Attorney Mayo. He was concerned that the Town should obtain bonds from the contractors before the contract is signed. The OPM contacted Mayo and said that the work would not start until the bonds were obtained but the contractors needed a signed contract before obtaining the bonds.

Line Item Transfer

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the following line item transfer:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Town Building Wages #01-196-5110	Town Building Expense #01-197-5242	\$ 5,768.00

Gift Acknowledgment

The Halifax Plympton Business association gave the Police Department a gift in the amount of \$3,500.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter of thanks to the Halifax Plympton Business Association.

Monponsett Pond Alum Treatment Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to sign the alum Treatment Contract for the Monponsett Pond.

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Burrage Pond – Elm Street Access

The Town has been given a revised plan from Fisheries and Wildlife for the access road to Burrage Pond off Elm Street. The road will be 20 feet wide and 324 feet long made with densely packed crushed stone. Seelig can contact Fisheries and wildlife should the BOS have any comments or concerns.

MMA State Budget

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter supporting to push local aid as part of the FY2018 budget.

Sheriff's Office – Picking up litter

The Sherriff's Office will be picking up litter sometime in the future on a Saturday. The town will need to fund lunches for the workers.

Weeds on the Playing Fields

The office has been informed about weeds on the playing fields. Seelig will ask the Highway Surveyor if he could weed whack down there.

Road Cut – 151 River Street

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2017-43 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 4' x 6' road cut tie & a 4' x 15' road cut trench to install new service at 151 River Street.

Road Cut – 20 Thirteenth Avenue

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2017-44 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 3' x 5' road cut to abandon service at the main at 20 Thirteenth Avenue.

Road Cut – 266-230 Monponsett Street

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2017-45 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 4' x 535' road cut from 266-230 Monponsett Street to install new service Parsons Lane.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:29 p.m. to discuss School Teacher's negotiations:

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

Seelig 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 Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Thomas Millias - Yes

Kim R. Roy - Yes

Troy E. Garron - Yes

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MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Troy E. Garron

Clerk

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