

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017 - 7:30 P.M.  
GREAT HALL

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Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectmen 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.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

**Fire Department Swearing in & Pinning**

<u>Full-time</u>	<u>Call Department</u>
Derek Coveney	Robert Beary
Steven Enright	Reid Broderick
Richard Ferguson	Kevin Heath
Peter Hogan	Stephen Heath
Shamus Ricciarelli	Evan McSherry
Dillon Riley	Keith Pontes

Roy welcomed everyone for coming this evening to be a part of the swearing in of Halifax's new firefighters. She said they are excited with some of the changes that have taken place in the department and over the last year; such as shifts have been added and they have been able to cut down on the response times to incidents not to mention that they are pleased with the quality of service the department is able to provide to our residents. This is a result of the taxpayers support at Town Meeting and Roy thanked them for it.

Chief Viveiros thanked everyone for coming and said it was nice to see the whole department in attendance for this ceremony. He could not think of better group of guys and thanked all of them for making us who we are. He stated that the fire department is a family so to have the department and the families of the new personnel here this evening to meet each other is a wonderful thing. He continued to say that each one of the men being sworn in tonight are in different phases of their career. Some are brand new and have just completed the Firefighter I/II training, some are moving from call positions to full-time beginning their careers as Firefighters and then we have some who have retired and have come back to be call because of their love for the job.

Town Clerk, Barbara Gaynor swore in the call department as a group and each one was pinned individually and did the same for the full-time firefighters.

Chief had a couple of awards to give out this evening and started with Captain Couzzo. He went on to say that Captain Couzzo has been a rock for the department for a long time; he had has serve as the acting chief and handles all of the training. The guys lean on him for support and he does a great job. It was the Chief's honor tonight to give him his ten year career firefighter award.

Chief then called up Firefighter Derek Coveney Derek. Coveney has been with department since high school and has done pretty amazing things. Has had an impressive trench rescue in Cohasset and has spent a lot of time in in Texas helping the hurricane victims. Recently the Chief was contacted by Liberty Mutual as they wanted to present Coveney with an award.

Chief Viveiros introduced Christine McBride, the local agent for Liberty Mutual Insurance to the audience. Ms. McBride began by saying that Liberty Mutual Insurance has a had a long standing commitment to fire safety and working with individuals who put their lives on the line to protect and serve their community. Twenty five years ago Liberty Mutual started an award program to recognize firefighters throughout the country who best represent their communities through courageous acts and demonstrate the firefighters self-less spirit. Liberty Mutual honors firefighters with two *Fire Mark Awards*; one for heroism and the other for community service & public education. Tonight she was honored to present the Liberty Mutual Fire Mark Award to Coveney for his outstanding commitment to community service. McBride continued to say that Coveney was deployed with team Rubicon, which is a veteran based nonprofit non-government disaster relief organization that provided disaster relief services in the Houston Texas area from the after math of hurricane Harvey. He went above and beyond the call of duty to help those in great need who were not members of his community but rather his country. She has personally known Coveney for a few years and he is without a doubt a true example of what they honor with this award. So on behalf of Liberty Mutual, his peers and Chief Viveiros she wanted to honor and thank him for his leadership dedication and selflessness with this award.

The Board continued their meeting downstairs in Selectmen Meeting Room

#### **Continuation Fuel Storage Revocation Hearings - Country Club of Halifax**

Attorney Mayo (Town Counsel) said that each entity cannot be accounted for another. Mayo recommends that the hearing be ended and no action be taken by the BOS.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted that no action be taken on the revocation for the Country Club of Halifax.

#### **Continuation Fuel Storage Revocation Hearings - Davis Automotive**

Ms. Davis has started making payment on outstanding excise taxes and continues to make payments for real estate taxes. Seelig recommends that no action be taken by the BOS, but that this is checked again in January.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted that no action be taken on the revocation for Davis Automotive.

#### **HOPS & Library parking lot**

Seelig began by saying that back in May the BOS approved signage for patrons of the library and in the diagram that was submitted there were signs for two parking spaces facing the HOPS playground but three have been put up. Jean Gallant, Library Director, said that it was for eight signs altogether and for some reason there ended up being ten signs. The Selectmen approved the signage, but the memo does not say how many.

Seelig continued to say that it is obvious there is a need for Library patrons to have a place to park but we are going to be encountering some increases in the usage of the parking lot once HOPS is built and if the Council on Aging project is fruitful we are going to need additional parking for that as well. He understands that everyone wants spaces for their particular use but there is problem is there is going to be limited number of spaces available and stated when the school is not in session people (for the library or HOPS) are able to park over in the school. Seelig wants to have this discussion as we may need to start considering whether it would make sense to expand the parking area.

Gallant said that she has counted forty-four spots of which six are designated for staff of the library and ten for the patrons. Since the signs have been put up she has seen on Saturday mornings during soccer season people parking at the school and respecting the designated spots but she did have pictures of only one space available for the library one Saturday right before it opened.

Roy said it is unfortunate but who would monitor the parking as she does not know if the police get involved in something like this and if they were to put signs up that state people will be fined how can you prove it. Garron suggested putting up a sign up saying 'extra parking in the Town parking lot because he does not think a lot of people realize that they can park over there, maybe the Town's people do, but people coming from out of town might not realize they can use this parking lot.

Gallant pointed out in the diagram that she had that where the eight spots were located and does not know how the other two spots happened but thinks they must have ordered the signs and then when they came in they were put up. Roy said that the two extra spots were brought to their attention and if they were going to vary from what had been approved the BOS needed to be informed. She recognizes Gallant point that of those forty-four spots there are sixteen are designated for the library, which is reasonable. Gallant agreed that sixteen spots were reasonable.

Seelig said at this point they are not going to designate more spots, whether it's for the Library or HOPS Playground or anybody right now. He thought Garron's signage idea would be one thing, the other is to, unfortunately it's going to take a while because we don't just have a lot of money for this, it's to get an engineering firm in to do a design of the parking area to extend the parking lot, because that's going to require drainage and leveling the field in that area. It is not as simple as having the highway Surveyor go there and pave the area. Roy was fine with what Seelig said and thought having this discussion was important because it is going to be more challenging once HOPS is open again.

Gallant also wanted to talk about the lighting at the entrance of the parking lot as a couple of patrons stated that they can't find the entrance to the parking lot for when attending programs in the evening at the library. She has talked to Gerry and he came up with a solution of changing the light on the street pole to a LED light. She then asked if the cost would come out of Library budget and Seelig said that there is street light budget, but it literally pays just for the electricity so we probably will have to do an Article at Town Meeting in May. She asked if she would talk to him about the Article and Seelig said yes.

Roy suggested sending an email to the Capital Planning Committee so in case we need to use some pre-cap. Gallant asked if she should send the email and Seelig said that he will get a letter to them.

## **MINUTES**

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

Regular Session – October 10, 2017

## **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	# 37	\$ 349,803.99
Vendor Warrant	# 38	\$ 49,069.71
Withholding Warrant	# 39	\$ 136,933.39
Vendor Warrant	# 40	\$ 46,215.72
School Warrant	# 41	\$ 358,601.84
Ambulance Commitment	# 10B	\$ 10,072.00
Ambulance Commitment	# 10C	\$ 27,437.00

**APPROVED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENT**

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

Payroll Warrant	# 42	\$ 362,873.82
Vendor Warrant	# 43	\$ 366,364.84
Withholding Warrant	# 44	\$ 141,901.23
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 11	\$ 5,160.00

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

KP Law, P.C. (legal/September).....	\$ 132.51
Borhek Insurance Agency (policy/storage tank liability).....	\$ 1,602.00
W.B. Mason (toner & clips).....	\$ 383.94
Lynch, Malloy, Marini, LLP (audit yr. end 6/30/17).....	\$ 10,000.00
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/October) .....	\$ 6,899.99
Michael Gilman Esq. (legal/October) .....	\$ 187.00

**Nate Coombe – Eagle Scout Project – Benches at the Monument**

Nate began saying that he met with the Board a while back and proposed three benches with flowers and the BOS changed it to two with no flowers. He then went to six other committees to get their approvals. He did change one measurement.

Roy asked him if the Historical Commission asked him to change the location of the benches and he said yes from around the monument to around the flag pole. She then asked if he meet with Mr. Shea and he said yes. Lastly asked if he marked them with the grass and Nate said the Park Commission marked them. She wanted confirm that Mr. John Shea from the Historical Commission looked at the diagram he presented tonight and he said yes.

Roy said she knows that he is using plastic material (trex) but she noticed in his memo to the Beautification Committee he began talking about the trex and then ended it with plastic, so she wanted him to confirm with the Beautification Committee that they know it is going to be the plastic. Garron asked if it was modified wood (trex) when you talk about plastic and he said yes.

Roy wanted to verify that the Historical Commission knows that it’s going to be trex and not wood because they like it being natural and historic as possible and he said yes.

Roy asked if it was going to look like wood but be a plastic material (trex) and he said yes. Garron then asked if it was going to be is it going to be dark, tan or light color and Nate said light brown. Roy then asked if he checked with the Historical Commission on the color and he said he did and also asked if he showed them this (referred to his book) and he said yes.

She reiterated that changes that have been made are that there will be two benches instead of three and location has been changed from the monument area to the flag pole. Garron thought that was agreeable.

Roy then asked about his timeline and Nate this weekend he is going to get approval by the Boy Scout Council and on Saturday he is having a fundraiser and with the funds from that he will purchase the materials needed and hopefully get it done within a few weeks. Roy asked if he thought he would be done by the end of the year and he said yes. Someone in the audience said

that the project needs to be done before Nate turns eighteen, which will be in March so he has have to get these benches done by then and in the ground before the ground freezes.

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Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved the edits that were laid out this evening and gave Nate Coombe permission to continue on his Eagle Scout Project.

### **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Pine Street Truck Exclusion**

Seelig stated that the Board has a scheduled appointment to hear from the public about the proposed truck exclusion for Pine Street. Garron asked if it is that all trucks or just semi-trailers and Seelig said it is anything over 5,000 pounds.

Timothy Rose - 506 Thompson Street

He said the notice he got said there's infrastructure problems but he has not seen any problem with the road. He felt shifting truck traffic onto Thompson Street is going to cause a lot of problems with people who use Thompson Street. He made the point that a truck fifty-foot long at the end of on Thompson Street going west is going to have to stop and wait a long period of time to be able to get out of that road, the traffic is going to back up, nobody can get by to the right of the truck should they want to take a right heading east on Plymouth Street.

Seelig said in terms of the road with the pavement for Pine Street is less in width than it is for Thomson Street as he believes it is 24 feet for Pine and 30 feet for Thompson, so Thompson Street is actually built more to allow for truck trafficking than Pine Street is. He is not saying Rose is wrong but looking at both roads Pine Street is in worse condition than Thompson. Rose had to disagree with Seelig and said if he had to guess the issue would probably be jake brakes because he hears them all the time and asked if anyone here tonight is complaining about that. He continued to say that shifting traffic is not going to cure that but a solution would be putting a ban on jake brakes after a certain time. Seelig said that they haven't received any complaints about jake brakes as part of this problem.

Roy asked Seelig to explain to audience why they here tonight to talk about this truck exclusion.

Seelig said that there have been people asking about excluding trucks on Pine Street. So the process is that you do a truck survey to figure how many trucks were using Pine Street. This was done and there was five percent of truck travel on Pine Street. This is more than what would be allowed on a side street which Pine Street is considered because it's not a state route. If the Town wants to do this it has to find alternate route for the trucks to travel and in this case would be Thompson Street. Trucks less than 5,000 pounds can still be able to use Pine Street as well as trucks making deliveries on Pine Street.

Roy said that she attended the last Traffic Study Committee but they didn't discuss this particular issue and asked if Traffic Safety vetted this and Chief Broderick no.

Bob Pettingill – 98 Pine Street

Asked if the issue was about the stream going underneath Pine Street and the Bridge falling apart and Seelig said that is one because as of right now the bridge isn't in good condition. Pettingill said that what it boils down to is that the bridge is falling down and if it continues to be used by trucks it will fall apart. He said that he is neutral on this.

Brenda Pettingill – 98 Pine Street

At one point they were looking putting the Senior Citizen place down on Thompson Street and there was talk about a light at the end of Thompson Street to help with traffic – is that something that would be considered and Roy said that is very pricey and Seelig further explained that if we wanted to put a traffic light at Thompson and Plymouth on first you would have to have various traffic and engineering studies, setting that aside and spending money on that, it's several

hundred thousand dollars these days to put in a traffic light system, so, again, it's not a situation that we couldn't do that, forgetting about the exclusion, it would be a commitment of the Town's resources whether or not we wanted to do that.

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Pettingill said that it was just a suggestion seeing as everyone is concerned about the traffic going on Thompson Street and trying to get on 106 getting in and out of there – she agrees it is it is tough.

Bonnie Wood – 77 Elm Street (owns property on Pine St.)

She said that when the new 106 was built, between Elm Street and Old Plymouth Street (replaced with New Plymouth Street) and crossing Pine to Elm, Highway Surveyor, Ralph Hayward, made all of the entrances at 106 wide-range for trucks. That is not how it is at the end of Thompson to go onto Plymouth Street as you would need another lane of traffic for trucks to properly make that turn. She is neutral on this and suggested that they fix the bridge. She then asked if they could have the trucks go through Bridgewater or down Summit Street and Seelig said no to both and added that Bridgewater would have to agree to it. She added that that there have been times that she has waited two minutes just to cross Pine Street to Elm Street in a car so an eighteen-wheeler is going to have to wait longer and make a wider turn.

Gordon Andrews Sr. – 688 Plymouth Street

He said that he drives a trucks and trailers and when he comes out of 105 to turn left onto 106 the afternoon sun is right there so at least where Pine and Plymouth Street intersect you got a good vision to look up and down. He continued to say that they waited a long time to get Pine Street paved and Thompson Street is in tougher shape. He is not sure what the problem is with Pine Street and if it is the culvert then the Highway Surveyor should be here to say what the solution would be. Andrews said for the safety of the kids and people travelling up and down Route 106 he thinks it makes more sense to keep it the way it is and if at some point in time the Town choses to put a light at 105 and 106 then maybe this can be re-addressed.

Garron said the reason we are having this discussion is because a fellow citizen, didn't like the idea of trucks going down Pine Street and the Board wanted to get comments from the residents about how they felt about having a truck exclusion on this street. From what he is hearing he thinks that it is not something anyone is interested in.

Michael Zarrella – 19 Pine Street

He wanted to say that the jersey barriers that have been put up on Pine street is creating a problem because cars are going down the middle of the street to go around them and are in the opposite lane and are not slowing down as they go around the barriers. He also mentioned that he almost had an accident two or three times because a car being in the wrong lane. The cars are not getting back over into their own lane once they pass the barriers. Garron asked why there are jersey barriers and Seelig said because the culvert bridge is breaking down.

Roy asked if they could send a note to Highway and Seelig said he is aware why the barriers are there as he received information from Mass. Highway about that bridge. Inspections are done every so often and when Bob Badore was Highway Surveyor he was notified about the bridge. Seelig said that Steve is well aware of the situation and we could ask him what his plans are for the bridge.

Rose

He did not know if anyone realized that any vehicle over 5,000 pounds could be an F-250 truck or other trucks like that people might own so question how would the police enforce the truck exclusion should there be one. He also stated that there are no posted weight limits on that bridge so where MassDOT oversees bridges and it is such a concern to them why haven't they put a weight limit on it. Seelig said they could ask them but we do have an inspection report that says that the bridges are degrading and that's why the jersey barriers are up there, but MassDOT

has not indicated putting any weight limits on it. Rose said that the way MassDOT operates is if there is a problem they will say either you need to stop using this bridge or put weight limit on it.

B. Pettingill

Her concern was that there were no weight limit signs anywhere on Pine Street.

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Roy said that there doesn't seem that there's a lot of support for this particular thing and Garron said they could mention the other concerns that were brought up. Roy asked if everyone felt comfortable with following up on the bridge issue and not moving forward with the truck exclusion.

Roy said that they will follow up with the Highway Surveyor about the issues that were raised tonight, if they wanted to put it on the agenda again, the BOS would be happy to do that. Seelig recommended that they revisit this on December 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 p.m. Roy thanked everyone for coming in and being part of the discussion.

### **Hudson Street Speed Limit Signs**

Seelig said that a resident of Hudson Street wrote to the Board about getting speed limit signs for Hudson Street. Seelig notified residents asking that they come in this evening or submit comments.

Peter Haley - 35 Hudson Street

He said that he requested the speed limit sign because the curve right at John Wade Drive is pretty sharp and people just tear around there going 40-50 mph, not to mention there is no visibility. His neighbors have young children that play at the front of the house, he walks his dogs and runs on that street and people just come around that corner not thinking about what is around it. He stated that there are no speed limit signs on the entire road and understands that Hudson cuts through two other towns (Hanson & East Bridgewater). Seelig said that the State laws states that thickly settled is 30 mph but with the State Modernization Act you can put a sign up for 25 mph.

129 Hudson Street

The resident asked if the sign would just cover the Halifax side and Seelig said that signs will be put up at either end of the road. He had contacted East Bridgewater but received no comments. The resident suggested 30 mph. Seelig said that a combination sign that says *thickly settled* 30 mph can be put up.

Richard Campbell - 10 Hudson Street

He pointed out that the grade of the road goes down from John Wade Drive to Hudson creating an increase in speed and Chief Broderick said speeding is speeding and it will be at the discretion of the officer (time of day, weather conditions, it could be a verbal or written warning etc). Chief said that there is no sign now so whatever we do will help. If there is a problem call the station and they will get to them. Keep calling if you have to as there are only two officers on duty but we will get to you.

23 Hudson Street

Resident suggested putting up a blind drive sign at John Wade Drive as there was one there but it was taken down.

10 Hudson Street

Resident suggested a school bus stop sign or a blind drive sign and Seelig said either one would be effective. Seelig stated that the signs are expensive but we are looking into having a line item in the budget for just signs.

John Shepard – 40 Hudson Street

He said that he has three children and they do go down the driveway towards the street and it is scary.

Joanne Shepard – 40 Hudson Street

She said that going across the street to get their mail has been a challenge. At this time she has injury to her foot requiring her to wear a boot and it is very scary trying to get the mail with it on.

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Her three year old is always running towards the end of driveway and she knows that it is her responsibility to watch them but it is frightful.

10 Hudson Street

Resident stated that he has been there for years and the traffic has increased.

Roy thanked them all for coming and that they will take their requests and see what they can do next year about having a budget for street signs.

Chief Broderick again said that if the residents have any problem please call the station or email him and he will get someone down there.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved adding 30 mph speed limit signs with *thickly settled* posted within the sign at the following locations:

- on Hudson Street at the Southerly direction that borders Halifax & Hanson, MA.
- on Hudson Street at the Northerly direction of the intersection of Hudson & Pond St.

The Board had appointments with Lisa Kelly, Joan Lemay and Thomas Greenwood regarding recycling abatement request but none of them showed up. Ms. Kelly wanted to appeal the Board's previous decision to deny her abatement request and Ms. Lemay and Mr. Greenwood had put in for a first time request. Seelig recommended that the BOS not take any action.

## **GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS**

### School Repair Project

The Municipal and School Building Committee has requested copies of all drawings, schematics, as-builts, change order, and punch list for the school roof project and the same for the sprinkler project and the doors/windows/siding project plus a copy of the warranty for the roof project. Seelig is working with the project manager and architect on this.

### Affirm Approval Road Opening – 355 Plymouth Street

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously affirmed approval of Permit #2018-20 issued to E. Ribeiro Corporation for a 2" water tap service at the edge of the road at 355 Plymouth Street.

### HOPS 5K

Bob Kniffen will pass along the date of the HOPS 5K to the Church members.

### Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to sign the Chapter 90 Reimbursement Request for the restorative paving work done on Route 36 and the street in Bosworth Farms.

### Junk Car - 27 Hillside Avenue

A letter has been sent to owner of property. Seelig will update the Board on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Clawson v. ZBA and Harmon

The plaintiff has voluntarily dismissed the case thus the case is closed.



### CoA Eldervan Thank You

The Leavitt Family has sent the Board a note stating that the people of Halifax are grateful for the service provided by the COA vans and drivers. Seelig will pass it along to the COA.  
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### Surplus Highway Equipment

The Highway Surveyor is ready to get rid of about two dozen items. Seelig is recommending that the Board declare the equipment surplus and that he be directed to work with him to sell these items to the highest bidder.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously declared the attached list (copy attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes) of vehicles and equipment surplus from the Highway Department.

### Traffic Safety Committee

The following is being reviewed/discussed by the committee:

- Hemlock Land/HOPS/Library crosswalk for location, lighting, flashing lights, etc.
- signage for Circuit and Laurel Streets will cost close to \$1,000. A new line item should be established for signage.
- agree that speed limit signs are needed for Hudson Street
- will look at cost of changing flashing crosswalk lights from yellow to red.

### Cultural Council State Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously affirmed Troy E. Garron signing the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant for the Town of Halifax for FY2018.

### Highway Department - Use of Funds from Surplus

The Highway Surveyor would like to have monies raised from the sale of surplus Highway equipment put in a fund for future equipment purchases. Seelig is going to talk with Sandy to see if we can legally do this.

### Board of Health Safety Exits

The BOH would like input from Town Hall employees about ways to exit Town Hall.

### MEMA Grant

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously affirmed Troy E. Garron signing the MEMA Grant.

### Junk Car/Map 73, Parcel 7A

A letter was received from the previous point of contact for the above property (next to the Red Barn) and has indicated he is no longer affiliated with the property owner but did forward the name and address of the person who now is. Seelig has sent a certified letter to that person and will report back to the Board on November 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Heating and Oil Line Item

The Highway Department is requesting that the above line item be removed from their budget and transferred to Building Maintenance. The Building Maintenance Department agrees with this request. Seelig stated that the Finance Committee will make this change in FY19 budget.

### Monponsett Pond/Alum Plumbing Facility

The bid process has started for a firm to design an aluminum sulfate pumping system for Monponsett Pond.

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#### Solar Lights for Flag Pole

Seelig plans on putting an article in for the May Town Meeting for solar lights for the flag poles at Town Hall and the Monument area.

#### Fire Department Donation

The Fire Chief cc'ed the Board on a letter thanking Davis Automotive for its donation of parts and service to repair a forest fire truck damaged in October, which saved the Department about \$3,000. Davis also provided several vehicles for use in "jaws-of-life" training.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter to Davis Automotive for their donations.

#### Emergency Parking Ban

Seelig has sent out the press release for the overnight parking ban.

#### Happy Dragon - Alcohol & Common Victualler's License

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously affirmed signing the Alcohol and Common Victualler licenses for the Happy Dragon Restaurant.

#### Highway Department Tank Replacement Design

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously affirmed the Chair, Thomas Millias, signing the DPW Garage Fuel Tank Replacement Plan.

#### Wage & Personnel Public Hearing

A public hearing to hear proposals for amendments or requests to the W&P by-law will be January 10, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

#### Special Town Meeting

A Special Town Meeting will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm at the Elementary School

#### Generations – Selling raffle tickets at STM

Generations has asked if they could sell raffles tickets at the STM on November 20<sup>th</sup>. The Board had no problem with them doing this.

#### Recycling Grant

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to have the Vice-Chair, Kim R. Roy sign the Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant.

#### Town of Plympton – Letter of Support

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter supporting a regional grant for the Plympton Fire department to look into a regional Fire Department with Halifax.

#### OUI Reports

The AG's office has issued its quarterly OUI/Last Drink reports for April through June, and July through September and no Halifax businesses were on the lists.

Halifax Garden Property

Given the level of interest and market conditions, the owner has pulled back on plans to develop the property.

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Land Use Counsel

The Board held off on discussing this until November 28<sup>th</sup>.

Pope's Tavern Project

Municipal and School Building Committee will be meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

School Repair Project

Next project meeting will be on either November 15<sup>th</sup>, or Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 a.m.

4 Daughter's Compassionate Care Presentation

This presentation will be on November 28<sup>th</sup>. Seelig will notify all prospective parties, boards and abutters about this.

Recycling Abatement Requests

Residents were given the opportunity to submit abatements ten days after the bills were due. Roy said that they did their due diligence informing the residents of the deadline and on the bill there is verbiage that an abatement is available and where to get the form. Garron said that they need to be fair, firm and consistent. The BOS was not interested in abating any bills after the deadline.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to deny abatements for Bill# 2427, 2337, 1704, 2597, 2071, 2071, 1320 and 0 (did not have the bill # at the time) based on the fact that they were received after the deadline date.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

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Troy E. Garron  
Clerk

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