

HALIFAX BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2015 – 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:30 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.

Seelig thanked everyone who volunteered for Holidays in Halifax and to the committee. The fireworks were extraordinary and the ice sculptures were beautiful despite the warm temperatures.

The Board also thanked all those who helped make it happen.

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, December 29th, was unanimously approved without revision.

AFFIRMED WARRANTS, COMMITMENTS & BILL

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

Payroll Warrant	# 52	\$ 370,477.66
Vendor Warrant	# 53	\$ 38,062.38
Withholding Warrant	# 54	\$ 139,574.47
Vendor Warrant	# 55	\$ 180,316.87
Ambulance Commitment	#12A	\$ 16,356.71
Ambulance Commitment	#12A	\$ 813.78
Payable: Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital		\$ 250.00

APPROVED WARRANTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 56	\$ 345,476.54
Vendor Warrant	# 57	\$ 64,867.24
Withholding Warrant	# 58	\$ 120,880.37

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

National Grid (service/concession stand).....	\$ 28.10
National Grid (service/Town Hall).....	\$ 1,588.59
W.B. Mason (paper/from office machines acct.).....	\$ 42.18
W.B. Mason (toner).....	\$ 99.62
Lynch, Malloy, Marini, LLP (audit yr. end 6/30/15).....	\$ 2,000.00
Express Newspapers (ad/Library Assistant).....	\$ 30.83
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/November)	\$ 450.00
Deutsch, Williams, Brooks (legal/November)	\$ 60.00
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (MA law books).....	\$ 434.31

MINUTES

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved the following Selectmen Minutes:

- Regular Session – November 24, 2015
- Regular Session – December 8, 2015

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2016-33	\$ 5,000.00
2016-34	\$ 130.97

DISCUSSIONS / MAIL

Ambulance Abatement

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

November 2015 FOR \$ 13,177.39

OCPC Local Technical Assistance Funding

There is a new funding opportunity, which Seelig does not plan on applying because he would like to continue the work on economic development (via OCPC’s work this year and the EDSAT) and high-speed broadband.

Silver Lake E & D Distribution

As part of the distribution of the surplus in Silver Lake’s E & D account, Halifax’s third-quarter assessment for Silver Lake for FY2016 will be reduced by \$502,848.10. Roy said that Silver Lake has some capital items for this year and the freed up money that would have went towards the assessment can be used for capital items for the schools.

MEMA Grant

Board needs to approve having Selectman Roy sign off on this grant in the amount of \$2,460 for radios, noise suppression lapel mikes and battery chargers (grant was signed on 12/14/15).

Moved by Millias and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to approve having the Chair, Kim R. Roy, sign off on the above mentioned grant.

Fire Department Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant Application

Several communities are sending in a regional grant application for updating Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. The Memorandum of Understanding needs to be signed by the Chair on behalf of the Board.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to have the Chair, Kim R. Roy, sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Regional Assistance to Firefighters Grant.

Plympton Dog at Winnetuxet Children's Place

The Town has received a report about a dog from Plympton that was acting in an intimidating manner (while staying on its own property) with the teachers, students and parents at the Winnetuxet Children's Place. We had similar reports back a year ago about this dog and the dog was placed under a restraining order in Plympton. Plympton does not have a leash law but they do file complaints and investigate them. Seelig is going to see if Winnetuxet wants to file a complaint. The Plympton Board of Selectmen will re-visit this matter on January 4th.

Garron said that there is not much we can do besides notify Plympton and our Dog Officer.

The office received a letter from the Plympton Animal Control Officer, which Seelig suggested that the Board read. Seelig thought the reasonable thing to do is write a letter to Plympton Animal Control Officer.

Moved by Millias and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter to the Plympton Animal Control Officer.

Selectmen Office Inventory of Equipment

The annual report of office inventory needs to be filed with the Town Clerk's Office. Inventory has been taken for the selectmen's office and needs to be signed by the Clerk.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to have the Clerk, Thomas Millias, sign the office inventory sheet.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT

Joy Marble – 5 Short Street Property - Possible Sale

Joy Marble began by saying that she has gone to the Assessor's Office and looked at town-owned property. She found that some were being used by abutters and if that being the case maybe ask the abutters if they wanted to buy it. She understands that any property sold the funds would go into the General Fund and is just finding some ways to raise money for the Council on Aging project.

Roy stated that Seelig has spoken with the Board of Health and they would like it to remain in the Town's hands.

Ms. Marble brought up the point that if someone was using the property after so many years it is there (adamant domain), Seelig said not with municipal-owned property.

Roy asked how many pieces of town owned property is there and Ms. Marble said that there are numerous ones around Crystal Lake. She has not done a lot of investigating because she thought it best to start with the Board of Selectmen. Roy then asked what the assessed values are and she said some are in the \$200's.

Millias said the real value is to the abutter, but the fact is, if they if they are already using it why should they bother buying it and to have it policed would take a lot. Seelig said the BOS could have someone go out there and see if there's stuff on the property then ask them to take it off.

Millias then said in order to sell the land, we need to survey it, and it will cost us more than the revenue. It was said that would fall within the selling of the property.

Ms. Marble said that she also has been looking at other ways for money for the Senior Center such as grants. The reason she looked at Short Street because it has a foundation and she understands that the Town may want it for sewerage.

Roy said that she does not know the plan for the alternative sewage system but knows it was talked about a couple of years ago. She asked Ms. Marble is she has talked with the Board of Health and she said she has.

It was asked what did she want the Board of Selectmen to do and Seelig said to take the necessary steps to sell the property. He did talk with Cathy and it is still thought for alternative sewerage. Roy asked Millias and Garron if they wanted to meet with the Board of Health and they both said they were okay with talking about it. Seelig will try for a meeting with them on the 12th of January.

Roy wanted to briefly talk about the senior center and asked Ms. Marble if she has seen the plans that have been drawn up and she said yes, they are beautiful and Roy agreed that it is going to be beautiful. Garron brought up the point out that in past we have renovated existing properties. Millias liked the fact that work was done at the Pope's Tavern in the 1980's and the "bones" of the building have been reinforced so now there is a great foundation to build on.

Gerald Joy – Appointment – Associate Member to ZBA

Seelig stated that Debra Tinkham has resigned from the Zoning Board of Appeals after serving twenty-seven years. He hopes to have her come in on the January 12th so that the Board of Selectmen can recognize her for her service. With that being said ZBA is recommending that Gerald T. Joy be appointed as an Associate Member.

Roy began by saying that Mr. Joy is currently a member of the Building Committee and she is happy that he is willing to become an Associate Member on the ZBA.

Gerald Joy said that his background is construction and has been working with Bert Gaynor on the Building Committee and Gaynor thought that he would be a good fit on the ZBA. My. Joy is happy to step up.

Millias said that it is a tough Board and making decisions is hard. If you are willing to learn the By-laws that is great. Millias also thanked him for stepping up.

Bert Gaynor said that he has worked with him on Building and Solar Committee. He added that he will be a great fit and to have someone having someone who knows how to read a blue print will be a plus.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Gerald Joy to the Zoning Board of Appeals as an Associate Member, term to expire June 30, 2019.

In closing the Board thanked him for coming in.

Municipal School Building Authority

The MSBA has not invited to the Town to participate in its eligibility period based on the Statement of Interest submitted last spring. The School Superintendent will be submitting a new SOI this winter.

Metro South Regional Roundtable

Seelig will be attending the above meeting on January 15th. He asked the Board of Selectmen as to how much pushing they want him to do regarding the City of Brockton's failure to meet its commitments concerning Monponsett Pond.

Revocation of Building Permit

The applicant (builder) and owner of the property at 17 First Avenue have received a cease and desist order from the Building Inspector for work at this location. The builder obtained the necessary variance (cost of the work was greater than 50% of the value of the property) but made no mention that the building would be demolished.

Subpoena

A staff member at the Elementary School is involved in litigation. The attorneys for the defendant had sent the Elementary School a subpoena requesting all documents relating to the staff members employment. This request was forwarded to the Treasurer's Office the day before it was due therefore we were unable to meet the deadline. Seelig contacted the school's attorney letting him know we would not be unable to meet that deadline given the short notice. The attorneys for the defendants was informed of this and extended the deadline to January 8th. The Treasurer's Office has made copies of the requested documents and has provided them to the school's attorney. Seelig stated to the Board that the Town is not a party to this but just providing the information they are requesting.

Monponsett Dam Flows

Paul Collis continues the conversation about requiring Brockton to send a minimum amount of water down Stump Brook. Roy stated that we met with DEP in November and nothing has changed and asked if they should contact DEP and ask for another meeting. Seelig was fine with that suggestion.

Twin Lakes Liquor – Payment Plan

Francis Murphy has signed a payment plan with the Treasurer-Collector's Office to pay the business' back taxes. He made his first payment which was due on December 15th.

Former Police Officer

A Dennis Sneller emailed the office stating that he was sworn in as a reserve police officer in 1969 and wanted to know how long he served. Seelig checked the office files and found nothing and told Mr. Sneller that. Roy added that per

Ted there are no records at the Police Station. Seelig has not heard back from him so he believes the matter is closed.

Microphones

In response to my relaying complaints about the sound quality of the broadcasts Area 58 will look into possible remedies. If not resolved with Area 58 he will contact Comcast.

Volunteer Recognition

A resident has suggested that the Board should recognize long-term volunteers for various lengths of service such as 5, 10, 15, 20 years etc.

Governor's Proposal to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government

The Governor is recommending approximately a hundred changes in State laws concerning municipal government. Copies of the material have been given to the BOS and Seelig has asked them to look at it and will bring it back up on January 12th to see if the Board is interested in supporting these changes.

2016 License Renewals

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the following licenses for 2016:

- Package Store
- Restaurant
- Common Victualler
- New Year's Eve
- Public Entertainment – Sundays
- Public Entertainment – weekdays

Class II Licenses

Alan's Automotive Service

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Alan's Automotive Service but send a letter stating that a sign for the business needs to be posted.

Classic Tinker Toys

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Classic Tinker Toys but send a letter stating that a sign for the business needs to be posted.

Corkren's Auto

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Corkren's Auto.

Davis Automotive

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to table the renewal for Davis Automotive until January 12th and send a letter to the license holder regarding the limit of vehicles for sale and that all vehicles for sale must have proper State/Federal information prominently displayed.

Ellis Auto Body

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Ellis Auto Body.

Hollywood East Classics, Inc.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to table the renewal for Hollywood East Classics, Inc. until January 12th and send a letter to the license holder regarding the limit of vehicles for sale and that all vehicles for sale must have proper State/Federal information prominently displayed.

Liddell Leasing Corporation

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Liddell Leasing Corporation.

Pete's Auto Sales

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to table this renewal until January 12th and send a letter to the license holder regarding the limit of vehicles for sale.

R.G. Automotive

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for R.G. Automotive.

TLC Companies, Inc.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for *TLC Companies, Inc.* but send letter stating that a sign for the business needs to be posted.

Halifax Auto Sales

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to table the renewal for Halifax Auto Sales until January 12th and send a letter to the license holder stating that all vehicles for sale must have proper State/Federal information prominently displayed and that a sign for the business needs to be posted.

Ali Auto Repair and Sales

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to renew the Class II license for Ali Auto Repair and Sales.

Garron wanted mentioned to the Roy and Millias that he was approached about a used car lot (10 cars) across from Hollywood East. He told the individual he would ask the other board members their thoughts. Millias said that it is business zoned. Garron said he will tell this person to come in and get an application.

EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously approved the following Selectmen Minutes:

Executive Session – December 8, 2015 - evening

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, Moved by Garron and seconded by Millias, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 P.M.

Thomas Millias
Clerk

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