

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014 - 6:30 P.M.
HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ROOM 130

Meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. with Selectmen Troy E. Garron, Kim R. Roy and Michael J. Schleiff present.

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.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Overlay Surplus

The Board needed to ask the Board of Assessors to declare \$67,606 to be overlay surplus and to release this amount.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to ask the Board of Assessors to declare \$67,606 to be over lay surplus and to release this amount and make it available for appropriation at the Annual and Special Town Meeting on May 12, 2014.

Wage & Personnel Amendment

Wage & Personnel are recommending a 1.5% increase. Seelig asked the Board if they want to recommend this also or have a discussion about it. Seeing as the cost of living increase it was between 1.5% and 1.9% Garron thought that it was fair. Seelig stated that other municipalities across the State are giving 2% increases. Garron and Roy were willing to support the 1.5% increase.

Moved by Roy and second by Garron, the Board voted as follows to support the 1.5% increase recommended by the Wage & Personnel Board:

Troy E. Garron	-	Yes
Kim R. Roy	-	Yes
Michael J. Schleiff	-	Abstained

COA Article

If the COA article passed the Board was asked if they wanted to fund it with a debt exclusion. It as stated that the Finance Committee will support with a debt exclusion and not go to the levy limit. Roy supported debt exclusion but not go to the levy limit and stated that in the past for big projects the town has done a debt exclusion. Schleiff was okay with both and Garron supports the project with debt exclusion.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to support the purchase of the COA project with a debt exclusion.

Green Communities Article

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to support the article for Green Communities.

Leadership & Management Program Article on the Special

This article will fund tuition and material cost for an employee to attend the program listed above sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and Suffolk University. Garron is in support of the article but wished there was plan at hand before voting. Seelig said that the deadline is this Friday (May 16th) and if the article was not to pass an employee could still attend the program but would have to pay for it. The Town Administer can sign off on any employee showing interest whether the town pays or the employee pays. This information has been sent out months ago by Seelig and the only reply he received was from the Town Accountant, which he supports her attending. Both Roy and Schleiff could not support the Article at this time therefore it will be passed over.

Consolidating Buildings

Schleiff asked if the Building Department would be willing to consolidate buildings and Seelig said that the Board could ask them this whether or not the COA project passed. Roy stated that at the COA project forum it was said that the BOS supports the COA building with the stipulation that they do not increase the staff, which she they were okay with.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to continued their meeting to the school gym to attend the Annual Town Meetings at 6:55 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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