

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 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, October 10th.

AFFIRMED WARRANTS, COMMITMENTS AND BILL

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

Payroll Warrant	# 28	\$ 354,553.39
Vendor Warrant	# 29	\$ 70,512.31
Withholding Warrant	# 30	\$ 141,859.24
School Warrant	# 31	\$ 390,771.32
Ambulance Commitment	# 9C	\$ 21,669.00
Ambulance Commitment	# 9D	\$ 32,946.00
Payable to: Halifax Postmaster		\$ 196.00

APPROVED WARRANT AND COMMITMENT

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

Vendor Warant	# 32	\$ 365,660.18
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 10	\$ 5,160.00

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

Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/September)	\$ 350.00
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/September)	\$ 2,619.93
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (MA law books).....	\$ 249.10

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Candace Kniffen – Beautification Committee - Fitzgerald Garden

Candace Kniffen came in this evening as she had a couple questions for the Board regarding the garden and the gift account for the garden.

She began by saying that she will be meeting with the head of the Silver Lake Horticulture Department tomorrow to collaborate something within their curriculum regarding the garden. She mentioned this to the school last year but the school had ended. She asked the Board if it would be a problem to improve the planting around the building and use the funds in the gift account that was established for the garden. The Board had no problem with the committee doing this. Candace asked about acknowledgements for tax purposes for those who make donations to the gift account and Seelig said as long as a letter goes out by either the committee or the BOS that would be fine. He asked if she would like the BOS to do the letters and she said that she is happy to send them out and at the bottom will put “consider this a receipt for your tax donation”. She also asked if the Beautification Committee approved the expenditures and Seelig said yes but let the BOS know. Lastly she stated that they were going to hire a company to do the maintenance and could they use money from the gift account to pay for this and Seelig said yes.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Police Department – Civil Service List – Absence & Termination Form

The Board needs to rescind its vote terminating Permanent Intermittent Patrol Officer Jennifer Keegan’s inclusion in the Police Department. This will allow her to request a waiver to continue as an officer but foregoing her rights to apply for a full-time position.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously rescinded the voted that was taken on September 26th authorizing the Chair, Thomas Millias, to sign the *Absence and Termination Form* for Jennifer Keegan.

Recycling Grant

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously authorized the Chair, Thomas Millias, to sign the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program grant in the amount of \$8,400.

Treasurer-Collector/Foreclosure Proceedings

The office has received a memo from the Treasurer-Collector indicating that she has asked the Town’s tax foreclosure attorney to begin proceedings on about eighteen properties, most with more than \$30,000 in outstanding taxes.

Keno Monitor

Seven-Eleven (Tedeschi’s) is proposing to install a Keno machine at their store. No action is needed from the Board unless anyone has any objections. Garron stated he did not have a problem with it.

Bankruptcy Filing

Benjamin John Cordell who owns property in Halifax has filed Chapter 7. All bills aside from recycling are up-to-date. Town Counsel recommends no action be taken until it is determined if payment is made for the first-half property tax bills (due on November 1st).

Signatory Authority

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously authorized Charlie Seelig to be the alternate for signing payroll for the Building Department.

Rabies Workshop

The Board of Health is sponsoring a rabies on October 27 at 9 a.m. in the Great Hall.

Open Meeting Laws

The AG's office has updated the regulations. The most significant change is that minutes need to be approved within thirty days or three meeting after said meeting, whichever occurs last.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**Fuel Storage Revocation Hearings****Cumberland Farms Nessralla Farms (69 Summit St.)**

Both Cumberland Farms and Nessralla Farms have indicated that they do not want to renew their fuel storage permits but as a formality the Board still has to hold a revocation hearing.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron the Board unanimously approved revoking the fuel storage permit for Cumberland Farms at the corner of Monponsett and Plymouth Street.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron the Board unanimously approved revoking the fuel storage permit at the Nessralla property on Summit Street.

Davis Automotive

They are on schedule for their payment plan for real estate taxes owed but have not attempted to make any payments or set up a payment plan for the motor vehicle excise taxes that are owed. Garron recommended holding off revoking the permit until she speaks with the Treasurer to find out if a payment plan can be worked out. Ms. Davis was here this evening as stated that she was going to Hobin and Hobin tomorrow to make some arrangements.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to hold off on revoking their fuel storage permit until such time she speaks with Treasurer-Collector to see if a payment plan can be worked out.

Country Club of Halifax

They are up to date for its payments for the Country Club property by John Peck, as trustee, owes money and property on Pine Street is in tax title. R & J LLC owes money for 149 Fairway and plus R&J (no spaces) LLC owes money for the property where the Nessralla farm stand is located. Lastly Joseph Peck owes water and recycling for property located at 228 Monponsett Street. Roy asked if anyone has been in touch with the Pecks lately. Seelig said they were aware of the revocation hearing but they might not have realized that under the State law that all properties have to be in good standing but there have been similar cases before and this is not a new situation for them. Garron asked if the office has sent something out to them stating that need to be caught up and Seelig said yes. Seelig is recommending waiting another two weeks.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously recommended continuing the revocation hearings until October 24th at 7:35 p.m.

Stop Signs and Speed Limit Signs for Laurel and Circuit Streets

Seelig stated the following:

- Ken & Carolyn Vinton are in favor of everything including a 25 mph zone.
- Stefen Ghelfi is in favor of everything including the 25 mph zone.
- Chris Winiewicz is in favor of everything including the 25 mph zone.
- Eugene Lyczynski is in favor of all the stop signs. He did not mention the speed limits.
- Philip & Kristine Salvatore are in favor of the stop signs and speed limits but did not mention 30 mph vs 25 mph.

Mr. Salvatore (present) did want to say that he is in favor of the 25 mph speed limit because the people who come to ride their 4 wheelers at the power lines speed down the street. Garron said that if they see something to please call the police.

The Traffic Safety Committee is in favor of everything but did not discuss the possible 25 mph limit as it had not been brought up as a possibility by the time of the meeting.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the following;

- 4 way stop signs at the intersection of Laurel & Circuit Street;
- Stops signs as Laurel & Circuit Street enter onto Plymouth Street from the south side
- 25 mph speed limit signs as traffic enters both Laurel & Circuit Street from the south side of Plymouth Street

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Land Use Counsel

Three firms have submitted interest. Seelig asked the Board if they would like set up a meeting for interviews at a regular scheduled BOS meeting or have a special meeting. Millias would like it during the day. The Board agreed on scheduling interviews for Monday, October 23rd starting at 10:00 a.m.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Highway Surveyor Steve Hayward – cremation wall

Hayward would like to do a cremation wall (towards the back) because you can make it your own and they are running out of room at the cemetery (450 urns vs 50 burials). This is another option for those who are thinking of buying a plot which is less expensive. He handed out dimensions of where he would like to do and all the different styles of monuments and concepts that are available (with pricing) to give the BOS an idea of what he was thinking and what is available.

Roy asked if he has looked at other Town that has walls and Hayward said he wanted to get the Board's input before going out looking. The Board was in agreement with the idea.

Hayward also wanted to inform the Board that he wanted to make a couple of signs to put up in the cemetery of the rules and regulations. The Board was fine with his intention.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

School Repair Project

Seelig said that the roof is done but the areas around the chimneys still need to be done. He is waiting to set up a date/time/place to discuss doors, windows, siding and fire suppression system. Millias stated that Capeway has been great to work with and Roy said they have been respectful of when to come and work and with working around the gym schedule.

Recycling Grant

The grant money (\$8,400) will be used to help pay for a new compactor and associated equipment along with a new swap shed.

21 Plymouth street/Fieldstone Farm/Building Permit

Seelig will have an update on this for the next meeting.

Eagle Scout Project - Memorial Benches

Nate Coombe had sent a letter to the Board to thank them for supporting his Eagle Scout project. The Board was surprised to receive the thank you letter since they had yet to receive confirmation that he had approvals from the Historical Commission, Veterans' Agent and Beautification Committee. Roy said she would reach out to him to see what the status was.

Floats on Pond/Harbormaster

Seelig is waiting to hear back from Chief Broderick (the Harbormaster).

Truck Exclusion - Pine Street

Seelig is waiting to hear back from OCPC.

Proposed Zoning Bylaw Changes

Seelig asked if the BOS is unanimous about any one of the zoning issues (multi-family, affordable housing, abandoned housing and live entertainment) that was discussed at their last meeting.

Millias pointed out that by the time they discuss it among themselves it may be too late to put in the warrant for a STM in November. He continued to say that they really need to look into further and that May 2018 will probably be the best bet.

Special Town Meeting

A special town meeting will need to be held in connection with the possible HOPS grant from the State. The tentative date is November 20th; Town Counsel (Mayo) and the Moderator (Bruno) are available and Seelig will check with the Town Clerk (Gaynor) and also the school to see if the room available.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to hold a Special Town meeting for Monday, November 20th at the Halifax Elementary School contingent on the school being available.

Monponsett Pond

West Monponsett has a "clean" test last week but needs two consecutive tests to be re-opened. And the East Monponsett remains open. Brockton is not diverting due to the fact Monponsett is too low (plus the algae).

Recycling Abatements – FY2018

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to abate Bill #154, 2616, 2375, 367, 962, 2305, 1084, 1307, 1984, 404, 598, 1642, 709, 969, 1324, 1218, 1698, 2393, 2410, 816, 2021, 2620 and 53 based on the fact that the office has received confirmation from their private haulers that they provide recycling service to the residents.

Recycling Abatement – FY2018 – Bill # 96

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to abate Bill #96 based on the fact that the office has received confirmation from their private haulers that they provide recycling service to the residents; contingent on receiving an abatement form from the resident.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Brendan Moquin – Morse Brothers

Because of previous complaints about trucks going down Indian Path and conflicts with the trucks and school buses arriving and derating at the same time during the day the board has asked Mr. Moquin to come in and give them an update on Morse Brother's earth removal project. Mr. Moquin said that the project should be over within four to six weeks and thought the project would have been done by the summer therefore the bus schedule was not on the fore front for him. He has reached out to Seelig for the bus schedule and has adjusted his truck schedule. He continued to say that his drivers have been informed that they are not to use Indian Path as a truck route. Garron reiterated that the truck route was to be straight down Lingan Street and Moquin understood that. Garron said he appreciates his attention to these issues. Roy said that she appreciates him coming in but if there rules are broken again then the permit will be pulled, which he understood.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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