

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:30 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.

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, June 11th, was unanimously approved without revision.

MINUTES

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted as follows to approve the Regular Selectmen Minutes of April 9, 2013:

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

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted as follows to approve the Executive Selectmen Minutes of May 7, 2013 and May 13, 2013

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

AFFIRMED COMMITMENT / WARRANTS / BILL

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously affirmed approval for the payment of the following commitment, warrants and bill with the exception of Schleiff abstaining from the Police Department payroll in warrant #96:

Payroll Warrant	# 96	\$ 348,615.95
Vendor Warrant	# 97	\$ 492,780.35
Withholding Warrant	# 98	\$ 130,237.78
Ambulance Commitment	# 5	\$ 15,278.44

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously affirmed approval for the payment of the following Selectmen bill:

Charles Seelig (annual post office permit fee paid by Seelig).....	\$	200.00
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APPROVED COMMITMENT / WARRANT

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

Vendor Warrant	# 99	\$ 61,832.19
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 06	\$ 5,160.00

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

National Grid (service/concession stand).....	\$ 37.80
Peter J. Epstein, Esq. (legal services/May)	\$ 3,320.00
Pamela McSherry (mileage reimburse/June 5 th meeting)	\$ 17.63

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending June 1, 2013 in the amount of \$5,988.02.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2013-72	\$ 5.00
2013-73	\$ 150.00
2013-74	\$ 150.00
2013-75	\$ 5.00

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Highway Vacation Carry Over

Moved by Schleiff, seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to allow five members of the Union to carryover 40 hours vacation leave each from FY2013 to FY2014, as per their contract.

South Shore Women’s Center Contract

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously authorized the Chair, Troy Garron, to sign on behalf of the Town the contract with South Shore Women’s Center for FY2014.

Scott Gilpatrick/Gerald Joy – M&SBC

Scott Gilpatrick has resigned from the M&SBC and the committee is recommending that Gerald Joy fill his seat. Seelig is waiting to hear back from Mr. Joy to see if he can come to the Board’s meeting on June 25th.

Plymouth County Extension 4-H

The Board has been invited to the Plymouth county Extension’s 4-H Club Expo that is being held on Saturday, June 29th at 266 High Street in Hanson.

Alcohol Violation - Twin Lakes Liquor

ABCC has witnessed alcohol being sold to someone who is eighteen. Patrol Officer Hanss submitted a report and according to the report it appears that ABCC will not be taking any action but Seelig is unsure whether the ABCC intends to hold a hearing on the matter. He is recommending that the Board hold its own hearing though this does not mean the Board has to suspend the license but with previous situations the Board did have them come in. Both Garron and Roy agree with him. Seelig would like to schedule the hearing for July 9th. Garron asked Roy and Schleiff if they were in favor of scheduling a hearing for July 9th.

Troy E. Garron - Aye

Kim R. Roy - Aye

Michael J. Schleiff - Aye

COA - Change in Number of Members

The Council on Aging is asking the Board to approve decreasing the number of members on the council from seven to five as they are having trouble getting volunteers to fill the vacancies. Garron agreed stating that we are having trouble filling other boards and committees and both Schleiff and Roy were in agreement.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to decrease the number of members on the Council on Aging from seven (7) to five (5) members.

COA Van Grant

The COA has been awarded a State grant for 80% (\$45,451) of the cost for a new van.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT 14:00***Jennifer (Bobbi) Harmon - Choate - Dog Hearing Continued***

At 7:45 p.m., in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 157, Garron opened the continued dog hearing that was held two months ago on April 9, 2013. The hearing addressed a complaint that dogs owned by Jennifer (Bobbi) Harmon – Choate and housed at 7 Plymouth Street are creating a nuisance by excessive barking. The hearing was held at the request of the complainant, Scott Clawson.

The following individuals were present:

Jennifer Choate Harlfinger 7 Plymouth Street

Scott Harlfinger 7 Plymouth Street

Garron:

Okay I guess we wanted you to come back to continue the hearing to see if the fact there are any changes any more complaints any any less or more noise (no volume on DVD) have you have you

Harlfinger: I've heard nothing

Garron:

I know I've gone to see you at one point and we've talked and I also have run into your neighbor

Harlfinger: Right

Garron:

And and there was nothing said to me at that time that said that there was any problems

Harlfinger:

We haven't had any ... he hasn't called or texted that there was a problem. I think every things good. We haven't heard otherwise

Garron: Any other questions from the rest of the Board on this

Roy:

No. I heard that you did have your number increased of dogs that you can have

Harlfinger: Yup

Roy: Did they almost double the amount of adult dogs?

Harlfinger: They did.

Roy: Okay

Harlfinger: Yup

Roy: I'm I'm a little concerned about that because

Harlfinger: Um hum

Roy:

I don't I know things were sort of quiet now I'm a little nervous about as how that's gonna ya know if that's gonna be a problem but I'm gonna cross my fingers

Harlfinger: Uh hum

Roy: and hope that it works out.

Harlfinger:

And that's not really the direction we're headed it was more of ah we wanted to be able to watch puppies that have gone home to new customers which would be a come or go and it was um (no volume on the DVD)

Schleiff: I appreciate ya (no volume on DVD)

Harlfinger:

Absolutely sure (no volume on DVD) peace I mean ... so we're happy

Roy: Ya

Schleiff: I know

Garron:

Unfortunately I've always said that you never have dog problems we have people problems. Dogs just seem to be (in audible). I'm hoping that things work out well for you guys and congratulations on (no volume on the DVD) everthing. Is there any other questions we need to ask at this time? And one last question have we got anything from our the police department

McSherry: No

Garron: or Animal Control Officer

McSherry: No I called today

Garron: That they've had any complaints anything of that nature.

McSherry: Nope

Garron: Down there.

McSherry:

Toni had nothing to add as of the last last last one which was one twelve we already had like three other hearings after that. So no nothing since April 9th which was the last one.

Garron: Are we prepared to discontinue (no volume on DVD)

Schleiff: Other than ya know just (no volume on DVD)

Harlfinger: We'll were actually excited

Schleiff: Proofing over there anyways

Harlfinger: to say that we have improvements going on and its its good

Schleiff: As long as you

Harlfinger: On top of the little help

Roy: Ya

Harlfinger: Avoid the problems so ...

Schleiff: Well

Garron:

(in audible) so hopefully (no volume on DVD) to work (no volume on DVD) hopefully we won't have any more complaints but unfortunately if we do we may be sitting here again. Lets hope that he (no volume on DVD).

Harlfinger: Thank you all

Roy: Thank you

Garron:

Well thank you for coming thank you for coming in tonight and I would move that at this time we discontinue any further hearings unless we hear any negative concerns of dog barking.

Schleiff: I would second that motion

Garron: All in favor

Garron: Aye

Roy: Aye

Schleiff: Aye

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Review of Selectmen Liaison List

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted the following changes (in bold) to the liaison list on the following page.

Committee/Contract	Selectmen liaison
ADA Coordinator	-----
Animal Control Officer	from Garron to Roy
Alternative Sewerage	-----
Blackledge Farm 40B Proposal – ZBA (not active)	-----
Brockton Power Plant	Roy
Cable Committee	Garron
Capital Planning Committee	Roy
Casino Development - Middleboro	Roy
Cemetery	Schleiff
Chief Procurement Officer	Seelig
Communications Committee (second Wed 9 a.m.)	Schleiff
Computer Committee	Schleiff
Energy Manager	Seelig
Finance Committee (second and fourth Monday 7 p.m.)	Schleiff
Financial Management Team	Roy
Fire Department	Garron
Halifax Emergency Management	from Schleiff to Roy
Halifax In Lights	Roy
Highway	Schleiff
Holidays In Halifax	Roy
Inclusionary By-Law Study Committee	-----
Master Plan Study Committee	from Roy to Schleiff
MBTA Advisory Board	Garron
MBTA Advisory Board – Alternate	Roy
Memorial Day Celebration	Garron
Monponsett Lake Issues	Garron
Multiple Hazard Community Planning Team	Garron
OCPC Alternate Delegate	Garron
Plymouth County Advisory Board	Garron
Plymouth County Advisory Board – Alternate	Schleiff
Plymouth County Health Insurance Plan Trust Alternate	Seelig
Safety Committee	from Garron to Schleiff
Town Government Study Committee	Roy
Union Contracts Dispatchers and Highway Firefighters Police – Officers and Sergeants School	Schleiff Garron Garron Roy
Wage and Personnel	Schleiff
Whistleblower Statute	Seelig
Y & R – Gift Committee	Garron
Y & R – School Gym	Garron
Y & R - Recreation Park Facility	Garron

Road Cut – 39 Madison Road

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2013-59 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 3' x 5' road cut to install new gas service at 39 Madison Road.

Resident of Hanson Complaint – Wastewater in Monponsett Pond

A resident of Hanson has complained to the Halifax Conservation Commission regarding wastewater coming from other properties in Hanson. The owner of the property where the alleged incident took place is upset that Halifax Conservation Commission involved itself in this matter. There is no action for the Board to take they just wanted the BOS to have copies of the documents on record.

Seeing as they were on the topic of ponds Garron asked when would they know the results of the alum treatment. Seelig said that he will check.

Leave of absence – Sgt. Edward Broderick

Sgt. Broderick has asked the Board to authorize a five year leave of absence in order to take the position of Police Chief.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted as follows to authorize Sgt. Edward Broderick a five year leave of absence from his Civil Service position so that he may be able to fill the permanent position of Police Chief in the Town of Halifax, effective July 1, 2013:

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

Establishing a Zoning By-Law Committee

Halifax's Zoning Enforcement Officer and Building Commissioner, Tom Millias, has sent a letter to the Board suggesting that they organize a committee to review the Town's Zoning By-Laws as it has been at least two decades since the last time this has occurred. Millias suggested that the committee should be comprised of a member from the Planning Board and Zoning Board Appeals, a Selectman, himself (for an enforcement perspective) and 2 or 3 residents at large, which the Board was confident in his chooses.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board approved Tom Millias' suggestion of who should make up the By-Law Review Committee.

Seelig will let Millias know of the Board's decision.

MMA State Aid

The House and the Senate are lobbying on a local bill. Listed below are a number of issues that Seelig thought would be important to the town.

- Increase Unrestricted General Government Aid to the House figure (about \$18,000 more for Halifax than the Senate figure).
- Increase special education circuit breaker aid per the Senate's proposal
- Oppose elimination of statutory requirement that police officers and firefighters live within 10 miles of the municipality; said elimination would make it a topic for negotiations.

- Support Senate's proposal for help to cities and towns losing money to charter schools.
- Support Senate's proposal to cover 100% of the mandated cost for transportation for homeless students.
- Support Senate's proposal for regional district transportation aid.
- Support Senate's proposal for PILOT for state land.
- Confirm that municipalities do not have to make employer medical assistance contributions for unemployment insurance.
- Oppose Section 92 of Senate's budget that would have the State set fees for emergency medical services.

This will be discussed in length at a future meeting.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT (CONTINUED)

Dawn Corby – Feral Cats

Resident Dawn Colby came in this evening to talk about the feral cat situation here in town. She began by saying that she has been trapping cats for twenty years and her concern is that the town is not doing the best they can in controlling this issue and that the cats are going to keep populating unless they are spayed or neutered. If you have seven cats this year next year you will have fourteen and the following year there will be more. She is aware that there is no Animal Control Officer at this time and is proposing to set up a fund, through the town as she does not hold a 501c(30 status and the town does. Proceeds in the fund will be used for veterinary care, spaying and neutering. She continued to say that Hanson VCA will give her the same rates they provide through Standish Humane society Certificate Program for spaying and neutering. She also looked into Cat Mobile - Merrimack River Feline Rescue Society and their rates are a little less and if she knows there is going to be a spay mobile in the area she will capture and bring to the wagon. Roy's thought were that this account would another one for the town to administer.

Ms. Corby that she thinks something can be done and has gotten a lot of feedback. She continued to say that she talked with Meghan at Rockland Trust who said a account could be established but she does not know the legalities with it she just needs an account and said she would do all the work and can find people to help her.

Garron asked if she knew of any towns that have set up an account and she said that the State has not made a major move for cats as it has for dogs. His concern is that she will be turning the cats back into the wild and if something is done it needs to be sustainable. Ms. Corby said that is too bad that they would be doing that but something is better than nothing.

Schleiff concern is how this would be structured and said a plan needs to be established and have the ACO and Board of Health look at it to see how it will work.

Kathy Pendoley (resident) wanted to say that the trap neuter and release is the best humane thing you can do and is a true solution and said about 18 years go Scituate had a big problem they did the spaying and neutering (was funded by a private entity) and now they may have a feral cat here and there but not what it was years ago. It did take a couple of years to get it under control but it was

simply setting the trap and brings the cat in. Roy is worried about starting a program and sustaining it.

Ms. Corby has talked with the Standish Humane Society and they have said that they could put Halifax on their website and donations can be made through them under *Halifax domain*. She does not expect the ACO to do this as she is willing to do it. Garron said they could look into the legality of it as we do not have a revolving account for donations.

Garron likes the idea of the Standish Humane Society sponsoring the town and the trap and release program. He said in order to do what they want they should form a committee and present at Town Meeting. He said he does not think the law will allow an individual to write a check through the town.

Schleiff wanted to say that he thinks she is doing a fine thing and as a town we should do something. Again he would like to see a plan and look to see how other towns do it.

In closing Garron said to gather whatever information she can get and bring back to the board. The Board thanked her for coming in and for her concern on this problem.

Reappointments – Gordon Andrews & Nikki Newton – Finance Committee

The Board met with Finance Committee members and Town Moderator to act on the re-appointments of Gordon Andrews and Nikki Newton to the Finance Committee. These appointments are considered “new” and require a majority of the following vote:

Board of Selectmen Chairman	(1)
Finance Committee member whose term is not expiring	(1)
Town Moderator	(1)

Moved by Town Moderator, John Bruno, and seconded by Finance Committee member, Stuart Hall, the following vote was taken to re-appoint Gordon Andrews of 244 Elm Street and Nikki Newton of 415 South Street to the Finance Committee, terms to expire June 15, 2016:

Selectmen Chairman	Troy Garron	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Stuart Hall	Yes
Moderator	John Bruno	Yes

Summer Schmaling Appointment to Finance Committee

Ms. Schmaling came in this evening because she has expressed interest in joining the Finance Committee. Garron began by asking why interested and she said that she is wants to participate in the town and did some research and thought this committee would be a great place to start. She continued to say that she has two small children and just graduated from Bridgewater State. She loves the town and loves being here. Garron stated that he glad that they had a conversation at the special Town Meeting in April. Schleiff said that he was at FinCom’s meeting when she was interviewed and thought she was a great addition to the committee. Roy also wanted to say that she saw her at Town Meeting and said that being on the Finance Committee is a great place to start to learn about the town and thanked her for stepping up.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the following vote was taken to appoint Summer Schmaling of 32 Indian Path Road to the Finance Committee, term to expire June 15, 2014:

Selectmen	Troy Garron	Yes
Selectmen	Kim R. Roy	Yes
Selectmen	Michael J. Schleiff	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Gordon Andrews	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Nikki Newton	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Karen Fava	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Margaret Fitzgerald	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Stuart Hall	Yes

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Attorney Mayo / Monponsett Pond / Brockton

Copies have been given to the Board on Mr. Mayo's notes regarding the 1964 Legislation. He stated he will forward any question to Mayo after they have reviewed them.

Walk-a-Thon – Donald Unwin

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved Mr. Unwin's request for a walk-a-thon to raise money for the Ovarian Cancer Fund and the Jean Unwin Memorial Scholarship Fund to be held on Saturday, September 7, 2013.

Live Entertainment – Meghan Kiernan

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to grant a live entertainment permit to Meghan Kiernan of 605 Plymouth Street for Friday, June 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mosquito Control Spraying

The Halifax in Lights Committee has asked the Board to send a request to Mosquito Control asking that they spray around the Town Hall and school prior to their event on June 29th.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to send a request to Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project asking that they spray the areas around the Halifax Town Hall, Halifax Elementary School and the Holmes Public Library in preparation for the Halifax in Lights event for Saturday, June 29th.

Sergeant's Contract

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, 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:

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

Highway Worker's Contract

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

Sign for Touch a Truck Event

The Rockland-Hanson Rotary Club is asking permission to put a 2 x 4 foot sign at the HOPS playground from June 14th to June 16th to advertise for their Touch-a-Truck Event at Wal-Mart on Sunday, June 16th. Youth & Recreation and the Police Department have been notified of this request and are fine with it.

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to allow the Rockland-Hanson Rotary Club to place a 2 x 4 foot sign at the HOPS playground.

Halifax in Lights – Use of Town Property

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously granted the following requests from the Halifax in Lights Committee for the activities to be held on Saturday, June 29th as outlined in the Committee's letter:

- Use of the Halifax Town Hall parking lot and town green for daytime activities as well as access to outside electrical outlets for vendors, music, emcee activities.
- Use of Halifax Elementary School property for free outdoor movie, music and parking for vehicles. Use of the snack shack and soccer field behind the elementary school has been approved by the appropriate committee.

Fiscal 2013 Recycling Abatement – Bill #996

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to abate \$17.50 from Bill #996 on the basis that it is a seasonal home.

Note: The Water Department has confirmed that the water is turned on in late May and shut off the first part of October.

Fiscal 2011 Recycling Abatement – Bill #2046

Roy motioned to abate the full amount \$45.00 (includes late fee of \$5). It was explained that resident came in to get a permit to demolish the garage the 2011 recycling fee was outstanding and he had to pay it before a permit was issued. Garron can see giving him an abatement on the fee itself but not the late fee and Schleiff agrees with him. Schleiff said this went under the radar and when he went to get the permit it came up and if the place was vacant and no one was living there he is comfortable abating the bill but if he is late then he should pay the five dollar late fee. Roy had a hard time charging a late fee if it was not due and Schleiff explained it was due and that either he did not have it or didn't pay it and should have come here before the late fee was imposed. Roy said that she is for giving back the late fee.

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows to abate \$40.00 from Bill #2046 on the basis that the property has a garage on it and an inhabitable house:

- Troy E. Garron - Yes
- Kim R. Roy - No
- Michael J. Schleiff - Yes

Roy seconded the motion so that a vote could occur but stated that she is debating it.

Line Item Transfers

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved the following line item transfers:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Communications Wage Full time #01-218-5115	Communications Telephone #01-219-5230	\$ 1,000.00
Town Hall Electricity #01-124-5210	Recruitment & Employment #01-124-5780	\$ 1,000.00
Animal Control Wages #01-298-5120	Fire Wages #01-220	\$ 5000.00
Police Wages #01-210-5115	Fire Wages #01-220	\$ 11,000.00

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Recycling Center Expense #66-433	Recycling Center Wages #66-432	\$ 1,000.00

Monponsett Grant

Seelig has given a draft of the grant to the Board for them to review and will send one to the MWA. Seelig will bring back to the Board on June 25th.

Monponsett Diversion

The office has received letters and phone calls from Halifax and Hanson residents asking for water to be diverted to Silver Lake, which the Watershed Association is opposed to doing. Listed below are the residents and their reasoning.

- Linda Conditto - Hanson - flooding of her property and septic system problems.
- Gil Amado - Hanson Board of Health - problems with septic systems.
- Meredith Marini - Interim Hanson Town Administrator - flooding and damage to properties.
- Jeanie Runey - has a parent living on Ocean Ave. - flooding of mother’s basement.
- Tom Holub - Landscaper - flooding and damage to client’s property. Also mention cesspool problems.

In addition to the calls/letters above there were at least three other telephone calls from Halifax/Hanson residents asking for diversion.

Paul Collis – Members of MWA - Two e-mails opposing any diversion for any reason.

Another member of the Watershed Association visited the Selectmen's Office on Monday and agreed with Mr. Collis' statements and believed the problems that residents were having were of their own making.

Garron began by saying that if we don't divert and we have another storm this Friday as forecasted, there will be more water not to mention that we treated the lake and now this is defeating the purpose of the treatment. Schleiff said this is unfortunate but the water levels are too high and suggested doing a slow diversion on the East Lake which would be seven or eight million gallons. Garron agrees with Schleiff and thinks something needs to be done even though it may have be a waste of time and money doing the treatment. Roy said that she is having a hard time with this as she does not fully understand it all but has read the email from Health Agent, Cathy Drinnan, and is concerned about going against the MWA wishes. Seelig stated that the alum sulfate binds with the algae and it could affect the East Lake and thinks that the overall solution is maintenance of the pond all year long. Garron normally would lean towards not draining but at this time he feels they should because what if a resident's septic system should go because of the high water table and again mentioned the rain we are going to be getting on Friday. Schleiff agrees with the MWA but at this time the pond is too high and they cannot let it get any higher. Roy said that she understands the frustration of the residents living on the lake as she at one time lived on the lake. Schleiff thinks that if you do a slow diversion you will not see the pulling from West to East Monponsett because the water is over the dam at this time. Garron hopes that the MWA understand the Board's decision on this and suggested allowing the lowest possible draw, which Seelig said is 30% (seven to eight million gallons per day). Garron asked for how long?

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to allow Brockton to divert a minimum level until such time the water is not going over the top of the dam.

Roy asked Seelig if he could talk to the MWA to let them know the Board wants to bring the water level down and ask them what they think. Seelig and Schleiff said MWA has expressed that they do not want any diversion at all. Roy understands MWA reasoning and is struggling with this. Seelig said he will make sure that MWA knows that this is going to happen and informed the Board that diverting may take a couple of days to happen even with him contacting Brian Creedon this evening. Schleiff said that if DEP is on board with this they could start right away.

ACO Application - Received Late

Seelig has given the Baord a copy of a resume that arrived late for the ACO position. He has also given a copy to Sgt. Broderick and provided him with the discretion to determine whether he wishes to interview the applicant. The Board was told that as of this time Broderick has not sent a recommendation but will let the Board know by June 25th.

Halifax in Lights – Movie Agreement

Move by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted to have the Chair, Troy Garron, sign the exhibition request form from Swank Motion Pictures, Inc.

Plymouth County Retirement – Extension of Funding Schedule

At the present time the Retirement Fund will be 100% funded by 2030. However, with a new actuarial study, assessments may go up as much as 20%. The Town of Middleborough is leading an attempt to extend the funding schedule up to but not necessarily to 2040 thereby lowering the annual payments (but the overall amount will increase) and is asking other communities to support this effort and decline to vote the expense budget for the system unless the schedule is lengthened. Even if this were done, nothing would prevent a community from following the 2030 schedule. Seelig is recommending that Halifax. Even though 2030 is a ways off having done this it will be the same as paying off the mortgage which will allow Halifax to spend the money on other projects.

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to support extending the funding schedule.

Use of Town Green – COA Annual Cookout

Moved by Schleiff seconded by Roy, the Board granted a request from the Council on Aging to use the Town Green from 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 14th, for the annual senior cook-out.

Wage & Personnel Vacancy

Sally Wells, who term is up on June 30th, does not wish to be re-appointed. Seelig seems to think that W&P has someone interested in filling the seat.

Finance Committee Ideas

Listed below are some ideas that the Finance Committee put out there from one of their meetings.

- Start publishing/distributing the town report again to everyone.
- Have an orientation session each year in the summer or fall for new department heads and new members of boards and committees.
- Get Comcast back in to tape Finance Committee meetings.
- Have a public pre-town meeting to review articles in a more relaxed atmosphere.
- Promote vacancies on boards and committees through 30-second snippets on cable TV (chair could talk for 30 second about a committee).

After School Program

At the end of June the After School Program will end. This program is run through the Parent Advisory Board and was appointed by the School Committee and became a self-appointed board without a committee or department to report to. In addition, the statute (MGL Chapter 71, Section 47) that allows the program to exist, sets it up through a revolving fund with expenditures and receipts reviewed by the School Committee. The School Committee has not done this for a number of years and is not interested in doing so. The alternative would be for the Program to set itself up as a non-profit entity, obtain the necessary licenses

and insurance and lease the space from the School. The Program has reviewed this possibility and determined that it could not afford the additional costs. Next fall the School may lease space to another entity. Nothing was needed from the Board Seelig wanted them to be in the loop.

Status of Communication Center Manager

Seelig asked the Board if they wanted to wait on posting the position until the by law changes and Garron felt that they need to act on this ASAP. Schleiff said that he has talked with Sgt. Broderick and he said to put the applications out there for three weeks and by that time it will be the beginning of July. Broderick would like to set up a search committee then take their recommendations and then have the BOS interview. Schleiff said that Broderick should be asked where he might want to advertise and added to ask the Fire Chief for his sources.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations for Firefighters; Cable Contract and litigation Planning Board V. ZBA Cases:

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

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

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Kim R. Roy
Clerk

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