

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

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

The Agenda for Tuesday, October 14th was unanimously approved without revision.

Roy wanted to mention that the Fire Department Union had a Golf Tournament and raised money for a new piece of equipment. She suggested that once the equipment comes in they should be acknowledged. They raised \$20,000 and half the cost of the equipment is going to be picked up by a private company. She thought it was a great thing to do for our town.

Garron also wanted to say that he has been observing the work on the benches and the scout is doing a great job on them. Seelig added that he is getting as much done now as possible and will be finishing them up in May. One bench has no plaque on it and the Board of Selectmen was asked if they want to put on a new plaque. Schleiff asked if we could find out if there was one on it.

MINUTES

Moved by Garron seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved the following Selectmen Minutes with the exception of Schleiff abstaining from the Patrolmen negotiations:

Executive Session – September 9, 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 with the exception of Schleiff abstaining from the Police Department Payroll in Warrant #27:

Vendor Warrant	# 24	\$ 11,164.45
Vendor Warrant	# 26	\$ 1,275,104.49
Payroll Warrant	# 27	\$ 337,352.16
Vendor Warrant	# 28	\$ 230,021.29
Withholding Warrant	# 29	\$ 126,662.88
Ambulance Commitment	# 9A	\$ 18,476.39
Ambulance Commitment	# 9B	\$ 14,994.44

APPROVED COMMITMENT AND WARRANT

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

Vendor Warrant	# 30	\$ 49,906.79
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 10	\$ 5,160.00

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

Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (MA Laws).....	\$ 209.10
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal/September)	\$ 2,899.50
Deutsch Williams Brooks DeRensis & Holland, P.C. (legal/September)	\$ 826.38
Michael Gilman, Esquire (legal /September)	\$ 1,298.00
Pitney Bowes, Inc. (supplies for mailstream)	\$ 169.97
W.B. Mason (paper)	\$ 84.90
National Grid (concession stand)	\$ 49.62
National Grid (Town Hall).....	\$ 1,075.29
Beth Israel Deaconess Plymouth (Quill).....	\$ 139.00
Beth Israel Deaconess Plymouth (Buccieri/DeRoo/Silenzi/Simpson).....	\$ 1,326.00
South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (services 7/1/14 to 9/30/14).....	\$ 2,750.00
Lynch, Malloy, Marini, LLP (services/audit yr. end 6/30/14)....	\$ 3,000.00
Greenwood Emergency Vehicles (deductable/DOL 5/26/14)....	\$ 1,000.00
Greenwood Emergency Vehicles (repair lights & deck gun/DOL 5/26/14).....	\$ 1,886.77

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending October 4, 2014, in the amount of \$ 6,185.84.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2015-19	\$ 5.00
2015-20	\$ 125.00

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

ADA resignations - Elaine Dolan

Elaine Dolan has submitted her resignation from the ADA Committee. The Board accepted her resignation and wants to send a very nice letter to her and have it signed by all three Board members.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted, with regret, to accept the resignation of Elaine Dolan from the ADA committee and to send a letter of thanks to her.

Recycling Grant

The Recycling Center has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$4,800, which will be used to send out information to the residents.

On a side note Schleiff said that at one time there was a brief discussion about having a debit card swipe machine at the center. Seelig said that he can ask.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to have the Chair, Michael J. Schleiff, sign the recycling grant that has been awarded to the Recycling Center and have Seelig look into a swipe machine at the center.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Jonathan Selig – HOPS Playground

Mr. Selig on behalf of *Friends of HOPS* and Youth and Recreation Director, Richard Steele, came in this evening to talk about the funding for the HOPS playground and the upcoming events they plan on doing. They would like to request \$16,000 from the recreational gift committee, that has been gifted to them, to go towards the playground as he/they feels the funds will go a long way. He said that once the *Friends of HOPS* decide on a company they will purchase the equipment from they can start seeking grants for the project.

Mr. Selig then proceeded to tell the Board about the upcoming events they are planning on having. One is “Plop for HOPS” in April 2015. This is where people buy squares hoping that their square is where a cow will “plop”. Roy said the potential thought was to have it on the Town Green. Schleiff did not think it was a good idea having cows on the Town Hall lawn green. Mr. Steele said that there will only be one cow and Mr. Selig added that there will be three plops (in either spray painted or roped off square) with a two hour limit. Mr. Steele did not think the fields will work as soccer will be going on.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to approve the use of the Town Green to the “Friends of HOPS” for the Plops for HOPS fundraiser on April 11, 2015.

Hop for HOPS 5K – June 6, 2015

The group has been in contact with soccer, softball and baseball and they all are okay with the date they have scheduled the race for.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously granted permission to the “Friends of HOPS” to hold the 2nd Annual Hops for HOPS 5K Race/walk on June 6, 2015.

Roy wanted to say that they are a dynamic group that has come up with a lot of ideas.

Mr. Steele was asked how much needs to be raised and he said \$200,000; people are taken back at the amount and continued to say that \$80,000 is to make it handicap accessibility. He continued to say that it is tough because we are in a rural area so we don’t get the grants that the urban community does and said to the viewers that if there is anyone interested in grant writing out there to please come forward. Mr. Selig said that they are constantly being asked how much has been raised so they would like put up thermometer so the Town knows how much has been.

Mr. Steele said that the gift money is typically used for emergency type things, such as fences. Gift money has been used to build the Summit Street Fields (\$100,000-\$250,000) and the little league fields and Track (\$30,000-\$40,000). Garron asked what the status of the playgrounds were and Mr. Steele said that they are in pretty good shape as he looks at them monthly but did say that the swings at the playground on Rt. 36 needed to be fix and they found out that it was not up to code and had to spend \$4,500 before getting them fixed. They also need to revisit the fixing of the track - maybe have the Highway Department do the grading, probably do it next month or April 2015 or November 2015.

Mr. Steele has talked with Bruce Pulliam (member on the Gift Committee & Youth and Rec.) and could not speak for everyone but when the time comes he thinks the money can be allotted.

Schleiff asked if concession stand money will be used and he said yes. Schleiff also asked when the funds finally get depleted from the gift account where would they get the money for repairs and he said it would come out Youth and Recreation expense account then when gone from there go before Town Meeting. Mr. Steele said the plan is that when completed they will continue to have the 5K race, meat raffle and golf tournament to help keep up the maintenance of the playground. Mr. Selig added that they wanted to get the community involved and the businesses have been great and the volunteers have been wonderful.

Garron moved that a portion of the money be taken and Schleiff suggested that they ask for matching funds. (neither was not seconded)

The following are Fiends of HOPS upcoming events that were mentioned in the above discussion:

- October 19, 2014 – Touch a Truck
- November 15, 2014 Shops for HOPS
- February 5, 2015 Chops for HOPS (meat raffle)
- April 11, 2015 – Plops for HOPS
- June 6, 2015 – Hop for HOPS 5K
- September 2015 – Flop for HOPS (golf tournament)

Tony Giannetti/Hollywood East Classics, Inc. – Class II License

Mr. Giannetti came before the Board to request a Class II License to sell used cars at 413 Plymouth Street. Schleiff began by saying that it was not a large lot and asked how many cars will the lot hold and he said seventeen as it goes behind in the back. Schleiff added that it is a tough intersection and then asked how many cars des he works on during the day as he has seen five out there. Mr. Giannetti said they have cars there for months for repairs and put them out front to make it look busy and on the weekends he tinkers around. The cars there are him and his brother's.

Garron and Roy both had no problem as long as it is kept up. Mr. Giannetti said that he wants to keep it nice.

Schleiff pointed out that the Planning Board said that it is allotted for seven cars and he said that was correct. Schleiff is concerned with trouble getting in and out and he said that they park so that they will not have a problem getting in and out.

The Board wanted the following stipulation added to the license:

“able to pull in and out on dirt road onto Indian Path”

Schleiff asked if the BOS had to review it in a year and it was stated the Planning Board will review in a year but the Board can go out anytime they want.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to issue a Class II License for Hollywood East Classics, Inc. to Tony Giannetti.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Amanda Estates

The development (12 unit multi-family development off Elm St.) listed above has received a site plan approval from the Planning Board. No action is needed from the Board this was just a FYI.

Memmo Auto Sales – 320 Monponsett Street

The Zoning Board of Appeals has approved a special permit with numerous stipulations at the above location. Seelig has suggested that if and when the Board approves the Class II license these stipulations should be noted on the license.

150 Industrial Drive/Take Out

The Planning Board has approved the site plan at the above location. This is for takeout food only and the hours will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. No action is needed from the Board as a common victualler license will not be required seeing as there will be no seating just a permit from the BOH.

Plymouth County Retirement

Seelig has asked and received all the current contracts.

Bond - Blue Diamond

The office has received the bond from Blue Diamond for the road cut that was done on Walnut Street. The bond expires March 1, 2016. Seelig will put a tickler in to check with the Highway Surveyor in February 2016 to check on the condition of the road.

Authorized Signatures

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to authorize the following individuals as the designated signatures for Fiscal Year 2015:

Michael J. Schleiff - Youth & Recreation Trust Account
Michael J. Schleiff - Board of Selectmen
Kim R. Roy - Board of Selectmen
Troy E. Garron - Board of Selectmen
Troy E. Garron - Payroll for Board of Selectmen
Charles Seelig - Payroll for Building Inspector & Regulatory

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)***Kevin Sullivan/Columbia Gas - Road Cut – 343 Holmes Street***

Schleiff stated it is great that he was able to come in seeing as this is a brand new street and the board was concerned about the proposed work that Columbia Gas wanted to do. Mr. Sullivan began by saying that they have made some changes and has spoken with the with the Highway Surveyor and basically they will try a 3 x 3 or 4 x 4 patch on each side of the street which will allow them to look at the gas main that is buried underneath the side walk then run a bolt through. Ninety five percent of the time it goes right through but every once in a while depending on the situation it could get caught up and in that case they would have to saw cut the street and trench it out. If they had to do a saw cut then they would make the cut about 15 inches wide and go down about 30 inches lay the service in then pave when done. They have a paving supervisor that comes and inspects the work in thirty days, then one year later. Mr. Sullivan continued to say that they use State highway mix and follow all DOT and State Standards as well as procedures that are followed and anything they do they are responsible for.

Schleiff asked how they would back filled the hog hole and he said there is not much of a cavity as it is only a half inch.

Garron asked if they have you tried to tunnel yet and he said no that they will attempt to hog it first and if unsuccessful they'll have to to the saw cut.

Mr. Sullivan said that he has told the Highway Surveyor that if there are any problems to contact him.

After this discussion Schleiff said that he feels a little better about the road work being done.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2015-29 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 3' x 25' road cut to install new gas service at 343 Holmes Street with the following stipulations:

- 1 Detail Police Officer
- Attempt to use Hog Hole 1st if not successful notify Highway Surveyor before continuing work.
- All work must be completed in full by November 1, 2014 and if unable to comply work cannot be performed until after April 1, 2015.

Mayflower Municipal Health Group/Business Associates Agreement

This agreement requires the MMHG along with the Town to protect protected (confidential) information associated with health insurance. If the Board is interested in signing the agreement Seelig will work on it.

Elementary School Maintenance – Pilot Program

No agreement was reached in regards to launching a pilot program of share resources between the elementary school and the town. Seelig could not give an explanation on how the problems at the school will be taken care of. Garron has an issue if they come before the Board for money to fix things and Schleiff agreed with him. Seelig recommends that the BOS send a letter to the School Committee asking for a time table of when the lists of problems are going to be taken care of.

He continued to say that under State law the School Committee has jurisdiction over the building and what maintenance is done at the school. He does not think the Board should pursue the matter as they are an elected board and if they feel they have it under control that they need to trust them. The School Committee understands what needs to be done and he does not think the Board needs a report from them.

Garron was dismayed that they did not accept the agreement as this would give them the opportunity to change it up. Seelig added that the School Committee was happy with the M&SBC did when the boiler and the alarm system needed repairing.

Schleiff asked if they expect when things are going to done at the school and is it unreasonable to ask how they are going to take care of the issues at hand. In closing Garron said that if they are willing to take on the care of the school then they cannot question it.

Seelig is going to get a list of the stuff that needs to be done at the school for the BOS.

Emergency Community Grant

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to accept the Emergency Community Grant and have Matthew Tucker sign on behalf of the Town.

Plymouth County Joint Fuel Bid

The Plymouth County Commissioners once again are preparing the bids for #2, #4 & #6 fuel oil. Seelig has forwarded the form (identifying the Town's needs) to the Highway Surveyor.

Old Colony Planning Council – Elected Official

The council is looking for an elected official from a community under 14,000 to serve as a signatory member of the OCPC Metropolitan Planning Organization.

Solar PILOT Agreement

At this time the office is waiting for the documents of the agreement so it can be signed by the Board.

Ambulance Abatements

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

August 2014	FOR	\$ 3,444.95
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Appointment - Cultural Council/Jean Gallant

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to appoint Jean Gallant of 117 Cranberry Drive to the Halifax Cultural Council, term to expire October 14, 2017.

Silver Lake Student Population

Halifax's share of SL students has gone down from 35.6% to 34.2%, which will help Halifax's assessment.

Cable TV

The three towns met on October 8th. The Board was given copies of the meeting agenda and proposed budget.

Last Drink

Last drink reports are sent to ABCC, who then spends more time on checking establishments that show up on the list more frequently. Under the MGL the court clerk is suppose to contact the establishments. When the next report comes out Seelig is going to see if any establishments here in Halifax show up and then will contact the clerk's office to see if and how they notify the establishments and also check with the license holders to see how they were notified.

Nessralla Sign - Hemlock Lane & Plymouth Street

The Historic District Commission had approved the sign as long as the only color on it was in the cornucopia. Other parts of the sign are in color and Commission is asking that the sign be changed to be brought into compliance. Mr. Nessralla stated that the painter painted the color on the sign. Roy said that the sign is not in compliance and is tired of talking about this issue and thinks the BOS should send a letter to Mr. Nessralla stating that the sign did not comply. Schleiff asked if we receive a letter from Historic Committee and it was stated we did.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter to Mr. Nessralla stating that the sign is not in compliance.

Ambulance Abatements

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

September 2014	FOR	\$ 14,608.93
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Massachusetts Selectmen's Association Fall Conference

The conference will be held on October 25th. Pre registration is required.

Housing Authority – Requesting town Supply Gas

The Housing Authority would like to buy gas from the Town seeing as we have better rates and allows them to bypass having to get rebates on the taxes. Seelig is waiting to hear from the Highway Department and will bring back to the Board in a couple of weeks.

Energy Reduction Plan

This is pretty close to done. Seelig needs the Board of Selectmen to sign/approve the fuel efficient vehicle policy along with the entire submission. Most of our vehicles are exempt but there are a few that aren't.

Seelig will find out if the truck that was approved at town meeting has been purchased and if it is an exempt vehicle.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to accept the proposal as presented.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Charlie to sign on behalf of the Board of Selectmen.

Monponsett Pond/Route 36 Boat Ramp

Resident Chuck Rogers stopped by the office because two people damaged their motors on a low spot in East Monponsett Pond by the boat ramp. He thinks this is happening because boaters are *powering up* the ramp dislodging sediment near the ramp and forcing it out about fifty feet. This is creating a low spot and most boaters would not think that there would one in that location. He has flagged the area and put up a temporary sign to let the boaters know of this. Seelig thought a solution would be to put up better signage. Garron said that we can contact the County Commissioners and ask about doing some dredging. If okay with the Board Seelig will ask the Lake Master for his input. The Board was okay with him doing so.

Emergency Management Shelter & Regional Planning Zone

HEMA Director, Chief Viveiros has recommended that the town utilize Silver Lake High School as the primary shelter if the town requires sheltering for a period of time greater than twenty-four hours. He also is recommending that the town participate in the regional emergency Planning Zone & Council.

Garron is concerned that there would be more people on the road trying to get to the high school but did say that the school is a good idea as they have a great shelter and can provided food (Sisco).

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted that the Town of Halifax become part of the Regional Emergency Planning Council and authorized Chief Viveiros to be the primary point of contact for the Council.

Wetlands/Halifax Country Club

An application has been submitted to the Conservation Commission.

Earth Removal – Turkey Swamp

The office is waiting for Mr. Gates renewal application.

Wetlands/Fieldstone

Seelig is waiting for an update.

Traffic Lights

Seelig is waiting to hear back from Highway.

Randall/Hilliard Property

Seelig is waiting to hear back from Conservation/Wildlands Trust.

Meeting with Finance Committee

A joint meeting with the Finance Committee will probably be on November 24th.

MBTA Weekend Service

The MBTA will be restoring weekend service to three commuter rails. This will begin on December 27th.

Recycling Abatements – Bill #1441

The Board held off on abating this bill as they asked that letter be sent to the homeowner requesting them to provide proof that the private hauler they use has a program comparable to Halifax's with regard to the recyclables and that they have paid for that specific service.

Recycling Abatements – Bill #1442

The Board held off on abating this bill as they asked that letter be sent to the homeowner requesting them to provide proof that the private hauler they use has a program comparable to Halifax's with regard to the recyclables and that they have paid for that specific service.

Recycling Abatement – Bill #1091

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to abate Bill #1091 for \$38.

Recycling Abatement – Bill #164

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted not to abate Bill #164 as further documentation was not provided that they use a private hauler.

Recycling Abatement – Bill #2060

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted not to abate Bill #2060 for FY 2010, 2111, 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Change in Sunday Hours – Harmony Two Liquors and Jenish Convenience

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to grant the change of opening hours on Sundays from 12:00 p.m. to 10:00 a.m. for Halifax Lake Street, Inc. d/b/a Harmony Two Liquors and Jenish Convenience, Inc. d/b/a Halifax Mobil, starting October 25, 2014.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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