

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2015 – 6:30 P.M.
HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
PRINCIPAL’S CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. with Selectmen Troy E. Garron, Kim R. Roy and Michael J. Schleiff present.

The following business was discussed:

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to ask the Board of Assessors to declare \$85,100 to be over lay surplus and to release this amount and make it available for appropriation at the Annual and Special Town Meeting on May 11, 2015.

Talent Bank Form – Melvin Conroy

A talent bank form has been submitted from Melvin Conroy expressing interest to serve on the Finance Committee. The bank form will be forward to FinCom.

Across the Board 1.5 % Wage Increase

The Town Accountant found an error in the figures, hence there now is money available for the Town to approve 1.5% for both Wage & Personnel employees and the bargaining units. Wage & Personnel is standing with the 1.5% and the BOS will have to decide on either 1% or 1.5% increase.

Schleiff asked about the student requesting to attend another school for the 2015-2016 year and Seelig said the School Committee will be rejecting the application as it was received late. Schleiff then said if 1.5% is passed then we will have \$40,000 to \$50,000 left and Seelig said if we have to support the student then that money will be used for that.

Garron had no problem supporting the 1.5% if the money is available and Roy also supported it.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted as follows to approve across the board a 1.5% wage increase:

Garron	Yes
Roy	Yes
Schleiff	Abstained

Line Item Transfer

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Ambulance Billing #01-231-5301	Ambulance Supplies #01-225-5501-014	\$ 750.00

Line Item Transfer

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

FROM		TO		AMOUNT
Office Machines	#01-199	Town Reports	#01-195-5340	\$ 1,300.00

Ambulance Abatements

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to abate the following amount from the Ambulance Account:

April 2015 FOR \$ 18,490.58

Hearing in Boston on the 1964 Legislation

Seelig is planning on attending the hearing tomorrow seeing as he will be attending an open space workshop in Boston. Garron said that he cannot make it but it is important that a statement be made as to how important it is that the water flows. He said that this is furthest we have gotten on this and thinks they should show their support Roy appreciates Seelig attending and Schleiff said it is good he goes so he can get a better feel of how the hearing goes.

Schleiff asked about the trash and tires by the rock at the boat ramp on Rt. 58. Seelig said that is the stuff from clean up day and that highway will be picking it up. Schleiff then mentioned the condition the property on White Island Road and Seelig said he can bring to the BOS on May 26th but this discussion has been brought to the BOS two other times.

Zeus & 1Marine

A letter was sent to the Board from Lisa Scopa, a representative of the nonprofit organization listed above. The organization works with homeless Vets to get off the streets and into a comfortable live arrangement. She is asking to use the Town Green sometime end of June early July to bring awareness of their cause to the town and residents. She is planning on having a jumpy house and make it a fun family day. In her letter she states that she will attend the BOS meeting on May 12th. Seelig stated that he is unsure if she knows that it is our Town Meeting so we will have to see if she shows up tomorrow night.

Thank you Letter from Kinston Fire Chief

Kingston Fire Chief wrote to the BOS wanting to thank Captain Cuozzo, Firefighter/EMT Jordan Hill and Officer Schleiff on their response and professionalism on a medical emergency in which he was present for.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to send letters to the above men congratulating them on a great job; cc the Fire and Police Chief; and place a copy of the letter in their personnel file.

Condition of Franklin Street

Mr. St. Croix who resides on Franklin Street came to the office regarding the condition of the street and has asked to be put on the BOS agenda for May 26th. The Highway Department has been notified of such and as stated by the administrative assistant they are aware of the condition of the road and that it is on the list of streets to be taken care of in the future but not the *near* future.

Talent Bank Form – Richard Wright

A talent bank form has been submitted from Richard Wright expressing interest to serve on the Housing Authority. The talent bank form has been forwarded to the Housing Authority director and Seelig will follow up with him so that the BOS can have a joint meeting with him to appoint Mr. Wright to the Housing Authority.

Site Visit – Northland Property

A site visit of the Northland Properties will be on June 7th.

Family Medical Leave

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to grant Melissa Traynor's request for Family Medical Leave beginning on June 16, 2015 for six (6) to twelve (12) weeks on an intermittent basis.

Monponsett Pond Articles

Seelig stated that they are hoping to do a treatment on Monponsett ponds. Garron pointed out that that if we now are going to have the flow we need to know how this will affect the treatment.

Silver Lake Article for Stabilization Account

Roy asked Seelig if he was prepared to talk about this article and he said yes and that he is not recommending.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously moved not to recommend the article to establish a stabilization account for Silver Lake.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to continue their meeting to the All Purpose Room to attend the Annual Town Meetings at 7:15 p.m.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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