

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
 SELECTMEN MEETING  
 TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.  
 SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectmen Michael J. Schleiff, Kim R. Roy and Troy E. Garron present.

The Chair announced 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, June 24<sup>th</sup> was unanimously approved without revision.

**AFFIRMED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS**

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

|                                    |      |               |
|------------------------------------|------|---------------|
| Payroll Warrant                    | #101 | \$ 899,070.43 |
| (Mike abstains from Police payroll |      |               |
| Vendor Warrant                     | #102 | \$ 120,763.43 |
| Withholding Warrant                | #103 | \$ 284,977.32 |
| Ambulance Commitment               | # 5C | \$ 8,377.00   |
| Ambulance Commitment               | # 6A | \$ 1,722.39   |

**APPROVED COMMITMENT AND WARRANT**

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following warrant and commitment:

|                      |       |               |
|----------------------|-------|---------------|
| Vendor Warrant       | # 104 | \$ 164,017.44 |
| Ambulance Commitment | # 6B  | \$ 17,501.78  |

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

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Halifax Postmaster (400 stamps @ .49 each).....  | \$ 196.00   |
| Plymouth County Treasurer (Plymouth County Cooperative<br>Extension Service FY2014)..... | \$ 150.00   |
| Pamela McSherry (mileage reimbursement).....   | \$ 36.33    |
| Emergency Response Systems (fire chief assessment process)...                            | \$ 2,187.50 |
| Charlie Seelig (mileage reimbursement 10/13 – 6/14) .....                                | \$ 316.37   |

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending June 14, 2014, in the amount of \$6,034.11.

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

| <u>TURNOVER</u> | <u>AMOUNT</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 2014-75         | \$ 5.00       |
| 2014-76         | \$ 5.00       |
| 2014-77         | \$ 25,000.00  |

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS**

Recycling Abatements

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to abate Bill #287 for FY 2010 (\$55) and Bill #282 for FY2009 (\$55).

Yard Sale Question

Ed Doherty of Colby Drive asked if a yard sale permit had been issued for 53 Colby Drive for June 7 (it had not), asked who enforced the by-law (Selectmen) and what the ramifications were for not getting one (once a violation was determined, the person would receive a warning; subsequent violations would result in fines). However, Mr. Doherty did not state that a yard sale had occurred at 53 Colby Drive or provide any evidence that one had. Seelig replied to his e-mail and took no other action. Schleiff stated under the jurisdiction of the Board, two yard sales a year are permitted and it is difficult to prove if a yard sale occurs after the fact. Garron brought up the point that it cost more than \$5.00 to send out the police and building inspector to verify it. He then said they should announce at this time to the audience that a yard sale permit needs to be issued if residents were to have one.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

***Caroline Harrington – Library Board of Trustees***

Ms. Harrington came in this evening to meet with the Board. She began by saying she has a two and three year old and believes that the library is fundamental for all ages and wants to get involved. Schleiff, Roy and Garron all thanked her for stepping up. Roy asked how long had she been in Halifax and she said nine years. Roy continued to say that she likes to recommend anyone who joins a board or committee to attend Town Meeting as it is a great way to learn about the Town and how it runs. Garron stated that it was great to get involved.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the following vote was taken to appoint Caroline Harrington to the Library Board of Trustees, term to expire June 16, 2015:

|                    |                     |     |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----|
| Board of Selectmen | Michael J. Schleiff | Yes |
|                    | Kim R. Roy          | Yes |
|                    | Troy E. Garron      | Yes |
| Library Trustee    | Greg Tilley         | Yes |

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)**Regional Emergency Planning

Nothing has come through the last two weeks about any future meetings but when it does Seelig will notify the appropriate departments and invite them to attend. Anyone can attend a meeting without committing to it and Roy said that she will be notified of the next meeting and will attend.

Lycott Environmental

Lycott has sent a report on the Invasive Aquatic Vegetation Evaluation that was done on the East Basin of Monponsett Pond. Seelig has asked them to provide a timetable and costs to do the necessary work.

Assistant Town Clerk Appointment

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Susan M. Lawless as Assistant Town Clerk.

Appointments - Election Workers

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously appointed the following individuals as election workers, terms expiring on July 27, 2015:

|                   |                      |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Robert M. Doherty | 39 Stoney Weir Road  |
| Amelia A. Mosley  | 651 Twin Lakes Drive |
| Kathryn Roche     | 503 South Street     |

Beautification Committee use of Letterhead & Seal

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved the request from the Beautification Committee to use Town letterhead and the Town seal for donation and thank you letters.

Co-Wallis Complaints

Mr. Co-Wallis was not satisfied with Seelig's to his previous letter. He feels that the alleged perpetrator of the stolen dolphin should have been prosecuted; insists that he called the Halifax Police Department last year about the cars being parked on the sidewalk on Route 58; and that he complained about a different house, not 6 Standish Avenue. He intends to write to the State Police and the Supreme Judicial Court about these matters. A copy of his letter has been made for the Police Chief. Schleiff stated that if Mr. Co-Wallis is not happy with the letter then he can come in and talk with the Board.

Host Community Regional Recycling Grant

This is the annual grant to house the State's recycling coordinator at the recycling center.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to have the Chair, Michael J. Schleiff, sign the contract between the Town of Halifax and Janine Delaney (recycling coordinator).

Cell Tower Legislation

The House has proposed legislation that would eliminate the rights of municipalities to regulate the locations of cell towers. The MMA has recommended that cities and towns contact their legislators to oppose this measure. Roy thinks that the Board should do a letter of support for MMA as we would have no control over where a tower could be placed.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to support the MMA recommendation to oppose the attempt to pass Industry Legislation in S. 2183 and House Economic Development Bill which would strip cities and towns of the ability to regulate wireless antennas.

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)*****Barry Gates – Earth Removal Permit***

Barry Gates came in this evening as he wants to get the earth removal squared away. He began by saying that he has a contractor who is willing to come in and remove the dirt, slope and seed it. He continued to say that he is broke and the contractor is willing to take the dirt this fall (September). Seelig stated that we can do a renewal as this will give Mr. Gates some money. Garron asked Mr. Gates if he had anything in writing from the contractor and he said that he (the contractor) is a dirt guy and has expressed interest in it. It was stated that the BOS is not trying to make it hard and they are sorry for the hardship but they need to set precedence. Mr. Gates stated that nothing has been done with the dirt. Seelig suggested that the Board waive the expiration date for now. Schleiff asked what the Board thought of July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2015. Seelig stated he will get the paperwork together and be in touch with Mr. Gates this week. Roy just asked to keep the line of communication open.

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)**Street Listing Books

The Town Clerk has sent out a memo stating that street listing books are now available at her office.

Sergeants' Contract

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows to approve the contract between the Town of Halifax and the IBPO Local 309 (Police Sergeants), effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016:

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

Highway/Cemetery Contract

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved the contract between the Town of Halifax and the AFSCME, Council 93, Local 1700 (Highway Workers), effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

Dispatchers' Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the contract between the Town of Halifax and Local 1700 (Dispatchers), effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

Firefighters' Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the contract between the Town of Halifax and the Firefighters Local 3159, effective July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016.

Line Item Transfers

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved the following line item transfer:

| FROM                      | TO   | AMOUNT  |
|---------------------------|--|---------|
| Insurance<br>#01-193-5753 | Sealer of Weights and Measures<br>#01-246-5710 | \$27.00 |

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved the following line item transfer:

| FROM                         | TO                                    | AMOUNT   |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------|
| Police Wages<br>#01-210-5115 | Police Clerical Wages<br>#01-210-5113 | \$161.84 |

Beautification Committee

The Beautification Committee would like to set up officers and duties for those officers. No action is needed by Selectmen; the Committee wanted the Board to know about this.

Dog Bite Incidents

There have been two dog bite incidents one on One on June 3rd on Brandeis Circle and the other on June 15<sup>th</sup> (dog bit owner) on Musterfield Lane. Seelig asked the Board if they wanted to set up hearings for July 8<sup>th</sup>. Both Schleiff and Garron would like to see the reports from Animal Control Officer before scheduling them to come in.

Highway Paving Contract

The Highway Department went out to bid for work and four bids came in from the following firms:

- P.J. Keating
- All States Asphalt
- T.L. Edwards and
- Aggregate Industries

T.L. Edwards was the low bid and the Highway Surveyor recommends that the Town award the contract to them and sign the contract. There is no specific total to the contract as the amount to be paid depends on the amounts and types of work to be done. The highway surveyor bid for certain types of work not certain streets. Garron said as long as Bob is privy to it he is fine because if anything goes

wrong it falls on his lap. Schleiff agreed but stated that the Board is signing the contract. Roy is comfortable seeing as we have signed contracts before, which Garron agreed and if it is within the budget he is okay.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to sign the contract between the town of Halifax and T.L. Edwards for Reclamation and In-Place Bituminous Concrete.

#### Solar Project

At last year's Town Meeting, the Town approved the Board signing a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) agreement for the solar farm off Route 58. It was never presented to the Board for signature however, the developer is now interested in proceeding using that contract. Seelig expects that the developer will bring the agreement in for signature at one of the Board's meetings in July. Earlier this week, there was the possibility that a revised agreement including date, the other party, and language, would be presented, but both Town Counsel and Seelig agreed that this would require new town meeting votes. The developer may, however, once the contract is approved, assign the contract to another party, which is allowed under the agreement. No action was needed tonight Seelig just wanted the Board in the loop.

#### Appointment – Halifax Cultural Council

Moved by Garron, seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Pamela McSherry, Jean Pitts, and Sandra Nolan to the Halifax Cultural Council.

#### Fire Department/Big Grant

There was an article in the Halifax Reporter about a grant to the Halifax Fire Department for over \$500,000 for a regional communications center. As far as Seelig knew this is a grant similar to the previous regional grant for the Plymouth County Fire Chiefs. Chief Cuozzo wrote the following:

Yes, most of that article is wrong. 'Halifax' is not getting a regional communications center. Don't know where that came from. Halifax is just the recipient of the money which will go to the county. Plymouth County Chiefs are getting the money. Halifax is just the mailbox, so-to-speak. The second to last paragraph is somewhat correct. The money will be used to update equipment that the county uses.

#### Fire Chief Assessment Reviews

The Board was given copies of the Assessment Center reviews to look at. Emergency Response Systems Assessment Division came back with two candidates being *recommended with reservation* and a third candidate being *recommended*. Schleiff stated that he has not had time to digest this and said he likes the two recommendations and is happy with them but if they go with interviewing three then he will need more time. Garron said if you pick three, thinks you need to go with four if looking at the chart that was presented. Roy is fine with interviewing two seeing as they are strong candidates. Garron also was okay with interviewing two.

As for the interview time Seelig thinks a half-hour for each candidate. Schleiff asked if they wanted to start early at their next meeting on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Garron was okay with starting early. It was decided that the Board will start their meeting at 6:30 on July 8<sup>th</sup> to make time to interview four candidates.

#### Road Cut – Traffic Island Rt. 58 & Rt. 106

Moved by Garron, seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved Permit 2014-44 issued to Environmental Compliance Services, Inc. for two (2) 2' x 2' square road cuts to install two (2) groundwater monitoring wells.

### **SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT (CONTINUED)**

#### ***Americans with Disabilities Act Committee***

Seelig stated that we currently have two members on the committee and wanted to bring in other interested parties. Elaine Dolan, a member of the committee, stated that they would like three. Caroline Harrington was here this evening and stated she has a strong background with this and would like to help on the committee but does not know if she can commit and will have to think about it. Ms. Dolan said that she has been on the committee for many years but they have not met within the last couple of years and would be happy to have her come on Board to help and suggested changing the meetings to quarterly. On a side note Ms. Dolan asked if they we're going to get sidewalks on Rt. 58. It was said that Bob just did repaving and no reconstruction. Seelig said if the Waterman property is sold, maybe go to the hearing and say we would like sidewalks as there will be more traffic (walking) and there is a concern for people's safety. Lee Mulready has expressed an interest to be on the ADA committee and Seelig asked the Board if they needed to meet with her. Garron said that he did not need to.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Lee Mulready to the ADA Committee, term to expire June 30, 2017.

#### ***Chief Broderick – Hiring of Personnel***

Seelig began by saying that last year Chief Broderick talked about hiring two new officers and he would like to have everything in order as to the way the Board waits to do the hiring in the appointment process. Chief Broderick explained that right now he has a waiver for one of the part-timers to work full time when another officer enters the academy in September. He has called Civil Service to pull up a list as he would like to hire a couple of Permanent Intermittent officers so that they can have some experience if the need to hire another full time officer should arise.

#### Halifax in Lights

Chief Broderick stated that he will not have any outside personnel working for him the night of the event as all his men will be there.

#### Town Accountant's Evaluation

Roy stated that she was aware that the town accountant's review was coming up and took the liberty to do it. She asked Garron and Schleiff to review it let me know of any charges and they both said they had no problems with it. She also mentioned that the Director of Operations, Matt Tucker and Chief Broderick

evaluations are also due and would be happy to do Matt's. Garron stated that he will do Chief Broderick's.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved the town accountant's evaluation as presented.

Seelig announced that the Board will be going into executive session to discuss collective bargaining on Patrol officers but before that the security of the Town with the Police Chief.

Schleiff announced that the Board would not reconvene in open session.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining and the security of the Town with the Police Chief.

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| Schleiff       | - | Yes |
| Kim R. Roy     | - | Yes |
| Troy E. Garron | - | Yes |

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Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.:

|                |   |     |
|----------------|---|-----|
| Kim R. Roy     | - | Yes |
| Troy E. Garron | - | Yes |

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

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 Troy E. Garron  
 Clerk

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