

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 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.

AGENDA

Garron and Roy wanted to remind the audience that the COA is having their annual cookout tomorrow. Roy apologized for her attire as she just had a league golf match that ran later than expected.

With the above addition, the agenda for Tuesday, August 18th, was unanimously approved.

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.

AFFIRMED COMMITMENT

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

Ambulance Commitment # 7A \$ 29,528.39

APPROVED WARRANT

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

Vendor Warrant # 15 \$ 216,990.79

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

Express Newspapers (ad/outreach assistant @ COA)..... \$ 3,960.00
Aquatic Control Technology (post treatment inspection)..... \$ 925.00

Millias amended the above figure from \$3,960 to \$ 39.60.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Trailer Permit – 23 Richview Avenue

A sixty day trailer permit has been issued to the homeowners at the above location. They have been informed that if they need the trailer after the temporary permit expires they will need to come before the Board of Selectmen for a hearing.

Recycling Fee Letter

Both Seelig (5 paragraphs) and the Town Accountant (1 paragraph) have drafted letters to be inserted in the recycling bills to inform the residents of the increase and why. Seelig was fine with either one and asked the Board which one they preferred. All three members agreed to have the longer letter sent out.

Ambulance Abatement

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

July 2015	FOR	\$ 13,511.84
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CERT Grant

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously authorized the Chair, Kim R. Roy, to sign the CERT Grant in the amount of \$3,699.

OCPC Hazard Mitigation Plan

OCPC has been working with communities in their jurisdiction to update the region's hazard mitigation plan. Chief Viveiros and Eric Arbeene of OCPC will meet with the BOS on September 8th to request that the Board approve the plan.

Monponsett – Brockton Dam

Seelig has not heard back from Brockton Water Department, the City Council or the Mayor's office about requesting copy of the budget. Roy is disappointed that there has been no response as Halifax has been trying to communicate with them. She previously spoke to Representative Brady and he said he was going to put a call into the mayor's office. Seelig said that he has not heard back.

Seelig plans on making formal requests and deliver them personally tomorrow. He has reserved a room with the help of OCPC, at Brocton City Hall on September 30th at 7 p.m. for a presentation about the automated controls at the Brockton Dam.

Sign - 272 Plymouth Street

The sign at the Halifax Coin Shop has been taken down.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT***Tax Classification Hearing***

At 7:45 p.m., the Board convened a Public Classification Hearing for the purpose of allocating the local property tax levy among the four property classes for Fiscal Year 2016. Present for the hearing was Principal Assessor/Appraiser Karen Trudeau and Assessor Holly Merry.

The following was discussed:

1. Uniform Tax Rate

A shift in the tax rate would put a burden on the Commercial /Industrial properties. The Board of Assessors is recommending a uniform tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved a uniform tax rate for Fiscal Year 2016.

2. Open Space Discount

The Board of Assessors is recommending that the Board not vote to adopt an open space discount.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted not to shift the burden to the residential properties.

3. Residential Exemption

This exemption is given to owner occupied residential properties and most commonly used in vacation, beach and cities where there are a lot of rental properties. Given that the Town does not have a large seasonal population; the Board of Assessors did not recommend this exemption.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted not to adopt a residential exemption.

4. Small Commercial Exemption

The Board of Assessors voted not to recommend this exemption be granted.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted not to support the small commercial exemption.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to continue the hearing until the completion of the Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015.

Chief Viveiros – vote to award the bid for the new fire truck

Roy personally congratulated Chief Viveiros on getting this grant for the fire truck.

The chief stated that they applied for the grant in December and found out last month that they received it. He continued to say that they put the vehicle out to bid and received two bids; one from Rosenbauer New England and the other from Five Star Fire. He explained the pros and cons on what each manufacturer had to offer on the apparatus and in the end Rosenbauer New England met the departments/town's needs. His recommendation is to go with Rosenbauer New England.

Millias said that this is a win win for the Town and kudos to him. Garron said great job by you and your staff.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously accepted the bid from Rosenbauer New England for an Aerial Platform Truck.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

LED Sign

Roy asked how long it would take to put the sign up. Seelig said he did not have an exact date as to when it would be started as he is waiting for Complete Signs (located in Alabama) to contact Bob's Sign (local company) as to when they can start.

Seelig and the Fire Chief will be the "IT" guys who will be putting up the messages.

Complete Water Ban

Seelig informed the audience that there will be a complete water ban while the water tank is being painted as we will not have the water pressure. Garron asked if the car wash will still be opened and Seelig said that they are not going to be asking businesses to shut down or not use water as it is part of their daily operation. Roy added that they hope to begin September 1st with a deadline of December 1st.

Public Records Act

The Legislature is discussing various proposals about the public records law. Under the current bill, the governor, the judiciary and the legislature remain exempt. Seelig thinks that all three branches of the government should have to follow whatever law exists. The Board was asked if they wanted to state their position on this.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted if any legislation is passed regarding the public records law it should include all government agencies at all levels.

Live Entertainment – Salon Serenity

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2016-07 to Kelly McAndrews for live entertainment at Salon Serenity on Saturday, September 19th, from 1:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Live Entertainment – Dawn Corby

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2016-08 to Dawn Corby for live entertainment at 17 Musterfield Lane on Saturday, August 22nd, from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

September 8th Meeting

Seelig is recommending that the Board meet at 5:00 p.m. here at the Town Hall for their regular scheduled meeting and then proceed over to the Elementary School for the Special Town Meeting. The Board was in agreement with this.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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