

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2016 – 7:30 P.M.  
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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

Chair announces that the meeting is being taped.

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**

The Agenda for Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, was unanimously approved without revision.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

***Swearing in Fire Department Lieutenants Nathan Jones & William Palma***

Chief Viveiros began by saying that a couple of years ago a Cadet Program was started and this year Firefighter Hill, who has recently been moved to temporary firefighter, led the program. Hill then explained that this program is geared towards high school students who want to become firefighters. They met once a week for eight weeks and this year he had five students who participated in the program. Of the five two could only make it this evening to receive their certificate.

Hill presented the two cadets with certificates

Roy thanked Firefighter Hill for all that he does at the station.

Chief Viveiros also wanted to introduce the new Chaplin for the fire station. He stated that Bruce woods, who passed away last year, served as their Chaplain for many years. He was introduced to Father Hobson and as he talked with him felt he would be a great fit and could not think of anyone else who could fill being the Chaplin and so he asked him if wanted to their to be the Chaplain. Father Hobson said that he will not be able to fill Bruce's shoes but is happy to be the Fire Station's Chaplin.

Lastly Chief Viveiros wanted to acknowledge two firefighters who he wanted to promote to Lieutenants as there were two vacancies at the station. Firefighters were put through tests and assessment center and the two individuals who stood out were Nathan Jones & William Palma so tonight he wanted to promote them to the rank of Lieutenant.

Both were sworn in by Town Clerk, Barbara Gaynor

***Senior Tax Work-Off Program Update and Changes***

Seelig began by saying that last year at Town Meeting it was voted that there be a program in place to allow seniors to work off money owed for their taxes. This past year they had two participants. He asked if the Town, through the Board, wished to make changes such as number of participants or the maximum work-off amount in the program for FY2017.

Principal Assessor, Karen Trudeau, said that they looked at how things went last year and we are going to keep it exactly the same. She added that they are going to help the most in need first.

COA Director, Barbara Brenton said that they need to market it more and get the department heads more involved.

Roy asked how many slots were there and Trudeau said two and that was hard to fill so we are going to try and get the word out. Garron asked if they tried TRAD and Trudeau said that last year they did not have enough time but their hope this year is to get it together quicker.

**AFFIRMED WARRANT**

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to affirm approval for the payment of the following warrant:

Vendor Warrant # 83 \$ 50,437.23

**APPROVED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENTS**

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to affirm approval for the payment of the following warrants and commitments:

Payroll Warrant	# 84	\$ 334,070.89
Vendor Warrant	# 85	\$ 153,301.30
Ambulance Commitment	# 3A	\$ 47,913.00
Ambulance Commitment	# 3B	\$ 3,480.61

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve payment of the following Selectmen bills:

CNA Surety Direct Bill (bonds/P. Adduci & L. Cole).....	\$ 1,962.00
MIIA Property & Casualty Group, Inc.....	\$ 47,656.00
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/February).....	\$ 1,162.50
Area 58 (contracted payment).....	\$ 1,188.50
Express Newspapers (ad/library director .....	\$ 32.50

The Board acknowledged payment to the Treasurer for the following turnovers:

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2016-38	\$ 3,343.41
2016-39	\$ 1,188.50

**Wage and Personnel Fire Department Merit Increase**

After discussions with Town Counsel and the Town Moderator, it was determined that that the Fire Chief could not ask for a merit increase for Patricia Forsstrom because of the lack of evaluations from previous years, cannot be considered for a merit increase at this town meeting. The Chief will ask for a change in the by-laws next year.

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS**

SHINE Agreement - Council on Aging

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to sign the agreement with SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Everyone).

Hollywood East Classics

The Planning Board has voted to continue to allow seven parking spots for used car sales. ZBA has voted to allow ten unregistered vehicles. Seelig recommended that the Board renew and amend Hollywood East Classics' Class II license to allow for 10 unregistered vehicles.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew and amend the amount of vehicles on the Hollywood East Classics lot from seven to ten.

MBTA/Garden Road Deed

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to accept the deed for the Garden Road right-of-way.

Autumn Lane

Seelig wanted to bring the Board of Selectmen up to date on the above street. He stated that the attorney representing Marie Green wrote to Town Counsel indicating that she no longer has any financial or ownership interest in the Autumn Land subdivision and asked that Counsel not pursue any connection by her with the property because of concerns regarding her health. Counsel will continue to discuss the matter with counsel for Ms. Green as she may have information that will be of assistance to the Town. Jake Development, the current owner, has not responded as of this date. Attorney Mayo will keep me informed, but intends to contact Jake's mortgage holder.

ACO Regionalization

Plympton has indicated an interest in having a regional ACO some time in a non-specific future. Seelig has talked with Chief Broderick and they agreed the simplest way to do this would be for each individual community to hire the same ACO rather than going through the process of an inter-municipal agreement or district. The Board was okay with this.

Vocational Education - Out of District Transportation

Town Administrator, Adam Gaudette, is asking for cities and towns to support a measure that would eliminate the requirement that they fund transportation for out-of-district vocational students as long as the community already was in a vocational district or had a substantial vocational program.

Roy thinks this is a great idea as any help we can get would be great to release the burden for the Town.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter in support to eliminate the requirements to fund out of district transportation.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)*****Russ Kleekamp - Storm Water Project***

Mr. Kleekamp, from GHD, came in this evening to update the Board about the stormwater project. He said that he has/will meet with the Board of Health and the Highway Department to (a) review the project; (b) discuss sampling locations for bacteria and algae & discuss the results from the sampling and (d) discuss the existing catch basin mapping of the streets and contributing area surrounding the ponds. The total of the contract will be \$68,794 but he said the town has received a grant in the amount of \$5,000 to implement the Monponsett Ponds and Stump Brook Restoration and sustainable flow management project. Therefore it is not going to cost as much as they thought. Seelig said that the State will provide matching funds to the town for any money we have used in the past.

Roy thanked Russ and said that the Board really appreciates all that he has done for the Town and he said that he really enjoys working with Halifax.

**Talent Bank Form - Steve Littlefield**

Steve Littlefield has sent in a talent bank form indicating an interest in serving as the Assistant Veterans' Agent. Veterans' Agent Wil Corey has spoken with him and Mr. Littlefield will be assisting him.

**Use of Town Green & Sign – Boy Scouts**

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved a request the request from the Halifax Boy Scouts for the use of the Town Green on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for a fundraiser yard sale and granted permission for the Boy Scouts to put a sign on the Town Green announcing the yard sale two weeks prior to the event.

**Assistant Building Inspector – William Kelly**

The office has received a letter from The MA Department of Public Safety approving a conditional appointment of William Kelly as a Local Inspector. In order for him to become non-conditional, he will need to pass the requisite exams for Local Inspector by September 30, 2016.

**Floodlight at Lindy's**

The owner at Lindy's declined to make any changes to the floodlight (intensity of the light, color of the light, direction of the light). Seelig plans on informing the complainant and if he feels that the Town should take action, his recommendation would be to petition the Building Inspector and Planning Board that the floodlight is not included in any site plan for the site and should be turned off until and if a site plan that includes the floodlight is approved.

**Wage and Personnel Amendments**

Seelig gave each Board member the amendments proposed/created by Wage and Personnel and probable status for the warrant.

**Bob Bergstrom's Music Event**

The Zoning Board of Appeals has commented about the proposed event with questions (parking lane requirements, emergency vehicle/fire lane, hours of operation, and hours for the serving of alcohol (assuming that it's served). Seelig is trying to contact Carver, Topsfield and Marshfield to see what their stipulations are for their large events.

Police Department Civil Service

Chief Broderick has supplied the Board and Town Counsel with early drafts of department procedures for hiring and promotions in case the Town decides to switch over from civil service.

Snow Day

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved Monday, March 21, 2016 as a snow day for Town Hall and Council on Aging employees.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Roy announced that the Board will be going into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with Highway/Cemetery, Patrol Officers and Sergeants and would not reconvene in public session or make any public comments.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with Highway/Cemetery, Fire, Patrol Officers and Sergeants:

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

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Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 9:00 p.m.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.:

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

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Thomas Millias  
Clerk

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