

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 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.

AGENDA

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the Agenda for Tuesday, August 8th.

MINUTES

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

Regular Session – July 25, 2017

AFFIRMED WARRANT AND COMMITMENT

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

Vendor Warrant	# 9	\$ 271,868.16
Ambulance Commitment	# 7C	\$ 44,305.00

APPROVED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 10	\$ 215,843.51
Vendor Warrant	# 11	\$ 469,812.61
Withholding Warrant	# 12	\$ 77,088.05
Withholding Warrant	# 114	\$ 8,771.42
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 8	\$ 5,160.00

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

Gatehouse Media (ad/Open Space Plan hearing).....	\$ 150.00
Express Newspapers (ad/tax classification hearing).....	\$ 40.00
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/July)	\$ 1,588.75
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/July)	\$ 4,220.00

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Tree Warden Appointment

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously appointed R. Steven Hayward of 25 Furnace Street as the Tree Warden, term to expire May 16, 2020.

Beautification Committee Re-appointment- Gregory Cowen

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously reappointed Gregory Cowan of 42 Orchard Circle to the Beautification Committee, term to expire June 30, 2018.

Donation for Fitzgerald Garden

James Lunny has sent in a donation for \$100 to go towards the Fitzgerald Garden.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send Mr. Lunny a thank you for his donation.

Tarawood Kennels

The Board's action (letter dated September 28, 2016) concerning the barking dogs was reviewed by Attorney Mayo and he found them sufficient. Seelig said that nothing needs to be done at this time as the sale of house will be happening this week. Previously the Board asked what they could do about the kennel license should the sale not happen and Mayo outlined the following procedure:

- give notice to all interested parties of a public hearing 14 days in advance for the hearing.
- if after the public hearing the Board decides to suspend or revoke the license, document the reason why. The Board will need to make specific findings of fact based on testimony, evidence and records allowing the BOS to conclude the statutory requirements have been breached.
- deliver the decision to the license holder via mail and hand deliver.

Use of Town Green – Congregational Church

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously granted a request from the Congregational Church the use of the Town Green on Saturday, September 16th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for their annual chicken BBQ and harvest fair.

HOPS Playground

The State will have a site visit of the playground on August 15th at 3 p.m.

Ellis Auto Body Storage Building

Seelig has received an email from someone living near Ellis Auto Body who was upset about the construction of the storage building as they were never notified of this. Because the building was a use "as of right" did not require any variances and only needed a site plan review (abutters are no notified) there was no hearings etc. The resident was disappointed that the abutters have no say in the matter.

MBTA Wi-Fi Monopoles

The MBTA is proposing to put up a series of 75 foot monopoles to improve Wi-Fi service on the commuter rail. The plan for Halifax is that one pole will be located by the train tracks as they parallel Aldana Road. The BOS could invite someone from the MBTA to come in and explain more about their intentions. If they were come in the BOS could invite the residents so they are informed about the project. Garron would like to have a meeting with the MBTA. Seelig will notify the MBTA.

Yard Sale Signs

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously granted Lauren Sherwood permission to place two (2) yard sale signs at the island that connects Rt. 105 & Pine Street and at the end of Rt. 106 & Pine Street.

Fitzgerald Garden Maintenance

Seelig has mailed letters to three landscape companies located here in Halifax and is waiting to hear back from them to see if anyone are interested in maintaining the garden.

Eagle Scout Project – Benches at Monument

The office is waiting to hear back from Nate Coombe to see if he has cleared everything with the Historic District Commission and Beautification Committee regarding the benches at the Veteran's Memorial (corner of Plymouth & South St.). Roy asked if he checked with the Veterans' Agent and Seelig said he has and the agent is fine with it.

Monponsett Pond Boating By-Laws

Resident Ed Steward called the office asking about putting further restrictions or eliminate power boats on the pond. Seelig said any change in the boating by-laws will require approval from State, AG and Environmental Police. Garron asked if the State owns the ramp and Seelig said no. Roy then asked if this something to discuss at the Working Group meeting and Seelig said yes.

Burgess Pest Management Co.- Termite Treatment

Burgess Pest Management Co. has done a termite treatment at the Blacksmith Shop and School house free of charge. The Historic District Commission is asking if the BOS could send a thank you letter.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a thank you letter to Burgess Pest Management Co. thanking them for their service.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS***Susan Johnston – Recycling Fee FY2018***

Susan Johnston, Administrative Assistant at the Recycling Center, and Highway Surveyor Hayward came in tonight to talk about the FY2018 recycling fee. She stated that this time it can stay at \$50 as the town ran a surplus of 15,856.55 for recycling activities during FY2017. Seelig recommended lowering it to \$48 but Roy said keeping the fee stable may give the account a little cushion. Johnston did say that she is going for a grant for a compactor which will help out greatly but will need money for the cement pad and the electricity will increase. Hayward was okay with the fee remaining the same. Seelig recommended that they come back late November early December to talk about the trash contract and Johnston agreed. He then stated that our costs are higher than the private haulers and we are paying more for tipping fees.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to keep the recycling fee at \$50 for FY2018.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)Resignation – Halifax Fireworks Committee – Cesar Calouro

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously accepted, Cesar Calouro's resignation from the Halifax Fireworks Committee, effective July 21, 2017 and to send him a letter thanking him for all his hard work on the committee.

COA Cookout

The cookout will be on August 16th. If the BOS plans to attend please RSVP.

Food & Drink Expense – Municipal & School Building Committee

The M&SBC is asking for permission from the BOS to approve water and Gatorade that was purchased for the staff while working in the recent extreme heat & humid conditions. Seelig suggested to them that they could purchase large jugs, which are an allowable expense, and fill them up with water in the future.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board approved the expenditure that was incurred by the M&SBC for the purchase of water and Gatorade for the staff.

Lingan Street – Morse Brothers Earth Removal

The Police had Highway departments will put up temporary 30 mph speed limit signs on Lingan Street to remind the earth removal drivers and everyone else to keep the speed down.

Talent Bank Form – Michael Chapin

The office has received a talent bank form from Mr. Chapin expressing interest in serving on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The form has been forwarded to ZBA.

Animal/Dog Complaint Procedure

The Police Chief has been revising the procedure for regional dispatch when a dog/animal complaint is received. It has been reviewed by the BOH and the BOS was asked to look at it in case they had any questions. Chief Broderick (present at meeting) said that it pretty much covers everything. The procedure started years ago as a guideline for Dispatch to go by but over the years it has expanded therefore requiring it to be modified.

Generations Clothing Drive

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously granted joy Marble's request to have clothing dropped off on the back porch of the Town Hall and store them in the basement of the Town Hall for the clothing drive put on by Generations.

Use of Town Green – 1st Responder Day

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously granted a request from the First Responder Group the use of the Town Green on Saturday, September 23rd from 12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Sealer of Weights & Measure's Equipment

Herb Wolfer has written to say that the equipment he has is owned by the Town and will turn it over once a new Sealer is appointed.

Sealer of Weights & Measure's Appointment

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously appointed David Moore of 54 Flagg Street, Bridgewater, MA as the Sealer of Weights & Measures for the Town of Halifax, term to expire June 30, 2018.

Street Sweeping Thank you to Highway Surveyor

A number of residents wrote to commend Highway Surveyor Hayward on procuring services of a street sweeper.

Monponsett Pond

The pond continues to be open and the 4 x 4 signs are now up at the four locations.

Resignation – Joy Firth

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously accepted, with regret, Joy Firth's resignation as a Dispatcher for the Town of Halifax, effective August 25, 2017.

Burrage Pond – Elm Street Access Road

Jason Zimmer from Fisheries & Wildlife has stated that the access drive/parking will have crushed stone drainage swale on the side of the roadway and the roadway will be graded in a way to direct any minimal drainage to the base of the slope and away from the abutter's lot. Cutting down on the steepness of the slope will actually reduce an drainage flows in the area.

School Repair Project – Chimneys

The Building Inspector received a letter from Scott Bancroft asking for approval for changes to the chimney. Rob Piccirilli did write asking if all the chimney work should be replaced to provide same longevity as the roofing system. Seelig agrees that the work should be done. Millias said that originally they were going to go with metal on all the chimneys then the Historic District Commission stepped in and it was agreed to patch them but he is not sure where the Historic District will stand with this. Roy said that the BOS was charged with something that is long lasting. There is a meeting tomorrow so Millias is hoping this will all be cleared up.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron the Board voted as follows to support the recommendation of the Building Inspector, Thomas Millias and Charlie Seelig regarding the material that should be used for the chimneys:

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

School Roof Project – Proposed Change Order #3r

Steve Theran of Vertex, recommends approval of Proposed Change Order #3r for the replacement of ductwork with the Reznor heating unit. Replacement of the existing ductwork was not included in the original contract documents.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the Proposed Change Order #3r.

School Roof Project – HazMat

Jon Lemieux of Vertex, recommends approval of Habeeb's request for expenses for the HazMat testing.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Habeeb's request for expenses for HazMat testing.

Electricity Aggregation

The mailing for the electricity aggregation program has been sent out to the residents. A presentation took place last night here at Town Hall with about two dozen attending. Also there is information about the program on the Town's website. Those wishing not to participate will need to send back the card that was in the mailing to "opt" out.

Revised Highway Contract

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously signed the contract between the Town of Halifax and the AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700, Highway Workers, July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019 (revised July 24, 2017).

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)***Robert Bergstrom – Mudfest Event***

Mr. Bergstrom came in to request a live entertainment permit for his Mudfest event for November 12, 2017. Roy has not heard anything negative from past Mudfest events and Chief Broderick said that he is fine with it.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to issue a one day Live Entertainment Permit for the Mudfest event to be held on November 12, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Jeff Papows – Silver Oak Jumper Tournament – Fieldstone Farms – 1 Day Liquor License

Jeff Papows, founder of Silver Oak Jumper Tournament, along with Sharon Ricci, the Director came in this evening to request a one day liquor license for the horse show tournament taking place the weekend on August 19th. He did want to make it clear that he is a separate entity from Scott Clawson and that he just leasing the property for his show. He continued to say that everything remains the same as last year such as VIP members will get wrist bands to enter the tent and there will be no liquor outside of the restricted area. The tent will only have forty tables because of the berm. This year he is using a larger caterer, Alden Park, and the servers will be ‘serve safe’. Alden Park has been to the Board of Health and Walt Wunder (restaurant owner) said that he this will be his fourth or fifth event he has catered this year at Fieldstone Farm.

Millias asked Chief Broderick if there have been any problems at the event and he said no. Papows said that the show is sold out and all profits will be going to Danny & Ron’s Rescue, which is an organization that recues puppies and dogs from junkyards and shelters, freed animals chained to trees, dogs living in small cages, and saved abandoned pets living on the streets and have turned their property into place for these animals to feel safe, loved and cared for.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to issue a one-day liquor license to Walt Wunder of Alden Park Restaurant, 160 Colony Place, Plymouth, MA; with delivery of beer & wine on Sunday, August 20, 2017, serving of beer & wine on Sunday August 20, 2017 between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. and disposal/removal of the beer & wine on Sunday, August 20, 2017.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)Fieldstone Farm Consent Agreement

Seelig stated that the new agreement is valid and Mr. Clawson is running his shows off of it even though it has not been recorded at the Registry of Deeds. Seelig is recommending sending a letter to Mr. Clawson asking him:

- to provide an update on the schedule of shows
- for name and number of the alternate contact
- to be in touch with the Fire Chief regarding the EMT coverage.

Chief Broderick said that he is not requiring a police detail as he has not had any problems in the past at his shows.

The BOS was in agreement of Seelig sending the letter to Mr. Clawson.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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