

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 – 5:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 5:00 p.m. with Selectmen Kim R. Roy and Troy E. Garron 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, September 8th, was unanimously approved without revision.

MINUTES

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted to approve the following Selectmen Minutes:

Regular Session – June 23, 2015
Regular Session – July 14, 2015
Regular Session – July 28, 2015
Regular Session – August 18, 2015

AFFIRMED COMMITMENT AND WARRANTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 16	\$ 193,928.44
Vendor Warrant	# 17	\$ 71,547.79
Withholding Warrant	# 18	\$ 67,495.43
Vendor Warrant	# 19	\$ 55,044.85
Ambulance Commitment	# 8A	\$ 29,169.56

APPROVED COMMITMENT AND WARRANTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 20	\$ 314,771.09
Vendor Warrant	# 21	\$ 145,809.95
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 9	\$ 5,160.00

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

National Grid (service for Town Hall).....	\$ 1,556.08
National Grid (service for concession stand).....	\$ 79.78
Express Newspapers (ad/Assist. Bldg. Inspector).....	\$ 34.75
Harry B. Harding & Son (printing STM 9/8/15)	\$ 424.75
Aquatic Control Technology (sonar treatment).....	\$ 24,833.31
W.B. Mason (office supplies).....	\$ 146.24
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (MA law books)	\$ 434.31
Michael Gilman Esq. (legal services/August)	\$ 275.00

Maureen Rogers was in the audience and asked who was responsible for paying for street lights and Seelig if there is a street light not working that is the town's he will call National Grid but if there is a street light being paid by a resident and they no longer want to pay for it National Grid will shut it off.

Millias arrived at 5:10 p.m.

AGENDA

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Roy stated that she is Excited that the LED sign is up and running. She added that messages will not be scrolling and there will be no color.

Millias said that they are working on getting the shrub removed, but seems to be a discrepancy between management company and property owner.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Signage at Monponsett Pond

Cathy Drinan is looking for suggestions about better signage at the boat ramp at Route 58 (and the other boat ramps at Lingan Street and Route 36) that would be prominent and eye-catching to provide advisories and information about Pond closings, etc.

Seelig said that policy is that we warn the residents but they still are using pond and Cathy gets calls that there are people on the pond.

Water System Update

An outdoor water ban is in affect from September 1st until at least November 1st and possibility December 1st. The Town will use Brockton water from time to time depending on water usage and how much water is available from the Town's wells. Anyone with questions should contact the Water Department. Seelig mentioned that the cell service has not been moved yet.

Earth Removal Report - Turkey Swamp

Barry Gates has submitted earth removal report for April - June 2015. He has been notified that if he intends to apply for another year, he needs to tell the Board by October so that a hearing can be scheduled in November.

Fuel Storage Permits

Kozhaya Nessralla and Halifax Country Club have not renewed (previous permits expired on May 1). Seelig has notified them and told them that revocation hearings would be held in October if they did not renew.

Use of Town Green Halifax Girls Basketball

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously granted Halifax Girls Basketball the use of the Town Green on Saturday, September 12th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a yard sale fundraiser.

MMA Legislative Breakfasts

Breakfasts are being held at the following locations:

- Rehoboth on October 2nd
- Avon on October 9th
- Marion on October 16th

Seelig plans on going to the breakfast on October 2nd. If any of the Board members would like to attend RSVPs are appreciated.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Theresa Levenson & Halifax in Lights Committee – Appoint to HIL

Roy asked if she has been meeting with the committee and Ms. Levenson said she has. She continued to say that she has been a resident for 14 years and has attended the fireworks and want to help as she now has the time. Roy is so grateful that she wants to come on board and Garron appreciates her wanted to help as we do need people. He added that Maureen has helped out throughout the years. Millias said it is a wonderful thing her wanting to help and thanked her for stepping up.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Theresa Levenson to the Halifax in Lights Committee, term to expire August 31, 2018.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Close Out Fire Chief Recruitment Account

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to close the Fire Chief Recruitment Account and have the remaining balance of \$103.89 deposited to the General Fund.

Fire Engine Contract

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to have the Chair, Kim R. Roy, sign the Fire Engine Contract.

Monponsett Pond Algae Blooms

A group of residents from Hanson wrote to the Halifax Board of Health complaining about health problems due to the algae blooms in Monponsett Pond and requested that the Brockton dam be removed. Board of Health Agent Cathy Drinan wrote back acknowledging the problems and providing information about the various efforts by Halifax to improve the situation.

Police Matron Resignation

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted, with regret, to accept the resignation of Alicia Ladue as Police Matron and to send a letter thanking her for her service.

John Drolette - Autumn Lane

John Drolette called the Selectmen's Office regarding Autumn Lane. Seelig sent him a note outlining that very little has changed and stated he can contact Eastern Bank about their plans if the BOS would like him to. He also can contact land use counsel and Town counsel to see if they have any advice as to how to move this project along.

Millias asked how much is Eastern is holding for the amount and Seelig did not know off hand. Roy said if Seelig had the time could he contact Eastern Bank. Garron added that we have been dealing with this for a long time.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to have Seelig contact Eastern Bank.

A-Plus in Middleboro

There was a newspaper article about complaints from residents in Middleboro and Halifax about A-Plus (composting facility). The facility is under an enforcement order from DEP. Seelig will contact DEP before next Board of Selectmen meeting to see if any progress has been made.

Council on Aging Surplus Property

The COA has a file cabinet that is in good condition and various pieces of phone equipment that they would like to declare surplus. Seelig will check with the other departments to see if they are in need of any of it.

Monponsett/Brockton Dam

Seelig is recommending that the Board send a letter to the Brockton Water Commission and the Central Plymouth County Water District Commission to asking that they delay diversion until the high algae levels are significantly reduced.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter to the Brockton Water Commission and the Central Plymouth County Water District Commission.

Roy added that in the letter explain that we just treated the ponds and we "strongly urge" that they delay diversion.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Chief Viveiros and Erik Arbeene – Adopt FEMA Hazard Mitigation Plan

Mr. Arbeene, Community Planner for Old Colony Planning Council, handed out an outline of the Old Colony Hazard Mitigation Plan which explained the plan, the benefits of the plan, hazard identification, risk assessment, existing protections, mitigation strategy, plan adoption and what the next steps are.

Mr. Arbeene went through the handout page by page therefore a copy is attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes.

After explaining the plan Chief Viveiros recommended that the Town accepts the plan especially since it gives the Town the opportunity to apply for grants and it allows us to be proactive so that when the grants come around we already have a project in place ready to go.

Mr. Arbeene said that after about three years the Town should think about updating the plan so it is ready to go in the fifth year when it expires.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Old Colony Hazard Mitigation Plan and have the Chair, Kim R. Roy, sign the *Adoption Resolution*.

Introduce Officer DeRoo and Officer Simpson

Chief Broderick wanted the BOS to meet the new police officers who just graduated from the Academy. He stated that Officer DeRoo and Officer Simpson are already on the street and working their shifts. Their field work was completed before they enter into the Academy, so they were able to get right on the road.

Roy said that it is great that we are “stocking up” with permanent and intermediate officers who have been trained, have a relationship with the department and the town because it makes an easier transition for someone to slide into a full time position when they come up.

Garron words of advice to them were to be fair, firm and consistent and be the best you can. As always, we support the department and any questions ask the Chief or you superiors.

Millias said that he hopes to keep them in the community. Chief Broderick said that is a plus to have guys who live in the town on the force with the hope that they stay but he would never hold anyone back who may want to move on.

The Board wished them best of luck.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Agricultural Committee

The AG's office has approved the by-laws (Board can organize the Agricultural Committee) passed by Town Meeting in May. Seelig said he will start the publicity and for those who are interested in serving on the committee to attend the BOS meeting on October 13th unless the Board would like them in on September 22nd.

Recycling Abatements

Move by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to abate Recycling Bill #996 in the amount of \$25.00.

Move by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to abate Recycling Bill #2580 in the amount of \$50.00.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to table the abatement requests for Recycling Bill #2575, #1527, #1575 and #1576 until the Board receives clarification from the hauler that the resident's recyclables are being picked up.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to abate Recycling Bill #1885 in the amount of \$50.00.

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 Special Town Meetings at 6:10 p.m.:

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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