

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2015 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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

Chair announces that the meeting is being taped.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board as well as those attending tonight's meeting stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Seelig announced that the Board will not be going into Executive Session as stated on the agenda.

Garron wanted to give a shout out to 2015 Silver Lake Class Valedictorian Sarah Coady, seeing as she is from Halifax.

Roy wanted to thank to Friends of HOPS for putting on the 5K Road Race. See added that the meet on Mondays and anyone is welcome to come and help out.

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, June 9th, was unanimously approved without revision.

The following business was discussed:

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Line Item Transfer

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Highway - Wages #01-420	Highway - Expense #01-421	\$ 300.00

Liaison List

The Board was asked if they wanted change up the liaison list. Roy and Garron were okay with existing one and Millias was fine with the boards and committees Schleiff was assigned to.

Millias then wanted to suggest to the BOS to hold off on the re-appointments on the Zoning By-Law Committee and if okay with the Board of Selectmen would like to have the Planning Board take on that responsibility. Roy was okay and Garron seconded as long as Millias talks with the Committee.

Gas & Plumbing Inspectors

The Building Inspector has re-appointed John O'Brien, Jr., as the Gas and Plumbing Inspector and Thomas Leary as the Assistant Gas and Plumbing Inspector, terms to expire June 30, 2016.

Monponsett Pond Posting

Paul Collis of the Monponsett Watershed Association wrote about the lack of timely posting before East Monponsett Pond was treated with herbicide stating that he heard two people using the pond were unaware of the treatment on that day (May 28th). As far as Seelig knows, the posters went up mid-day, just before the treatment, which he agrees is later than it should be. He has notified the departments, sent information out to the Monponsett mailing list and posted it in several places on the web site.

The posters for the treatment in West Monponsett Pond (June 2nd) went up on May 29th. Chief Broderick was able to get Plymouth County to send out a Reverse 911 notice about June 2nd treatment on that morning.

Seelig has notified Aquatic Control Technologies about the complaint.

Solar Farm - Capped Landfill

Seelig has looked over the draft for the RFPs that the Committee sent but the problem was that it allowed a number of different proposals ranging from the Town building the facility to land lease option. Seelig has notified the Committee stating that they need to narrow down what they want along with specifications as the Town needs to be able to compare proposals. However, the Committee could request *Letter of Interest* to determine what developers might be interested, and then come up with specifications based on that. The Solar Committee will be meeting tonight before the Selectmen's Meeting. Seelig will wait to hear back from them.

State Budget

The Senate has approved a State budget with no direct changes to Halifax's local aid. That said, there are differences between the House and Senate budgets:

- 1) Senate funds special education circuit breaker at \$271.6M; House at \$261.7M.
- 2) Senate funds kindergarten at \$1M; House at \$18.6M.
- 3) Senate funds regional school transportation at \$59; House at \$56.5.
- 4) Senate funds Chapter 70 at \$111.2M; House at \$108.2M' – no change for Halifax.
- 5) Senate funds charter school reimbursements at \$84.5M; House at \$76.8M – account is still underfunded.
- 6) Senate/House both oppose "Pay the Patient" provisions that would send checks to patients not ambulance services.

Seelig is recommending that the BOS support all of the above.

Roy entertained a motion to send a letter of support for the above items #1 - #6.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter supporting #1 - #6.

Re-Appointments to Finance Committee

Moved by Selectmen Chairman, Kim Roy, and seconded by Finance Committee member, Gordon Andrews, the following vote was taken to re-appoint Stuart Hall of 54 Highland Circle and Margaret Fitzgerald of 463 Plymouth Street to the Finance Committee; both with terms to expire June 15, 2018:

Selectmen Chairman	Kim Roy	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Gordon Andrews	Yes
Moderator	John Bruno	Yes

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Mel Conroy - Interview for Finance Committee

Millias asked if he was aware of the time consumed during budget time and Mr. Conroy said yes that I started with the Capital Planning Committee and saw what it entailed and then decided he wanted to bring more to the table.

Garron asked him why he wanted to serve on the Finance Committee and Mr. Conroy stated that he has been in the Town his whole life and want to give back to the town that has given him so much. He had a hardware store here in town for many years. He sees that the town is growing and with that some cost and as a business owner it is his job to try and keep cost under control. He would like to try and contribute to help find ways to save the town/taxpayers money as the tax base for the town is escalating that is not sustainable and he would like to try and do his part to help keep the tax rate down. He thinks he can offer some insight on cost savings and maybe maintenance free products for the buildings.

Roy said that she has worked with him on Capital Planning and he brought a lot to the table. He kept an open mind, listened and challenged Capital Planning on some issues which she felt was important. She thinks that he would be a great member to the Finance Committee.

Millias said he like to see people who have attend town meeting as it is important as he has seen him there.

Bruno explained that the Finance Committee has no real power other than reserve fund transfers. So what they need to do is investigate things because the reason things may became contentious with budgetary items is because the arguments are not thought through all the way. He continued to say that the Finance Committee does make the recommendations so they do have a voice but no one has to listen to them. The Finance Committee puts their ideas together but you have to remember it is a small town and whenever you decided on something somebody is going to mad.

Roy said that it is important that you researched and explored everything and feel comfortable before approving anything.

Garron said the bottom line for all committee members is that we work for the town and our responsibility is to do what is best for the Town.

Roy said that he represents the average taxpayer and have a feel what they want to spend. She asked if he had any questions and he asked when he will know whether or not he got appointed to and she said that the Board will have a decision at their meeting on June 23rd.

Derek Bennett - Interview for Finance Committee

Millias began by saying that his availability is demanding during budget season and Mr. Bennett said that he presently is in a new position but has the flexibility to meet the demands of the Finance Committee. In addition he can work from home.

Millias asked if he has attended Town Meetings and he said yes. He tends to jump around to the different groups to hear what each may be saying during Town Meeting.

Garron asked him why he wanted to be on the Finance Committee and Mr. Bennett said that that he sees this as something important to the Town in which he lives. He was on the Elementary School Committee and worked with a portion of the budget and now would like to help the town as a whole supporting different portions of the budget and the community. He continued to say that he has lived here for seven years and they have been the best seven years he has had. He would like to be able to allow incoming families and present families to have that same peace of mind. He understands that Halifax does not have a large commercial base therefore we need to be more conservative on how we spend.

Garron asked how long he was on School Committee and he said roughly six years.

Roy said that he serves on numerous committees and asked if he was okay giving up Cable Advisory Committee and Youth & Recreation and he yes he is willing to step away from those committees if he would be able to help the town as a whole.

Roy was concerned that when he was on the School Committee he had to abstain from the teacher's contract. He explained that an estimate (30%) of his salary comes from the Mass Teachers Association. He has put in a request to the Ethics Commission asking what the requirements and necessities would be for him as a member of the Finance Committee. He explained that if I were to be appointed he would be required to abstain from the line items specific to any salary requirement request for the faculty. If however he was presented with a *block budget* he would be allowed to vote on those matters.

Roy said serving on The Finance Committee is a big commitment and Mr. Bennett said that he will not take on projects that require late night work if he was were appointed. She did want to say that he was a liaison for the Capital Planning Committee and she did not see him attend a meeting all year he said he will make this his utmost priority.

Bruno asked what the difference between serving on the School Committee and the Finance Committee was and Mr. Bennett said there is a great deal of similarities but there are some difference. Such as with the School Committee you are concentrating on education and the requirements & needs of the school. The Finance Committee equally comes into the same discussion but in addition there would be police, fire, public service, highway etc. He likes to think that it is the same experience but in a different category of issues.

Mr. Bruno said that as an elected official on the School Committee you had your own authority as you can agree with the committee or not. As he mentioned to Mr. Conroy earlier he said to Mr. Bennett that the Finance Committee does not have authority and are required to make a recommendation but nobody has to listen to it. Mr. Bruno said the only way he thinks they can be effective is to have thoughtful arguments. Mr. Bennett understands that the role of the Finance Committee is to serve as an advisory and they are responsible for making recommendations.

Garron added that decisions are made for the benefit of the Town. Roy asked if he had any questions, which he did not. Roy said that the Finance Committee has interviewed all three candidates and will make their decision on June 22nd and the BOS will after they interview the 3rd applicant.

Michael White - Interview for Building Inspector

Millias recused himself and sat in the audience.

Before beginning the interview Seelig wanted to say that the Building Inspector is also Zoning Enforcement Officer.

Garron

Why did you apply for this position?

Mr. White

He said that he has been in construction since a sophomore in high school. I then advanced to commercial projects. I was approached by Building Inspector in Bridgewater when his position came up and took it. I love it there and I work well with all the departments. I live in town and it now has gotten to the point where I get approached by residents at restaurants and at my home on the weekends.

Garron

Why the change as you making more money where you are right now?

Mr. White

The quality of life as he can't go anywhere in town and does not like the spot light.

Garron

What type of commitment can you make?

Mr. White

I think my résumé speaks for itself as I am pretty much knowledgeable on all phases of construction.

Roy

What skills are necessary to be a good Building Inspector?

Mr. White

Be even-tempered; don't let anything get out of control and be a good communicator.

Roy

Give an example of an unpopular decision you have made?

Mr. White

I had an applicant come who wanted to add an in-law and I explained that they could not do it. They proceeded to change the layout that it would be an extension of their living. What they applied for on and what was on the plans did not include a kitchen. Then after everyone signed off they put a kitchen in turned building into a three family). There was some dispute with the tenant who then came looking for our help. This is still being disputed and they are not happy.

Roy

Greatest strength you would bring to this job?

Mr. White

Very pro-active and self-motivated.

Roy

Any issue with attending Town Meetings or workshops?

Mr. White

No, I do that right now.

Garron

Something an employee would say whether it was positive or negative?

Mr. White

That I will get the job done, no matter what.

Roy

What about a negative?

Mr. White

Properly the budget as there is a lot of budget constraints that hold your department back. Frustrating year after year when you are trying to implement different programs cannot get it done. Me trying to be proactive probably wears on people coming back year after year for something.

Roy

Do you still build on the side?

Mr. White

Here and there and basically inside finish work.

Seelig

Do you have any shared business interest?

Mr. White

No

Seelig:

Are you related to any members of boards, committee or departments in Halifax?

Mr. White

No, I was raking my brains ... I did frame when they renovated Cumberland Farms.

Seelig

As Building Inspector/Zoning Enforcement Officer in Halifax will you be doing any activities in Halifax which permits are required from the various inspectors, Conservation Planning Board, ZBA and the BOH?

Mr. White

I would say no been in business for 33 years and have not pulled a permit here in Halifax. No sure about Cumberland Farms as I was just a sub contractor framing the roofs.

Seelig

What do you see as the distinct rolls played by the Building Inspector/Zoning Officer and also the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals?

Mr. White

In Bridgewater we work hand-in-hand. It is in my job discretion (in Bridgewater) to enforce any of the conditions they set forth. This is the same for a close out as I will go out and review the conditions and work with the developer. If there are significant changes for the as-builts they would have to go back for a modification.

Seelig

How do you manage conflicts with your office and Planning Board or Zoning Board of Appeals?

Mr. White

I have been dealing with them for a long time and everyone is pretty much on the same page we work hand-in-hand. If I have a question with something, I consult Town Counsel to make sure I am on the same page before moving forward.

Seelig

What procedure would you follow making decisions regarding the Town By-Laws?

Mr. White

I would read through them and if cut and dry make the decision and if not again ask for Counsel. In Bridgewater we have weekly informal meetings to keep everyone abreast with all the projects. So if there was a question it would be discussed at the meeting. I am pretty sharp with our current by-laws.

Seelig

In your opinion what factors should the ZBA consider when they are making decisions to grant or not grant variances?

Mr. White

Legally I don't think you could ever grant a real variance because it is supposed to be a hardship to the land but obviously that is not the case for most cities in town across the State. I would write a letter denying whatever it is. The applicant will present their case and typically we'll weigh it and if in line with something that had been done in the past where a variance was granted or a waiver then they'll agree to it but if it is off the charts it does not make sense to do it because it will be setting precedence.

Seelig

How many people do you supervise?

Mr. White

Currently I have two emergency building inspectors. I have a full time plumbing and electrical inspector and a part time electrical inspector. An office administrator and office clerk. Conservation and ZBA has one clerk that does both and is under my office umbrella. The Conservation Agent checks in a couple times a week and then does field work.

Roy

Do you have any questions?

Mr. White

Any issues you are dealing with as he knows recently Halifax adopted the stretch energy code? Are there any areas that you are trying to clean up in the department?

Roy

I think the department is perfect.

Robert Piccirilli – Interview for Building Inspector

Mr. Piccirilli began by saying that he has been in the building profession most of my life as he began as a teenager. Went to school and got a degree in design illustration. He has done all aspects of the job from concrete to frame to finish. Started his own business. Worked with an engineer for a brief time doing drawings. He became a local inspector for the last 15 years. He feels he is knowledgeable with the Town and the town by-laws and thinks he will be an asset to the town. He is currently on the Planning Board.

Roy

How long have you been on the Planning Board?

Mr. Piccirilli

Seven or eight years.

Troy

What are the reason we should accept you for the position?

Mr. Piccirilli

Good fit for Town. Have been employed by the Town for quite a while; have a feel for what the people want and need; hope to work and enforce the codes as well as explain the codes to residents so that they understand them.

Garron

What are positive and negatives you have experienced in the 15 yrs in the position of local inspector?

Mr. Piccirilli

Positive – Have learned a lot; Like to speak with the people and builders and get their feel for what is going on.

Negatives – telling someone they need to change something or can't do something especially if it hurts them financially.

Roy

You have your own business – how will this fit in?

Mr. Piccirilli

I hope to have it wrapped up in a month.

Roy

What are your skills?

Mr. Piccirilli

Communicate, explain so they understand.

Roy

Give an example of an unpopular decision you have made?

Mr. Piccirilli

Telling someone to fix or change something in the end.

Roy

What are your strengths?

Mr. Piccirilli

The time I have served to the Town, and I have a feel for the way the Town is going.

Roy

Department heads should attend Town Meetings. Besides Town Meetings, are you willing to attend other meetings?

Mr. Piccirilli

I agree and yes I will.

Roy

Do you do part time work in Plympton?

Mr. Piccirilli

I am the Local Inspector in Plympton, which means I typically will fill in for the Building Inspector. It is very part time.

Roy

Is this something you still...

Mr. Piccirilli

I would like to keep it - 20 hours a year.

Roy

Give me three words to describe you?

Mr. Piccirilli

Fair and consistent.

Roy

Are you still interested in Zoning By-Law Committee?

Mr. Piccirilli

Yes, they should be looked at as there are some gray areas.

Seelig

Do you have any shared business interest?

Mr. Piccirilli

Yes, I am on a trust. My intent is to seize any business and have it run by a business manager.

Seelig

Are you a member on any Boards or Committees?

Mr. Piccirilli

No.

Seelig

Do you intend to do any other projects?

Mr. Piccirilli

No – maybe some finish work out of town.

Seelig

The ZBA and Planning Board and all distinct entities but need to work together and communicate.

Mr. Piccirilli

I think they are distinct entities but they need to work together. The three boards need to communicate well because we are all working together.

Seelig

How would you handle conflicts between the Boards?

Mr. Piccirilli

Need to be willing to sit down and talk. Whether it is a joint meeting or sitting in one of their meeting discussing it or vice versa.

Seelig

What are the procedures that you would follow in terms of making decisions about the town's zoning by-laws?

Mr. Piccirilli

Start with researching on my part to see what is involved and if really in depth, speak with Town Counsel to see which way it could go legally. In the end it would be my interpretation and if they did not like my interpretation they can appeal.

Seelig

In terms of going to ZBA what factors do you think they should use in making decisions about variances?

Mr. Piccirilli

Consistency, consistency, consistency. I don't think we can allow something for one person and not allow another person. We can't set precedence.

Seelig

So what happens when whether it is through you or ZBA that the fact this hasn't happened yet or there are changes in ZBA and someone makes a decision either because it is the first time or the hundredth time?

Mr. Piccirilli

I would think it is up to the applicant to bring in proof of what was done or allowed at that point and hopefully it doesn't go to legal action as the town losses at that point. Need to watch your back and again be consistent.

Roy

Do you have any questions?

Mr. Piccirilli

No.

Roy is confident about making a decision this evening.

Garron was bother that the first candidate wants to leave his existing job as it is a cut in pay and he said everything is fine at his current position. Garron would like to make a phone call.

Roy asked if he was okay until the June 23rd and Garron said yes as he wants to check his references.

Roy said that she knows that Rob has been a great assistant and that he has given us his commitment to dissolve his business. She understands Garron's concerns. Garron did say that they both share the same experience.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Burrage Pond - Elm Street Access

The Board visited the property off Elm Street that was recently transferred to the Town. Garron thought the visit and explanation was feasible he was concerned the quality of life and trouble the resident has in the past if we allow the State to

change the property he may move. He understands that the owner should have first thought.

Millias said the buffer between the parking and the abutter will be okay it is not that best but it is something and he thinks that parking will still be on the street. There will need to be policing. He would like a commitment made by the State before going forward.

Roy suggested grading the front of the parking lot so it is visible and she too understood the abutter's concerns. She has checked the police logs for the past five years and there were only a few calls but she thinks he called environmental police.

Garron said the neighbor called and did not see any enforcement.

Roy said that many people have missed the access to Burrage Pond.

Millias addressed his concerns to the State saying that six spaces are not enough and it should be twelve.

Seelig will get a message to the State regarding the Board's input.

Highway Employees Vacation Carryovers

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved five requests from Highway/Cemetery Department employees to carry over 40 hours of vacation from FY2015 to FY2016 as per their contract.

Use of Town Green – Congregational Church

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously granted a request from the Congregational Church the use of the Town Green on the backside of the Town Hall on Saturday, September 19th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a chicken BBQ and harvest fair.

Conservation Restriction Hilliard-Randall Property

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the Conservation Restriction Hilliard-Randall Property easement as drawn up by the Wildlands Trust and reviewed and approved by Town Counsel.

471 Monponsett Street

After a certified letter was sent to Stephen Doyle, he called back and said a dumpster would be on the property by June 5th and said all the vehicles that are on the property are registered. Chief Viveiros mentioned that the fire hydrant is blocked by debris and other items and that the dumpster has arrived but did not get a permit from Fire Department for dumpster. Millias said that there has been some progress.

It was said to let him know that the Board is not satisfied and he has until June 23rd. Roy does not want to give him until June 23rd, especially since the hydrant is blocked and wants to start fining.

Garron said that we need to bring him in. We have never set a deadline. Let's see what gets done with the dumpster over the next week.

Roy asked how many days should we give him to clean out the hydrant and Millias said till tomorrow. Seelig said that he can get notice to them tomorrow.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted that a notice be given to the residents stating that the hydrant be cleared out tomorrow.

Seelig then asked the Board what else they wanted.

Garron said that we do not know the circumstances and maybe they work until five o'clock every day and stated that this is not going to all happen tomorrow. Millias agreed and said that we can see what happens in two weeks. This has been an on-going issue for years. Perhaps we can enlist the Fire Chief, Police Chief, Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator to visit the property to let them know that this needs to be addressed.

Seelig said that they need proof that all vehicles are registered and said slow progress is not good that they need substantial.

Roy said this is not the first time and they know we are not going to come down hard. Garron does not disagree with Roy but said they did get the dumpster. If everyone wants to go there, he is willing.

Millias said that fines do not work and Roy said that a lien can be put on the property.

Seelig will contact the Chiefs and the Conservation Commission and get a date to go to the home. The resident will be informed of the visit.

MEPA Review Brockton Casino

The Massachusetts Environmental Protection Agency is reviewing the Environmental Notification Form from the developer for the proposed casino in Brockton. The Board should send in a note of comment concerning the 43 million gallons a year of water that will come from the Pond and, that given the environmental/water quality problems, that any permit should require money be spent by the developer and the City sufficient to allow for recreational use of the Pond throughout the year.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted that Seelig send in a note of comment concerning the 43 million gallons a year of water that will come from the Pond.

Workers Compensation FY2016

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias the Board voted as follows to sign off on Workers' Compensation policy for FY2016 as quoted from MIIA.

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

Monponsett Pond Sign Boards

While Seelig was posting the notice about the high algae counts at the State boat ramp on Route 58, he did not find any kiosk at the Lingan Street boat ramp or beach but there is one at the Route 36 boat ramp. Gerry Elliott wrote that the Board of Health had ones at both locations. Seelig will go back to check again but if he does not find any he would like to ask the Parks Commission to use its budget to construct them (just need a simple pole in the ground plus a wood panel to put postings).

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted that if no kiosks are found, Seelig can ask the Parks Commission to use its budget to construct them.

OPEB Trust

The four original members (Selectmen, Financial Committee, Accountant and Treasurer-Collector) have all signed the trust. We are still waiting for a resident to send in a talent bank form to fill the fifth slot. Seelig plans to call the Town's advisor to set up a meeting of the four current trustees.

Appointments - Assistant Town Treasurer & Assistant Town Collector

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Linda McCarthy as Assistant Town Collector, term to expire June 8, 2018

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve the appointment of Linda Cole as Assistant Town Treasurer, term to expire May 18, 2018.

Boiler Inspections

AIG, on behalf of the Town's insurer, has noted the following:

- School: safety valve needs to be re-installed. Seelig will notify Matt Durkee and cc Gerry Elliott.
- Town Barn: the previous wiring problem has been corrected. Seelig will notify Bob Badore and Gerry Elliott.
- Fire Station: air tank needs to be inspected. Seelig will notify the Fire Chief and Gerry Elliott.

FMLA Leave

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously the Board of Selectmen granted Barbara Brenton family medical leave beginning spring of 2015 on an intermittent basis.

Line Item Transfer

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve the following line item transfer:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Recycling Center - Expense #66-433	Recycling Office #66-430	\$ 150.00

Trailer By-Law

Seelig is waiting for update from Attorney Mayo. The Attorney General's office says that they will be working on this in the near future.

Fire Department Retirement

As of today Gerry Elliott has retired as a call firefighter.

CERT Appointments

The current director, Jeffery Boltz, has taken a position with a greater time commitment, therefore the Fire Chief is recommending that the current assistant director, Thomas Schindler become the director and that Mr. Boltz become the assistant director. Both gentlemen are in favor of doing this.

Casino - Surrounding Communities

The Board may wish to consider whether Halifax should apply for status as a surrounding community for the proposed casino in Brockton. There are two areas of concern:

- The casino will use an estimated 120,000 gallons per day or a bit more than 43 million gallons per year; the estimated revenue for the City will be about \$358,000 based on current rates. Whether Brockton uses water from the desalination plant or from Monponsett Pond, using more water will mean more water coming from Monponsett Pond. The casino should pay an additional fee to the Town to help maintain the water quality.
- It is estimated that 1,500 permanent jobs will be created. That will increase the need for housing the Brockton metropolitan area making the construction of new housing in Halifax, whether it is rental or owned, a more attractive proposition, thereby creating a need for more services at a cost higher than the additional taxes generated. The Town should receive money each year if new housing is built above the average number of units built in previous years.

Seelig stated that the application deadline is July.

Employee Evaluations

Roy has done a rough on three evaluations. If the Board has any feedback please let Seeig know and she will revise. She asked Garron if he wanted to do the Police Chief as she did not do his.

Union Contracts

Highway and Sergeants have agreed to the 1% wage increase, will hear back from the Firefighters by June 23rd and there has been no word from the Dispatchers and Patrol Officers.

Monponsett Pond

Treatment has occurred. The Working Group will meet with the Brockton Water Commission in July. Seelig is recommending that a letter be sent to Mayor Carpenter noting the upcoming meeting but also noting the amount of time it has taken Brockton to respond to a request for its plans for 2015. Seelig will have a draft of the letter to send to Mayor Carpenter for the Board on June 23rd. Garron suggested sending a letter to OCPC. Roy stated that we need the commitment from Brockton that they stand behind the legislation. Millias added to send to Legislators also.

School Roof

Seelig does not have a time line for the HES Roof Project Statement of Interest. The only guidance from the MSBA is “depending on the number of SOIs that are submitted, this review process could take several months.” Invitations to the

MSBA Eligibility Period are anticipated at the fall 2015/winter 2016 Board meeting. Seelig does not anticipate the need for a Town Meeting this fall in connection with the roof project.

Non-Binding Referenda

With the experience gained through having the first non-binding referenda on the ballot, the Board may wish to take the following steps to formalize the process:

- The Board, on its own, may decide to place such a question on the ballot;
- A group of ten registered voters may submit a question by February 1st. This gives the Board a chance to vote on whether to place the question on the ballot. It is likely that the Board will decline to do so. If it does decline to do so, then the interested parties will have until 42 days before the date of the town election to gather the signatures of at least ten percent of the voters of Halifax. The Town Clerk will have seven days to certify the signatures. If the ten percent mark is certified, the question will be placed on the ballot.

Plymouth County Advisory Board Alternate

Moved by Roy and second by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Thomas Millias as the Alternate to the Plymouth County Advisory Board, term to expire June 30, 2016.

AFFIRMED WARRANTS AND COMMITMENT

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously affirmed approval for the payment of the following commitments and warrants with the exception of Thomas Millias abstaining from the Building, Regulatory and Assessor’s Payroll in warrant #102:

Payroll Warrant	#102	\$ 364,158.55
Vendor Warrant	#103	\$ 63,736.25
School Warrant	#104	\$ 394,190.68
Withholding Warrant	#100	\$ 133,935.56
Ambulance Commitment	# 5A	\$ 19,266.66

APPROVED WARRANT AND COMMITMENT

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following warrant and commitment:

Vendor Warrant	# 106	\$ 38,991.98
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 6	\$ 5,160.00

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following bills dated June 9, 2015:

National Grid (concession stand).....	\$ 64.36
National Grid (Town Hall).....	\$ 1,208.48
Express Newspapers (ad/summer maintenance)	\$ 36.66
Cushman Insurance (bond/Collector & bond/Treasurer)	\$ 1,362.50
Beth Israel Deaconess (physical/Crowell)	\$ 105.00
W.B. Mason (name plates)	\$ 30.72

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending May 30, 2015, in the amount of \$6,172.17.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2015-73	\$ 105.55
2015-74	\$ 525.00
2015-75	\$ 5.00

Appointments to Boards, Committees, Commissions & Officials

The Board held off on reappointments for the Conservation Commission and the Zoning By-Law Committee.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint the following members to the various boards, committees and commissions:

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Derek M. Bennett
Maureen Rogers
John Shiavone
Richard Wright
Elaine Wissel

CERT Director

Thomas Schindler

CERT Director Assistant

Jeffrey Boltz

Council on Aging

Helen Doucette
Joy Marble

Forest Fire Warden

Jason Viveiros

HEMA Director

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HEMA Deputy Director

Michael Manoogian

Historian

Susan Basile

Historic District Commission

David Mason
John Werra

Historical Commission

Mason Cook
Shirley Schindler

Holidays in Halifax

Tania Massa
Joy Marble

Licensing Authority Agents

Chief Edward P. Broderick
Sgt. Theodore Benner
Robert L. Briggs
Sgt. William Caprio
Albert Hingst
Robert McDonnell
Michael W. Schleiff
Sgt. Patrick K. Sterling
Herbert R. Wiltshire, Jr.

Municipal & School Building Committee

Gerald Joy

Old Colony Elderly Services

Joan Jolley

O.C.P.C. – Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee

Elaine Marzilli

Parking Clerk

Pamela Adduci

Police Matrons

Joy Firth
Alicia Ladue
Susan Lawless
Antoinette Ross
Martha Smith

Special Police Officers

David X. Acevich
Patrick Donnelly
Panashe J. Flint

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Herbert A. Wolfer

Town Accountant

Sandra Nolan

Town Accountant Assistant

Jean Pitts

Town Counsel

Lawrence P. Mayo

Town Director of County Co-Operative Extension Service

Kozhaya Nessralla

Tree Warden

Robert Badore

Veterans' Agent, Veterans' Service Officer, Veterans' Burial Agent

Wilford C. Corey

Wiring Inspector

Stephen Peterson

Wiring Inspector Assistant

Dennis McManus

Youth & Recreation Commission

Bruce Pulliam

Zoning Board of Appeals

Debra Tinkham

Roy asked how active has the Youth and Recreation commission because she asked Derek Bennett as he is a member and he said he hasn't attended a meeting in over a year.

Seelig said that he does not know how many meetings they have ended up having. Outside of making sure the fields are maintained and the after school program is running and various programs over the summer he does not think there has been any recent active meetings. Dick Steele handles a lot of this. He knows in previous years had to ensure that. He asked if any of the committee members have has been to the HOPS playground meeting, seeing it is under their jurisdiction, and Roy said Dick has been to a couple and help out this past weekend with the 5K but it does not always have to him who has to attend. She stated that she was just curious.

Harbor to the Bay Charity Bike Ride

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the Harbor to the Bay Charity Bike Ride the use the Halifax Boat Ramp parking lot located on Route 58 as a pit stop for their ride on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 PM.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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