

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 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 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**

Roy wanted to add a discussion about the ponds and an update on the watershed.

With the above additions, the agenda for Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, was unanimously approved.

**MINUTES**

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

Executive Session – April 8, 2014 – 1<sup>st</sup> session  
Executive Session – April 8, 2014 – 2<sup>nd</sup> session  
(Schleiff abstained from Patrol Officer negotiations)  
Executive Session – July 22, 2014  
(Schleiff abstained from Patrol Officer negotiations)  
Executive Session – August 12, 2014

**AFFIRMED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS**

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

Vendor Warrant	# 14	\$ 69,342.28
Ambulance Commitment	# 7A	\$ 9,329.61
Ambulance Commitment	# 7B	\$ 11,174.00

**APPROVED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS**

Moved by Garron seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following warrant, with the exception of Schleiff abstaining from the Police Department Payroll in Warrant #15:

Payroll Warrant	#15	\$ 191,323.19
Vendor Warrant	#16	\$ 318,206.09
Withholding Warrant	# 17	\$ 66,541.07

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

National Grid (Concession Stand).....	\$ 62.90
National Grid (Town Hall).....	\$ 1,088.52
STAM (FY 2015 Dues) .....	\$ 30.00
Michael C. Gilman, Esquire (legal/June).....	\$ 264.00

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending August 23, 2014, in the amount of \$6,185.21.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2015-12	\$ 28,393.53
2015-13	\$ 5.00
2015-14	\$ 5.00
2015-15	\$ 5.00

**GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS**

Monponsett Pond

Roy stated that she is trying to attend the MWA meetings and they know that the BOS is trying and would like to meet with the Board at one of our meetings. They would like to talk about what Brockton and Lycott is doing. Lycott should have an update on the invasive weed problem in East Monponsett Pond by the beginning of next week. Seelig is waiting to get a date as to when the survey report will be completed regarding the endangered species in West Monponsett Pond and the further treatment of the pond with aluminum sulfate.

Roy wanted to let everyone know that Hanson is planning to paint their tower and will be using Brockton water (for 3 months) just in case Halifax plans to do theirs.

Site Plan Reviews

Listed below are Seelig’s notes regarding the following property locations.

- 320 Monponsett Street – for a used car sales lot and garage for light auto repairs
- 150 Industrial Drive – for a food take-out establishment.

Since each (320 Monponsett – Class II Used Vehicle Sales; 150 Industrial Drive – Common Victualler) will require a license from the Board, the Board may wish to review the plans, discuss them on August 26 and provide comments to the Planning Board by September 1 as it will be easier to do this now than require changes in the site plans when the applicants approach the Board. The Board may also wish to think about whether these uses are the best/appropriate ones for these parcels.

Copies of the plans are in the mail folder, but borrowed from the Building Inspector’s office and will have to be returned.

The ZBA will hold its hearing for a special permit for 320 Monponsett Street (open air sales, motor vehicle service/repair) on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

The Board may have the following concerns (and the Board may have others) with 320 Monponsett Street:

- a) How the residential part of the property (the house will remain) will interact with the commercial property;
- b) How parking spaces and other areas will be allocated (vehicles for displays, parking for employees, parking for customers);
- c) Does the Board want any fencing/screening around the property or between the residential and commercial operations;
- d) Where and to what extent will signage exist;
- e) Hours of operation;
- f) Lighting;
- g) Collection and disposal of wastewater/waste materials, especially liquid materials;
- h) Entrance/exit – Route 58 – Any problems with traffic and 106/58 intersection.

Seelig has notified Mr. Memmo explaining to him that displaying cars for sale on the property before the Board decides whether to grant a Class II license will not be helpful. He indicated that one of the residents on the property drives home a car from another dealership (different town) with “for sale” stickers on it. I said that the Board might still have concerns about that, but that it was his decision to make.

For 150 Industrial Drive, concerns might include:

- a) Hours of operation;
- b) Lighting;
- c) Will there be seating at this location;
- d) Parking devoted to employees; to customers.

Seelig asked the Board if they had any comments for either or both sites. Garron said that he could not think of anything else besides what Charlie has noted. Schleiff asked if there would be a filling station and Seelig said there is no indication of a filling station. Garron also questioned the location.

Schleiff asked what type of food operation at 150 Industrial Drive and Seelig said he did not know. Garron asked how the traffic is going to affect the day care facility at 150 Industrial Drive.

#### Lake Street/Pooling of Water

Recently Lake Street has been paved and now there seems to be water pooling in front of the Matakanski home (#54) and is affecting their property. Seelig has notified with the Highway Surveyor and he said that he would visit the site.

#### Ambulance Abatements

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

June 2014 - \$13,539.51

July 2014 - \$13,838.09

Customer Service Workshops

Massasoit Community College is holding a workshop series of four sessions on September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. They will be held at the Rockland Trust Business Education Center at the Plymouth Area Chamber of Commerce at 134 Court Street in Plymouth and cover Communication Skills in the Public Sector, Customer Service Excellence in the Public Sector, Dealing with Angry Citizens and Difficult People and Team Work to Best Service Citizens. Price to attend the four sessions is \$199. Participants will receive a Certificate of Completion from Massasoit Community College.

Northland Cranberries

An Environmental Notification Form has been filed for the transfer of the land to the Town. There is a comment period of about one month (mid-September).

**SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**

***Dog Hearing – Christine Restivo-Markunas***

The following individuals were present and sworn in by Notary Public Pamela J. McSherry:

Christine Markunas	Dog Owner
Tyler Markunas	Son of dog owner
Hayley Markunas	Daughter of dog owner
Michael Schleiff	Police Officer
Noreen Callahan	Animal Control Officer
Lisa McKay	Inspector of Animals

*Schleiff:*

So we have the ... Who was bit by the dog? Anybody that's here was bit. Nope it was one of the ground ah one of the maintenance guys I guess was bit. All right so why do we start out with we have a member of the police department here with a report. Why don't we start out with you sir.

*Officer Schleiff:* I am going to summarize the report that I took. I'll start it out.

Officer Schleiff's report is attached and made part of the minutes

*Schleiff:* ACO you have a report you went in after.

*Callahan:* After the fact.

*Schleiff:* Okay.

*Callahan:*

But I just verified the license which was current and up to date and we had no history on this dog in aggressive or biting in the past.

*Roy:* And what was the dog's temperament when you met him or her.

*Callahan:* I never met him.

*Roy:* You haven't.

*Christine Markunas:* Ya you did when you came.

*Callahan:* Oh ya after the fact ya sorry.

*Schleiff:*

I just want to say one thing make sure you address your questions and comments to the Board.

*Christine Markunas:* Ya I'm sorry.

*Schleiff:*

Even though even though you're talking to them you need to address it to us just to keep in the loop.

*Callahan:*

He seemed pleasant so many dogs I'm sorry. He seemed pleasant he didn't seem aggressive just an older guy nothing unusual.

*Schleiff:* Anything from our inspector?

*McKay:*

I was actually covering for Noreen when she was out so I responded to the call. I got the same ya know comments Officer Schleiff did and I met the dog and he was fine with me and when she was um couple days later I did speak to the property manager and she had mentioned that she has had some issues in the past with the dog being loose um but never has been aggressive so. But yes he was fine with me.

*Schleiff:*

Do we want to continue on with the owner or do you want to have any questions all right Troy?

*Garron:* I just ... the owner said how long has the dog been in the building.

*Christine Markunas:* I moved in a year ago.

*Garron:* Excuse me.

*Christine Markunas:* I'm the owner sorry.

*Garron:* How long has the dog been in the building that you are aware of?

*Callahan:* Um I have no idea.

*McKay:* She didn't state that.

*Callahan:* No

*McKay:* State how long.

*Roy:* Did they state how many times the dog had been loose?

*McKay:*

Said a couple time but they never did anything because he's never been aggressive he just kind of went back up to his deck and stayed there.

*Schleiff:* And that was in your narrative.

*McKay:* Yes

*Schleiff:* That I saw right here okay. All right. I'm terrible at names.

*Roy:* Mrs. Markunas

*Garron:* Markunas

*Schleiff:*

Would you like to help us out what happened? How he got off. We kind of got their side of what they saw when they went there and what you had reported or was reported to them. You going to elaborate a little bit on what happened and...

*Christine Markunas:*

I was actually at a college fair with my daughter. My son called me in the middle of the college and said basically what just took place here that he put the dog on the runner and the dog had gotten off of it. He wasn't on his collar and he just put him on and went upstairs and when he came back down he heard the dog barking and it wasn't a long time he put him on there. Yes he wasn't secured. I don't know but other than maybe one other time that my dog has gotten off in the year that I have lived there. There's another dog who looks identical to mine it's the female version mine and that dog gets lose a lot. So I'm not sure if they're seeing my dog or if they're seeing this other dog. I have never had any problems in the nine years that I've owned my dog. Ya know accidents happen I secure him. I'm out there with him we bring him in. That's ... my dog has never attacked anybody.

*Schleiff:*

Well do you think he was being territorial when the worker came on to your part of the property?

*Christine Markunas:*

The whole summer there's been workers going back and forth through there between painters and landscape guys and everything else. I always try and keep my dog downstairs when we get notified that someone's coming. I was never notified that the painters were coming that day. Um yes if he sees them walking around the building he'll bark at them through the window but he's more afraid of his own shadow than he is going after somebody else. He's more afraid of a plastic bag blowing in the wind than he going after somebody else. Did he bite him? I cannot contest to that I wasn't there. Obviously he did. Would he go after and bite someone? I have never seen that behavior at all. Even territorial I have never seen that behavior.

*Schleiff:*

Since this incident what corrective measures have done so that they wouldn't slip out of a make shift noose.

*Christine Markunas:*

Well I make sure his collar is on him at all times now. I mean it must have fallen off but everybody in the house knows that under no uncertain circumstances is he allowed to be put on a leash without that collar being attached to him. That's the best I can do we walk him now with his on a leash to got the bathroom more so that just to trying to put him out on the leash so that we have control in bring him back in the house. Ya know that's the best I can do as far as being able to let him go outside to do his business.

*Schleiff:* I mean you can also harnesses are... harnesses also work pretty good.

*Christine Markunas:* inaudible

*Schleiff:*

Harness. When you walk a dog you have a harness they tend to work better then just a collar and leash.

*Garron:* Muzzle

*Christine Markunas:*

Okay I never have had a problem with him getting off the leash when I walk him.

*Schleiff:* Well we got one today.

*Christine Markunas:*

He wasn't ... At that time he was on the collar that they were attaching to up in the backyard.

*Schleiff:*

In the picture the bite looks pretty he dug in pretty good. I don't know if he had shorts on. Did the individual have shorts on or?

*Callahan:* I believe so.

*Schleiff:*

He got a good bite out of him. Anybody else want to talk about what happened or.

*McKay:*

Ya. I will say when I the second time I spoke with Mr. Alonge he did say he was approaching the dog and the dog started growling so that's when he turned around and that's when he got bit so I don't know if he was invading his space quite a little bit and made the dog feel uncomfortable.

*Roy:*

Ya I always heard dogs that are afraid tend to bite more then dogs that are territorial.

*Garron:*

Well he had the fight syndrome when man turnaround he was assuming he was in charge. Anytime that's why they tell you face sometimes it's better to face them then to run because. Involved instincts to kill.

*Schleiff:* Did you want did you want to say...

*Hayley Markunas:*

Ya like how short were his shorts did they like was there like a puncture through his shorts.

*Schleiff:* No they were right

*Roy:* Here

*Schleiff:* Looks like it was right here.

*Roy:* Ya it's right on the inside of the knee here.

*Hayley Markunas:* How short were his shorts?

*Roy:* I don't think it really matters.

*Garron:* I don't think it matters.

*Roy:*

That fact is he got a pretty good substantial bite. If you want to look at it you can.

Hayley Markunas and Christine Markunas approached the table to look at the pictures of the bite.

*Schleiff:* Those are those are more than normal puncture wounds.

*Christine Markunas:*

I don't know what to say other then I never seen him display behavior like that the nine ten years I have had him nine and a half years.

*Schleiff:* But I mean.

*Garron:* Mr. Chair.

*Schleiff:* Go ahead Troy.

*Garron:* Where did you live prior coming to Halifax?

*Christine Markunas:* I've been in Halifax for twenty-five years.

*Garron:* Okay. So you just moved into the building that you're in now?

*Christine Markunas:* Twin Lakes.

*Garron:* Where you live in town before that.

*Christine Markunas:* Hudson Street.

*Garron:*

Hudson Street and you've had the dog for the past nine and half ten years.

*Christine Markunas:* I got him since he was seven months old.

*Garron:* Okay and there were no other complaints?

*Christine Markunas or Callahan:* Not one.

*Roy:*

When other people would come on your property would he bark in that same way?

*Christine Markunas:*

We had an underground fence in the other place and so would he bark yes but his whole hind ... his whole ... he was wagging his tail because he wanted you to come see him because he knew there was an electric fence in-between you and them when he would stand here at the other house so if somebody pulled up to the driveway the dog's smart enough has the collar on that he crosses over he's going to get electrocuted. So was he barking at someone who walked in more so to say come over here I'm happy then being vicious or anything.

*Roy:*

I wonder why it changed when you when you moved in the condo because you said he barks sometimes when people are doing construction.

*Christine Markunas:*

When he's inside the house and people are walking all out in front by the windows he's barking because he wants to say hi to them not because he wants to attack someone.

*Roy:* I don't think he wanted to say hi to that gentleman based on that wound.

*Christine Markunas:*

I don't know what the gentleman did to him to make my dog feel defensive. In the nine years I have had him that dogs has never ever done anything to anybody.

*Schleiff:* I mean I would ...

*Christine Markunas:*

So I wasn't there I can't contest to it but I'm gonna say nine years nothing and then one time this person. I don't know what this person did to make my dog feel defensive.

*Garron:* And you're name is young man

*Tyler Markunas:* Tyler Markunas

*Garron:* were you one responsible for tying the dog up?

*Tyler Markunas:* Ya I was there.

*Garron:*

Okay do you want to tell us if you don't mind telling the Chair what went through that day?



*Tyler Markunas:*

Dog scratching the door he didn't have his collar so I (inaudible) the chain and it comes out to one of those clip things you pull it down put the made a loop with it around his neck so basically the more it pulls the more it tightens came back in fell off. I went upstairs when I put him on I heard barking went back downstairs. I assumed that he was in the backyard still. Went to the backyard and the guy said is that your dog he just bit me. Went out the front got the dog put him in the basement.

*Garron:*

Did you hear any type of loud noise banging or anything prior to your going down while the dog was down in the yard?

*Tyler Markunas:* No

*Garron:* No other kind of noises? No other dogs barking in the neighborhood?

*Tyler Markunas:* Nope

*Roy:*

He must have backed up to loosen it right? That's probably how it slipped out.

*Tyler Markunas:* Ya

*Christine Markunas:* Plus it created slack or something on it.

*Roy:* Right that probably what happened.

*Schleiff:*

I'm sure from going from an open area to a smaller confined area it's a little ...

*Christine Markunas:* I walk him every morning two miles.

*Schleiff:*

No I'm saying I guess your original address wasn't in a confined area it was more of an open space area.

*Roy:* Not too much activity maybe.

*Christine Markunas:*

Um well I run the dog everyday by the time I'm done running him he goes upstairs and sleeps for the rest of the afternoon. He almost ten years old he's not I mean he's an old dog right now.

*Garron:* That's only seven years he's not that old.

*Roy:* No he's nine.

*Christine Markunas:*

He's nine. He sleeps all afternoon I mean when I run him everyday he's exhausted and goes upstairs and sleeps. Every single morning since I've had him I run him.

*Schleiff:*

What does ah ... want to ask ACO for a recommendation? Been out to the sight seen what it looks like.

*Garron:*

Well you all have had contact with the dog. I don't know if you have officer Schleiff?

*Officer Schleiff:* Ya

*Garron:* You did. Any major issues with you?

*Officer Schleiff:*

No I mean past experience with other dogs and other dog bites the dog wasn't an issue at all. Wasn't aggressive towards me or anything.

*McKay:* He was fine to me.

*Callahan:* Fine to me.

*Garron:* So you guys going to adopt the dog.

*Callahan:* Sure

*Roy:* Do you have a recommendation, Noreen?

*Callahan:*

I would just ya know make sure that the dog is secure if he's out on the runner. He has to have shelter, he has to have water and just make sure it's in working order. That would be my recommendation.

*McKay:* Possibly a harness

*Callahan:* Possibly a harness just so it won't hurt his neck. I would recommend a harness on a runner so if he were to run and go to the extent of it he wouldn't hurt himself.

*Christine Markunas:*

Well it's not a full runner like you would normally see. There's a hook on the cement portion of my house so it's hooked to that and then it's hooked to his collar so it's more ... like a runner usually goes across the yard so it's more of a leash type of thing then it would be a runner. A harness really wouldn't quite work on that.

*Garron:* An extended leash.

*Christine Markunas:* A harness wouldn't quite work on that.

*Roy:* How often is the dog left outside unattended?

*Christine Markunas:* Never not at all.

*Roy:*

Okay so you just happened you didn't want to wait you thought he was just going about to do his business and then he was gonna come right back in.

*Christine Markunas:*

The slider to the back door is off my living room. So when he comes down in the morning I'm sitting on my couch drinking coffee and I let him out on the ... to do his business but I'm sitting right there.

*Roy:*

But he's only out there to do his business he doesn't just hang out there for hours.

*Christine Markunas:*

If I'm in the kitchen doing things ... If I'm cleaning downstairs he loves to sunbathe he does sit outside and sunbathe. But if I'm leaving the home if I'm going upstairs for any period of time I take the dog in.

*Roy:* Okay. Thank you.

*Garron:*

God you're leaving a bad reputation for guys when the women are around the dogs okay.

*Tyler Markunas:* Ya

*Garron:* I'm only joking with you.

*Tyler Markunas:* I know.

*Garron:*

It sounds as if this is an isolated incident at least for this particular animal but you realize that there is a leash law ... was your dog still on the property when you when you came down? So it's ...

*Schleiff:* Was the individual on your property?

*Tyler Markunas:* Yes

*Christine Markunas:* Yes

*Garron:* Ya Well

*Schleiff:* And you weren't notified somebody was coming on to the property.

*Christine Markunas:* No. I had no notification that day that they were coming.

*Garron:* So what actions have you taken to prevent this from happening again?

*Christine Markunas:*

We made ... I mean this was a total isolated incident because somebody's also down with him it's usually me. In the future I've talked with him, young kids, about making sure that his collar on and that it's securely fastened. That it's securely fastened to the house. That nobody is going upstairs for any periods of time leaving the dog outside take him inside if you're coming back down you can always put him outside if he wants to sunbathe. I mean is there anything I can do to try and make this go away I would do.

*Garron:* Ya get him a sun lamp. Kim.

*Roy:*

I think that's totally fine. Ya know I think as long as he's secured and I think you're being responsible to make sure that he doesn't ... He's not outside by himself when you're not home?

*Christine Markunas:* No oh gosh no.

*Roy:* No I'm perfectly happy with that.

*Schleiff:* Not that there's anything wrong as long as he is contained.

*Roy:* Right

*Schleiff:*

In the proper fashion. If he's leashed and contained in the proper fashion happen this time.

*Christine Markunas:*

The association does actually have rules about that which is the reason I don't leave him outside by himself. Somebody has to be there with him or like I said I'm in my living room and he's right there where that chair is and the only thing separating us is the screen door or the slider.

*Roy:* Right

*Christine Markunas:*

But the association has rules about the dogs being outside left unattended and then people not being home or ya know gone a bike ride and the dog is out there by himself. You're not allowed to do that. I don't do that and I know that the association frowns upon that so we're not allowed to do that.

*Schleiff:*

What's the rules for your association notifying you if somebody's coming on to your property.

*Christine Markunas:*

They're suppose to and I've talked to Penny, who runs the association there we've talked about the gentleman who got bite. She gave me his information so I could contact my insurance company and I said I thought it was a landscaper because I had received notification that the landscapers were coming that week and she goes oh no it was the painters and I said I have no notice that the painters were coming and she said oh well ya they I mean they're contractors so we get notification on a Thursday that they're going to be doing our building next week and they show up two and half weeks later. So we're trying to work with that and they apologize for the detainment but she said no we were ... they were coming back this week to finish up we didn't know which day. So I had no idea that the painters were coming that day. I assumed that they were saying he got bit that it was the landscaping companies and then somebody informed me that he was doing down spouts I had no idea the painters were coming.

*Schleiff:*

They seem to have a hole in their notification process. Not only telling you next week but the day of they should be ya know.

*Christine Markunas:* Usually we get a notice the night before.

*Schleiff:* Then you got to be knocked on ya know.

*Christine Markunas:*

Unfortunately the past two months when we received notices they were suppose to be painting our buildings for a month and we received a notice okay they're coming tomorrow sorry about that they're not coming tomorrow they're coming in three days sorry about that it's not till next week and then they show up a week after that so I mean not that my dog's vicious but to avoid anything.

*Schleiff:* Sure

*Christine Markunas:*

And whenever I go to work I leave him down in the basement with plenty of water and food and there's couch down there for them to sit on, my cat being the other one, because I don't want them to have the run of my house. My dog will sit on my couch and it's a leather couch and I don't want him on there. So I usually put my animals downstairs in my finished basement. So I would have done that if I knew that men were going to around work area just to avoid anything and if I had known he was going to be there I would have put him downstairs for the day.

*Hayley Markunas:* Ya because we were so far away.

*Christine Markunas:*

We were at colleges all day and I wasn't sure if Tyler was going to be home. I would have put him downstairs with their food and water for the day.

*Schleiff:* Ya sure.

*Christine Markunas:*

My dog sleeps all afternoon it doesn't matter where he sleeps in as long as he could have a nice comfortable place to sleep so I put him downstairs.

*Schleiff:*

Well I ... ya know I ... you gotta see our point when we get a report there's a bite you look at the pictures. It concerns us that's one of our wonderful jobs we have up here is checking in on this making sure the citizens of the town are protected things like this so. I Think my opinion I think we've done she's done everything she can do I think the association needs to sure up that when somebody's coming on to your property with animals up there they should really give a little more hey I'm outside.

*Garron:*

I feel at this point that it was a mistake the collar and the chain and perhaps if what Ms. Markunas says it won't happen again so I'm willing to give just a warning at this time and remind her that we do have a leash law that dogs should always be under control by owner or someone in the house at any time that it is outside the premises and that I can't order that the association gives you a message on time but I would try and stay on top of that and one last question that I have is have you been accepted at a college yet?

*Hayley Markunas:*

Ah no I am going in to my senior year this year I'm just getting a head start.

*Garron:* Okay. That's my recommendation that we just ...

*Schleiff:* Is that your motion?

*Roy:* I'll second that.

*Garron:* So motion.

*Schleiff:* Any further discussion? All those in favor.

*Schleiff:* Aye

*Garron:* Aye

*Roy:* Aye

## **GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)**

### Monponsett Watershed Association

The office has received a summary of project work and expenses for the last three month reporting from May to July of the Town Grant to the Monponsett Watershed.

### Dog Bite Report

This was an incident in Duxbury that involved a dog in Halifax. The Halifax dog was up to date on its rabies and the ACO stated that no action is needed by the town.

### Cable TV

The Plympton Board of Selectmen has voted to support in principle the agreement to form a shared tri-town public access studio. Attorney Epstein is still working on three-party agreement.

Fieldstone Farms

There has been an anonymous allegation about the filling of wetlands. Seelig has forwarded this to the Conservation Commission and the Building Inspector and asked for a report by September 9<sup>th</sup> if possible. Fieldstone was written up by the Army Corps of Engineers in July 2014, and by DEP in June 2013. Seelig has asked the Conservation Commission to check in with both for any updates.

Package Stores – 10 a.m. Opening

Seelig has sent letter to all four package stores and has only heard back from Harmony Two who is in support of the early opening as they will patronize the stores that open early and does not want to be at a disadvantage. Most of the communities in the area have yet to consider whether to extend the Sunday sales hours. Seelig is still waiting to hear back from ABCC.

Surplus Police Vehicle

The Fire Department is interested in retired police cruiser. Seelig explained the maintenance needed to the vehicle to the Chief. Roy thought if the Blazer could get through another winter that would be good. Garron thinks if repairs are done properly and the town can afford it then go for it. Seelig will let the Fire Chief know it is okay to have the mechanic go forward with fixing vehicle.

Randall/Hilliard Property

The Randall/Hilliard property was purchased by the Town in 2000 with grants from the Commonwealth Self-Help Fund and the Sheehan Foundation. One of the stipulations of the Sheehan Foundation grant was a conservation restriction. The town needs re-file legislation with the state.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to re-file the conservation restriction application with the State.

Seam and Roof Repairs at Elementary School Bid Award

The budget for the contract was \$40,000. The following bids were received by the M&SBC:

Signature Roofing, Norwell, MA	\$13,800.00
Almar Roofing, Medfield, MA	\$15,234.00
SRC Roofing, Quincy, MA	\$28,000.00
Merrick Engineering, Halifax, MA	\$38,768.22
Gibson Roofing, Hanover, MA	\$39,400.00

Seelig is recommending that the contract be awarded to Signature Roofing. Garron asked if they can check with Gerry on the materials seeing as three companies came in substantially higher then Signature Roofing and Seelig said yes.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to award the bid to Signature Roofing for the seam and roof repairs at the Elementary School in the amount of \$13,800.

### Bonding for Municipal Officials

The Assistant Treasurer attended a workshop and one of the topics was bonding for officials/employees was one of the topics. According to the Treasurer's manual, the amounts for the Town's bonds are under the amounts recommended. Seelig has contacted the Town's insurer to find out how much more it would be to bond at these amounts and is waiting to hear back from them.

### Hiring Patrol Officers

The Police Chief is recommending that the Board hire four new patrol officers, one candidate for a full-time slot and three candidates for intermittent slots.

Chief Broderick has noted that the current list expires on September 8<sup>th</sup> so if the Board wants to conduct interviews and make appointments from this list they will have to meet before their next meeting in September 9<sup>th</sup>.

The Board decided to conduct interviews on September 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 5:30 p.m.

### Walnut Street Road Cut

Earlier this month, Blue Diamond Equipment of Foxboro obtained a trench permit from the Building Inspector's office to tap into the water main on Walnut Street. There was no indication that they would cut into the road. As part of the road work, they cut 15 inches into the road. Seelig has talked with Highway Department, and the Board may want to request a \$5,000 bond from Blue Diamond for the next year in case the repair of the cut fails.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to obtain a bond (for eighteen (18) months) from Blue Diamond Equipment in the amount of \$5,000.

### Fire Station Inspection

The Fire Chief has conducted an inspection of the building and developed a list of deficiencies and maintenance issues. He will be discussing them with Gerry Elliott. He said that no action is needed by the Board at this time, but wanted the Board to have a copy of the report.

### FMLA Leave Request - Kenneth Bartell

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to grant Kenneth Bartell nine weeks leave under the Family Medical Leave Act.

### Halifax Trails

The Planning Board has approved the site plan for the multi-family project to be situated between Halifax Meadows and the Housing Authority property. Schleiff asked if they got the Board's comments about being disappointed that there was not going to be sidewalks on Rt. 58.

### Elected Officials Night

The Library Trustees are interested in holding an elected officials night at the Library sometime this fall. Library Director Laurie Cavanaugh wrote saying it would be a casual, social time for people to mingle after a short structured program of speakers. They were thinking of having the selectmen, the state reps, and maybe the school committee members. Garron and Roy both were interested in doing this. Seelig will let Laurie know.

### Tag Sale Permit Fee

A resident who recently came in for a yard sale permit suggested not charging for the permit but to still issue them. The Board was okay with not charging for yard sale permits.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to suspend charging a fee for yard sale permits.

### Regional Shelter Meeting

Roy stated that the chief has contacted Kingston Fire Chief Heath to get information on this. Chief Viveiros was involved with regional sheltering in Barnstable County and has taken the lead on this.

### Mudfest

The organizer of this event will be in on September 9<sup>th</sup> to request a permit for a possible November 9<sup>th</sup> date for this event. Seelig asked the Board if they want to notify residents on Hemlock Lane and ask for their comments and they said yes.

### Surplus Vehicles

There are five vehicles at the Highway Barn all of them are in poor to fair condition. Seelig has talked with town mechanic, who said that it would be challenging to place minimum price levels given the condition of them. Seelig understands that the in the past the board has been disappointed in the number and quality of the bids received but he stated he can add anyone or any venue to list he said out when requesting bids. Seelig is going to get a list of the vehicles for the Board to review and ask Gerry about the new van.

### Alcohol License (Lack of) Violation

During one of Fieldstone Farms' shows this month, there was a benefit luncheon for the MSPCA which included alcohol. The vendors and sponsors did not obtain the necessary food service permit from the Board of Health nor did they obtain a one-day alcohol license from the Board of Selectmen. The ABCC contacted the parties involved and notified them of the violation. No further action was taken. Seelig did not have any evidence that alcohol was served during the horse shows or at any other events connected with the horse shows. The regular food vendors did obtain the necessary food permits from the Board of Health.

Garron suggested that when we are notified of the shows we should remind them if planning on serving alcohol to go through the necessary channels.

Seelig said he thinks a vendor came in to do a luncheon but did not get the necessary permits.



Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to have Seelig send a letter to Fieldstone Farms.

Chapter 40B Workshop

A 40B workshop has been scheduled for Scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm in the Great Hall. Anyone is invited to attend including the public.

Live Entertainment – Salon Serenity Day Spa

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2015-18 to Kelly McAndrews for live entertainment at Salon Serenity Day Spa on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Road Cut – 33 Lake Street

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2015-19 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for tow (2) 3' x 5' road cuts to abandon existing service and install new service at 33 Lake Street.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Schleiff announced that no statement would be made at the end of the Executive Session and the Board would not reconvene in open session.

The Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for Patrol Officers:

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

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Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 9:20 p.m.:

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED**

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Troy E. Garron  
Clerk

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