

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:00 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.

Roy mentioned Peg’s Fitzgerald passing and how this is a great loss to the town as she has served the community for many years. She was an incredible mentor to her as well as her neighbor. Garron then said that he serve twelve years on this Board next to Peg. He continued to say that when he was on the Wage & Personnel Board, Peg was the “go to” person, as she was the Town Accountant and she will be missed sorely. Millias stated that she was also his neighbor for many years. She was very supportive and was a valuable asset with our split from Pembroke.

AGENDA

The Agenda for Monday, November 2nd, was unanimously approved without revision.

AFFIRMED COMMITMENTS, WARRANTS & BILL

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

Payroll Warrant	# 34	\$ 354,098.62
Vendor Warrant	# 35	\$ 206,425.31
Withholding Warrant	# 36	\$ 134,103.61
Vendor Warrant	# 37	\$ 95,666.15
Ambulance Commitment	#10A	\$ 17,828.61
Payable to: Halifax Postmaster:		\$ 267.80

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT

Barry Maffini – Pole Hearing – 113 Plymouth Street

Barry Maffini from UCS represented came this evening representing Verizon for the pole hearing. He stated that the pole was a structural pole and would be an anchor to the existing pole that was already there. Both poles will help support the wires that will be coming across the street. This will be a jointly owned pole between Verizon and Massachusetts Electric as poles are now typically jointly owned and Verizon will be maintaining it.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to grant permission to Verizon to place the pole at 113 Plymouth Street.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to close the pole hearing.

APPROVED COMMITMENT

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

Mobile Home Park Fee # 11 \$ 5,160.00

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

National Grid (service for concession stand).....	\$ 33.20
National Grid (service for Town Hall).....	\$ 1,070.13
Borhek Insurance Comp. (underground storage tank renewal)...	\$ 1,306.00
The County of Plymouth (contribution for FY15)	\$ 150.00
Michael Gilman Esq. (legal services/Sept. & Oct.)	\$ 1,650.00

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2016-07	\$ 125.00
2016-08	\$ 125.00
2016-09	\$ 700.00
2016-10	\$ 125.00
2016-11	\$ 125.00
2016-12	\$ 25.00

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Surplus Equipment – Selectmen’s Office

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to declare the following pieces of equipment as surplus:

- HP ScanJet 4570
- Ricoh Aficio CL3000 Printer
- Canon Printer MP210
- Canon Printer IP4500
- Epson Stylus C88
- HP OfficeJet 6500
- Canon Imagerunner 1670F

Water Tower Bond Anticipation Note

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to sign the Water Tower Bond Anticipation Note.

Monponsett Pond Status

- a) Algae counts remain above 70,000 (82,000 last week).
- b) DEP plans to meet with Brockton and Halifax later this month.
- c) Seelig hopes to have reports from Aquatic Controls Technology by November 12th.
- d) Board should consider removing the barriers at Lingan and Route 58 boat ramps to allow for boats to be removed.
- e) Pick a date for discussion about boat ramps and algae for spring/summer 2016.
- f) Letter from Brockton stating that they will not divert when algae count is above 70,000.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to remove barriers for the rest of the year.

Seelig said that he will talk with Board next June about signage at the boat ramps. Garron suggested that next year they should pick a certain day that the ramps will be closed this way here people can make arrangements to take their boats out beforehand.

Stop Sign Request

Sara Ostrander has requested that signs be put up at 12th Avenue at Lingan Street (for traffic on 12th, not Lingan). Seelig recommends that the Board hold an informal public hearing on November 24th and he will contact the residents of 12th Ave. and Traffic Safety Committee to come in that night to talk about this.

Inspection List for License Holders

Each Selectmen has been assigned to do annual inspections at the following locations:

LOCATION TO INSPECT	SELECTMEN
All Seasons Restaurant	Roy
BR's Monponsett Inn	Roy
Country Club of Halifax	Roy
D's Grille 58	Roy
Hawaii Garden Restaurant	Millias
Halifax Mobil	Millias
Harmony Two Liquors	Millias
Lindy's General Store	Millias
Lyonville Tavern & Restaurant	Garron
Twin Lakes Liquor & Convenience	Garron
Unit 5 Bar, LLC	Garron

State 911 Grant Application

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously authorized the Chair, Kim R. Roy to sign the State 911 Grant application.

Roy stated that this is an annual grant which will be used to replace the console area at the dispatch center.

FMLA Request

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved the FMLA request from Baldassare Luizza.

Talent Bank Form from Edward Galvin

The office has received a talent bank form from Ed Gavin of 16 Arrowhead Path expressing an interest in serving on the Finance Committee and Capital planning.

Emergency Parking Ban

Annual notice has been sent out effective on November 1st.

Cultural Council Grant

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously authorized the Chair, Kim R. Roy to sign the Cultural Council Grant.

Ambulance Fees

According to Town Counsel, because the specific fees are part of the by-law, a Town Meeting would be necessary to change them. Seelig recommends that at Town Meeting the Town rescind those sections of the by-law setting specific fees. Then after the Attorney General approves the change, the Board could update the fees. The statute that allows the Board to abate the fees should stay in place.

If the Board is considering holding a special town meeting before May, Seelig recommend that it notify the departments in case any other articles should be voted on before May. There is a limited amount of time for to hold a STM in 2015 because of the holidays therefore the Board could set a date in January.

Garron asked if there was an urgency from the Fire Chief to change this and Roy said that the Fire Study Committee has talked about this and we will be able to provide better coverage. She also said that we were planning on raising the fees so that we could be at the level as other towns.

Millias asked was the cost was to hold a Town Meeting and Seelig said about \$1,000. Roy then said that cost would be made up with one ambulance run.

Regarding other articles that may be submitted Roy mentioned that Silver Lake is having a problem with their phone system and thinks there will be some articles other articles from other departments to put on it.

Seelig suggested waiting until November 24th when the Fire Chief will be in to talk with the Board of Selectmen. Waiting also gives other departments some time if they have articles they want to present.

State Listening Tour

Various Massachusetts departments have been and will be holding “listening tour” sessions across the State to hear from cities and towns about ways of easing restrictions on local governments. Seelig said that we have not been attending them because they have been far away or have gotten short notification. He recommends that the Board ask the various departments for ideas and send the list to the Governor and secretaries of those departments.

Burrage Pond

Jason Zimmer of Fisheries and Wildlife wrote to say that the topographical survey of the Town's parcel should be done by the end of October.

Cleaning up Halifax

In October the Corby family had their own clean-up day accumulating several bags of trash and this past weekend the Boy Scouts did Elm Street.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to send thank you letters to the Corby children and the Boy Scouts for cleaning up.

Cape Cody Bay Watershed Flood Maps Meeting

Meeting will be on November 17th in Kingston. Either the Building Inspector or the Administrative Assistant will attend.

Digital Sign at Mobil Station

The Building Inspector sent a letter to the owner requesting that the level of illumination be dimmed from dusk to dawn.

Halifax Country Club/Wetlands/Site Visit

A site visit by DEP on the issues from several months ago between the Country Club and the abutters will be conducted on November 10th at 10:30 am. Seelig expects someone from the Conservation Commission will attend. No action is needed from the Board of Selectmen.

Bridgewater State University/Veterans Center

There will be a dedication for their Veteran's Center on Wednesday, November 18th at 2 pm. RSVP requested. Seelig asked the Board if anyone was interested.

Vacation Accrual/Building Inspector/Wage and Personnel

Robert Piccirilli has asked the Board of Health to recognize his years (and hours) of service as the Assistant Building Inspector in accumulating time towards determining his vacation. He would like to be credited with 2.5 years of time so that he would receive two weeks of vacation now, and then continue to accrue at normal rates. No action is needed from the BOS just an FYI.

Sale of 5 Short Street

Seelig asked the Board if they have given any more thought to the sale of the above property which is a buildable lot that has been assessed at \$130,000.

Garron asked if there were only two houses on that street and Seelig said something like that.

Seelig said his first step would be to work with the Treasurer's office to make sure all the documents were done properly.

Roy said that Garron (at their Oct. 13th meeting) did bring up the point that this property could be used for a water treatment plant maybe not this second she does not have a problem either way but it is something to think about.

Garron stated that if the property was sold the money would go into the General Fund so there is no guarantee the funds would go towards the COA building – not that he minds or is against it and understands what Ms. Marble is trying to do as he too would like it to go to the COA.

Seelig will ask the Treasurer's Office to check with Town Counsel regarding the paperwork and will bring back on December 8th.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Paul Ledwell – Gazebo Proposal

Mr. Ledwell came in this evening to present to the BOS a proposal for a gazebo on to put on the Town Green. He has spoken to Historic District Commission member, John She, and has looked at several pictures that Mr. Shea has given him. Together they have agreed on a gazebo similar to the one in Pembroke center, which is 20' x 40' but will be stone as it is less to maintain. He stated that he will finance the whole project and is asking the BOS what they will allow him to do such as size. His intention is to make it look as if it has always been there and for it to be used by the COA for bands and on the 4th of July. He continued to say that in the future the gazebo will be maintained through donations to the Caitlin Ledwell Memorial Scholarship Foundation. He added that Grille 58 will donate and the only thing he asks is that his daughter's name be put on it.

Roy wanted to thank him for his generosity and asked for John Campbell's thoughts.

Garron said that this was brought before us before, but could not decide on size or location and Millias said he thinks there is a spot where it would fit and it could be staked out.

Mr. Ledwell knows that some events we do on July 4th and use a fair amount of space therefore was thinking of having it backing up against the street where the cemetery this way here people can pull up right to the gazebo should they have equipment they need to unload. He is happy to lay it out with the Building Inspector and a surveyor.

John Campbell thought that is would be nice but maybe on a smaller scale and was concerned about the maintenance. Mr. Ledwell said no matter what size, they will do the everyday maintenance and they can put it in writing that we will maintain it and money will be put away each year. His hope is that his children and/or grandchildren will follow through in maintaining it.

Campbell said to stake it out and we'll see how it goes and John Shea said he wants it to blend in as you drive by as he did see one in Chatham that was set back and looks like it was always there.

Mr. Ledwell said that he will bring in pictures of stone work that he has done and he too wants it to look like it was always here.

Roy said that she likes his idea of where we wants to put it and she agreed with Mr. Campbell about staking it out and they all can go look at the proposed site.

Mr. Ledwell stated that he did Rose Kennedy's garden along with his daughter Caitlin and that he will oversee the project from start to finish and his wife and daughter will do all the financing.

Garron asked when was he looking to start and he said late next spring/summer. He will have it all planned out so it will flow smoothly and will give the schedule to the Town and if by chance a contractor falls through he will have back-up. Millias said he had no doubt that he would let this fall through.

Mr. Ledwell then asked the BOS what day they would like to do it as he would like my wife there along with anyone else. Roy suggested Monday, November 23rd at 2:00 p.m. they could meet inside to look at the pictures and then head outside to the site. Mr. Campbell recommended that he stake it out in that morning.

In closing Roy thanked him again and said that this is greatly appreciated and Mr. Ledwell said that they want to do this for the Town as well as themselves.

Council on Aging Update

Seeing as John Campbell was in the audience Seelig asked him where things stood with the Council on Aging as Seelig will be working with Carver on grants and there is a \$50,000 grant that can be used towards the project. Mr. Campbell said that they have resolved on how to pay for the architect, who is agreeable to take on the project but they want to make sure their plans are doable with the architect.

Seelig wanted to let him know that as long as we stay under \$10,000, we will not have to go out to bid and Campbell said that it will be under \$10,000.

Seelig suggested that the Building Committee meet with the Council on Aging so that they know their ideas and said that maybe they should meet a couple of times a month between now and January.

Millias said that he and Campbell have spoken and have come up with something that is workable, it is not going to be what everyone wants, but it will work. They did ask the Council on Aging if they could work with the ideas that were presented. Mr. Campbell said the plan is simple; not too small; looks like it belongs and is something that works for the seniors. Once down on paper the Board will like it.

Millias pointed out that they need to move along. Seelig asked when we can get something from the architect and Mr. Campbell said hopefully this week.

Seelig hopes that at the Building Committee's meeting on November 17th they could have something signed. Roy did say that in the end, it is up to the Town's people to decide, but at least when presented we know that we have exhausted all the options.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Water Tower Agreement

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously authorized the chair, Kim R. Roy to sign the Water tower Agreement.

Veterans' Day

The Board was reminded that there will be an observance at 9 am outside of Town Hall on Wednesday, November 11th. Both Roy and Garron will attend; Millias will not be able to.

Class II licenses Stipulations

With the requirement that all vehicles for sale must have the consumer information posters, the Board may wish to start reviewing the Class II licenses and determine whether it wishes to make changes to the stipulations including limiting how long a vehicle that is not for sale may be on the property thereby preventing license holders from running, in essence, a junk yard (Class III). Perhaps include, in the yearly inspection, the VINs for vehicles not for sale and that no vehicle can be on the property for more than a year (November to November) and not return.

Garron thought that a year is adequate time for a vehicle to be on a lot and does not have a problem with placing stipulations.

Millias asked how do we know what has been there and Seelig said that he would have to do that.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to put a stipulation on all Class II licenses to include limiting how long a vehicle that is not for sale may be on the property.

Holidays in Halifax

The Committee will be meeting on meeting on November 4th at 7 pm. The Board was asked if they wanted to provide any advice to the Committee.

Roy's thoughts were that this event is an evening for the community come together and would like to stick with keeping it simple. She asked how the rest of the Board felt.

Millias said that he appreciates all that everyone does but does not want it to turn into a carnival and keep it simple. He liked it being small-time and sensed where Roy is going with it.

Garron said that he has talked with people and they like it simple. He does not want to cut the businesses out, but agrees in keeping it simple.

Roy said that we fundraise for a lot of things here in town but this Christmas event is for the community just to come together and does not want to get away from the simple way it was. She added that once again, because of the generosity of Mr. Egan, we will have the fireworks display.

Joint Meeting on Regional/Shared Services

At the three-town Finance Committee meeting in October, there was a short discussion about the possibility of a three-town Selectmen's meeting to investigate joint services. Seelig asked the Board if they wanted him to set up a meeting with the other Boards of Selectmen from the other towns. Millias suggested maybe shared IT and Conservation Agent.

Appointed/Elected Treasurer-Collector

If the Board is interested in bring this to the Town Election ballot in May 2017, it needs to be on the May 2016 warrant. The next election for this position will be in May 2018. If the BOS is not interested in this then no action is needed.

Seelig said he is not advocating for this, he is just putting the bug in the Board of Selectmen's ears because it will need to be on the ballot.

Garron did not see the need in changing it as trust is important for the person elected.

Millias agreed with Garron about needing to do this at this time but said if they did change it then they would need to look at all appointed officials because they need to be fair. He said in his opinion it only works if the BOS has the will to actually let somebody go and this is difficult in a small town it. He also said at the end of the day it is the Board of Selectmen who will need to have to make the decision if an employee is not meeting their expectations.

Roy said she did a lot of work on this specific position and felt for many years it should be appointed but Town Meeting has spoken. Her biggest fear is that it could be a popularity contest and you don't always have somebody who qualified for the position. She agrees with Millias about changing other elected positions to appointed and said it is easier to manage someone who is appointed because the voters do not know the specifics of the day to day knowledge of the position.

Roy thinks it is too soon to do it and that and maybe talk about it next year and maybe think about other elected positions. She appreciated Seelig bring this up.

Surplus Property – Town Administrator

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to declare the following piece of equipment as surplus:

Netgear router Model WNDR4500, Serial 2S54257D014C7

Road Cut – 104 Oak Street

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to approve the road cut at 104 Oak Street, with the stipulation that it is completed by the date set forth by the Highway Surveyor.

Recycling Abatement – Bill #451

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to table this request until they get further confirmation from Waste Management that they off recycling services at the resident's company where he bring his recycling.

FY2017 Budget Discussion - November 24th

Seelig asked the Board if they wanted department heads to be part of this discussion and Garron said that each department should know what their budget is. Seelig then said there will be four contracts open up for full negotiations.

Roy's initial thought is to level service and mentioned that there is major work for the roof over at the at school and then there is the Senior Center.

Garron brought up the point that the Senior Center can be used by other individuals of the Town and Millias said we would have to talk with the Council on Aging on that. Seelig suggested that you could set up the building so that the senior part is sectioned off from public access.

Roy said to ask the department heads in on November 24th as she would like them to participate in the discussion.

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.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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