

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 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, August 13th, was unanimously approved without revision.

AFFIRMED COMMITMENT AND WARRANTS

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

Payroll Warrant	# 8	\$ 186,792.98
Vendor Warrant	# 9	\$ 68,302.32
Withholding Warrant	# 10	\$ 65,534.07
Vendor Warrant	# 11	\$ 83,962.67
Ambulance Commitment	# 7B	\$ 22,953.44

APPROVED WARRANTS

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following commitments and warrants with the exception of Schleiff abstaining from the Police Department payroll in warrant #12:

Payroll Warrant	# 12	\$ 182,012.37
Vendor Warrant	# 13	\$ 376,863.89
Withholding Warrant	# 14	\$ 64,779.01
Mobile Home Park Fee	# 08	\$ 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).....	\$ 34.40
National Grid (service/Town Hall).....	\$ 1,174.79
Attorney Lawrence P. Mayo (legal services/July)	\$ 1,881.25
South Shore Women’s Resource Center (contract FY14).....	\$ 3,500.00
Gallo Telecom (repair Selectmen’s Office phones)	\$ 1,000.00
Gallo Telecom (repair Selectmen’s Office phones)	\$ 53.25
WB Mason (supplies/Selectmen’s Office)	\$ 54.94
Halifax Postmaster (stamps/Selectmen’s Office)	\$ 216.00
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Charlie Seelig	\$ 19.99
(reimbursement/purchased answering machine for office)....	\$ 4.80
WB Mason (inline adapter for answering machine)	\$ 150.00
Jordon on the Job (exam/Schindler).....	
Lycott Environmental, Inc.	\$ 36,000.00
(alum treatment/West Monponsett. & water monitoring).....	\$ 2,583.72
Deutsch Williams Brooks (services/July)	
RDC Communication, Inc.	\$ 989.04
(2 frequency pagers/from insurance claim 6/5/10)	

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

Monponsett Watershed Assoc. (to establish a tax exempt).....	\$ 2,000.00
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The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the periods ending:

July 27, 2013	FOR	\$ 6,097.23
August 10, 2013	FOR	\$ 6,122.31

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2014-03	\$ 176.64
2014-04	\$ 5.00
2014-05	\$ 5.00
2014-06	\$ 9,244.44
2014-07	\$ 2,022.22
2014-08	\$ 500.00
2014-09	\$ 10.00
2014-10	\$ 3719.92

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS

Old Articles on the Book

Listed below are four articles that the Town Accountant is asking whether or not they should be closed.

- Monponsett Weed Study \$3,199.44
- Monponsett Weed Monitoring 300.00
- Aldana Road 1,165.00
- Tree Replacement 1,907.00

Recently two requests came in that could use the Monponsett money. The Aldana Road money might be needed for the work in getting Aldana Road up to the Town's standards in order for any improvements and the Town Accountant recommended contacting the Tree Warden to see where tree plantings are needed.

Ambulance Abatements

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

June 2013	FOR	\$ 10,516.77
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Monponsett Pond

If the town has a Special Town Meeting in the fall the Board was asked if they wanted to do a presentation regarding the Monponsett Pond issues or would they like to do a meeting another evening. Seelig stated having it in the evening might be better for those residents who are not able to make it during the day. Garron suggested during the day because he thinks we can get State officials. Schleiff thought a 1:00 p.m. meeting was a good time of the day. Roy added that she thinks a meeting should take place in September as she does not want to lose the momentum.

Use of Town Green – Girl Scouts

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved a request from the Halifax Girl Scouts for the use of the Town Green on Saturday, September 14th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for Girl Scout Registration Day and flea market/yard sale.

Plymouth County Retirement/Assessment for FY2015

Based on the new actuarial study, the assessment will increase by about 26% from FY2014 to FY2015 which will be roughly \$225,000 in Halifax's assessment if this was to happen. Seelig mentioned that Halifax is not in dire straights as some of the other communities as the town had deliberately not gone to our levy limit because we knew that this increase would be coming in. The Retirement Board would like to extend the time frame for fully funding the system from 2030 to sometime between 2030 and 2040. Each year, at least for the first few, would decrease the increase by about 3% so a 2034 fully funded date would lower the increase to about 16%. On the other hand, it means that the Town, overall, will spend more money in the long run. One other possibility will be for each community to decide on a date (no later than the date set by Plymouth County) for fully funding its share. Seelig is recommending that the Board encourage the Treasurer to attend the meeting on August 28th at the Halifax Country Club and also to have the Board ask Selectman Garron to contact County Treasurer O'Brien to advocate the extension of the time frame to 2034 and allowing communities to choose a date earlier than 2034. Roy wanted some clarification on this and Seelig said if we go 2034 our assessment should go up about 14% in FY15 instead of 26%. Seelig said the idea is to push the date of 2034 so that each town can make their own decision. Roy just wanted to make sure that the town has the flexibility and Seelig that we have that flexibility today if we wanted to be funded by 2027

instead of 2030. Schleiff felt that financially to shot for the 2034 and if in a couple of years the town is better off financially we can bring it to 2030.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board was in favor of sending a letter to County Treasurer O'Brien encouraging him to attend the meeting on August 28th and have Garron follow up with a phone call to him explaining what the town is looking for.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Zoning By-Law Committee

Building Inspector, Tom Millias began by saying that it had been at least 20 years since the town by-laws have been changed and since then people and the town has changed therefore would like to establish a Zoning By-Law Committee. Establishing a committee and changing/revising the by-laws will ensure everyone will be on the same page when trying to enforce them. He is looking for anyone interested in being on the committee and would like a cross section of people. Roy asked how many members was he thinking and when the deadline would be in establishing this committee. Millias said he is hoping for six to ten people of which he would like one member from ZBA and the Planning Board and would like something formed in September. Garron asked how long he thought the committee would need to work on this and he said that they will pick the problem areas in the by-laws done and the changes can be presented at the Annual Town Meeting in May. Mr. Andrews, who was in the audience, thinks it may take a little longer. Roy asked if he wanted representation from the BOS and Millias said it is open to anyone who would be interested and would prefer people who have involvement in town government as it would be helpful in addition to people who have been on the other side of it. Roy asked if he wanted a deadline for people to respond then form the committee and Garron asked if the committee would need to be more then a year or should they leave the appointment open, reappoint if needed or disbanded. Roy thanked him for bringing this forward as she stated it really needs to be done. Schleiff suggested setting a deadline for applicants to see what comes in. Millias is hesitant to doing that because he feels he may get a lot of people. Seelig has sent an email to department heads but stated he will send out another one and will post on the website and through the media asking if anyone was interested in joining this committee to get their information to the BOS by August 22nd. Garron said that this is one area that needs to be clarified as people do not understand the by-laws and this will help them.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted the deadline to receive applications for the Zoning By-law Committee will be Thursday, August 22nd.

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Chapter 90

While the Legislature authorized \$300,000,000 in Chapter 90 funds, the Governor has authorized the release of just \$200,000,000. The MMA recommends that municipalities contact their legislators and the Governor to advocate for release of the additional \$100,000,000. Roy agrees that a letter should be sent. Seelig will draft a letter.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Janice Hayward - Appointment to Wage & Personnel

Ms. Hayward came in this evening as she has expressed interest in serving on the Wage and Personnel Board. The board asked why she wants to serve on his board and she began by saying that she lives in town and has the time to volunteer. She is employed as an analysis at Blue Cross Blue Shield and works from home. Roy said that she is excited about her joining the W&P Board. Schleiff thanked her for coming forward. John Bruno, Town Moderator, asked if she was related to anyone who works for the town and she said her husband works for the Highway Department but is union therefore there will be no conflict there and he is a call firefighter and she stated that she will not take part in any vote pertaining to the fire department. He also asked if this would make a full Board and Maureen Rogers, member of W&P, said yes as Sally Wells has stepped down.

Selectmen Troy Garron moved and Town Moderator John Bruno seconded to appoint Janice Hayward of 25 Furnace Street to the Wage and Personnel Board, term to expire June 30, 2016.

This appointment is considered “new” and required a majority of the following vote:

Selectman	Troy Garron	Yes
Finance Committee Member	Gordon Andrews	Yes
Moderator	John Bruno	Yes

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Monponsett Pond Invasive Weed Survey

It has been about five years since the Town has had Lycott put herbicide in East Monponsett Pond to combat the invasive weeds. Since the weeds were expected to come back at some point and they have, the Board may be interested in having a survey done in East Monponsett Pond for \$1,400. Money is available (see above) even if it requires a Town Meeting transfer.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Appointments to the Halifax in Lights Committee

The following five individuals have expressed interest in serving on the Halifax in Lights Committee: Lisa Hocking, Judy Edson, Vanessa Bryan, Debra Pizzi, and Ed Bryan. Of the five, Lisa Hocking and Judy Edson were here this evening to get appointed and sworn in.

Roy asked how many positions were open and Seelig said currently there are five. Current member Shannon Hadorn has asked not to be reappointed; Julie Cumming has submitted her resignation and Joy Marble is up for reappointment therefore there will be two current members on the committee leaving five vacancies. The Selectmen Assistant stated that current member Denise Rannou does not want to be reappointed now leaving six openings. Maureen Rogers stated that she is willing to help out but does not want to be reappointed and she believes Judy Wall and Denise Rannou feel the same way. Maureen was concerned that if someone was on the committee but was not a resident they should they have voting power. She said that maybe she is wrong and maybe the

BOS can decide that. Seelig said that it is a BOS committee and is not in the town's by-laws therefore whoever is appointed to the committee has voting rights.

Garron verified that Lisa Hocking and Judy Edson were here this evening and asked if we were sure that the others who were not present wanted to be appointed to the committee. Seelig said that he indicated to them that the Board generally wishes to meet with the applicants before they are appointed. Gordon Andrews stated that he attended the meeting after the Fourth of July and is going to ask the Finance Committee to make him the liaison to the Halifax in Lights Committee as there were a lot of people there with good ideas. He thinks that the Board should appoint the members who are not present tonight otherwise they will not be able to hold a meeting.

Lisa Hocking wanted reiterate what Gordon was saying stating that there was a good turnout at the meeting. She continued to say that everyone has full time jobs and there were some confusion whether or not we were going to get appointed on the 23rd or the 15th as they are eager to get going on fundraising to help raise money.

Roy asked what the confusion was as the Board had an agenda to have these people appointed. Shannon Hadorn said that the confusion was that neither her or Julie Cummings remember getting sworn in by the Town Clerk after they were appointment so they thought they could meet immediately after because they want to do a golf outing in October and in order to take any votes they would need to be appointed then would have to post the meeting 48 hours in advance.

Garron thought that they were frustrated with the Board and Ms. Hocking said oh that was not the case just confusing about getting sworn in. Garron said that they will get sworn in this evening and Roy was okay with appointing those who were not present this once. Schleiff does not have a problem with appointing individuals who are not present this evening this once seeing as there is some momentum and enthusiasm and that there may be a fundraiser underway. He asked that these individuals come in at a later time to let them know what they are doing and to meet the Board.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to appoint the following individuals to the Halifax in Lights Committee, terms to expire August 31, 2016:

Judy Edson	170 Brookdale Street, Kingston
Lisa Hocking	19 Firefly Road, Halifax
Ed Bryan	6 Harvest Lane, Halifax
Vanessa Bryan	6 Harvest Lane, Halifax
Debra Pizzi	254 Monponsett Street, Halifax

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Reappointment – Joy Marble

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to reappoint Joy Marble of 265 Wood Street to the Halifax in Lights Committee, term to expire August 31, 2016.

Emergency Management Grant

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted to have the Chair, Troy E. Garron, sign the Emergency Management Grant.

Dog License Complaint

Seelig received an email from “Gail” stating the Town Clerk’s office called her unlisted number (although the Town Clerk’s office has that number) about an overdue dog license for a dog that she had previously reported as deceased. “Gail” stated that she works nights and was upset with the telephone call. The Town Clerk has contacted her and apologized for the mistake.

Surplus Equipment

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously recommended that the following library equipment be declared surplus:

- 1 2007 Dell Optiplex 320 w/ keyboard and mouse
- 3 2008 Dell Optiplex 360 w/ keyboards and mice
- 1 2007 Dell Optiplex GX620 w/ keyboard and mouse
- 1 2006 Dell Dimension 3100 w/ keyboard and mouse

Cedar Street Paving

Bobbi Sistrunk of 41 Cedar Street called with several complaints concerning the paving of Cedar Street in Middleborough (she lives just over the line in Halifax). She stated that residents were not notified about the work and Cedar Street was closed for a time and no signage went up and that there was no one from the Halifax Police Department working a detail in connection with any traffic from Halifax. She feels that this improvement will increase speeding and drug activity in the area and thinks that Halifax residents should have been given a chance to oppose the paving project.

Seelig stated that as far as he knows none of the town departments were notified about this project so there was no opportunity to notify the residents or put up signage. He continued to say that when Halifax has had road projects it does not notify the residents in other communities but hopes that public works and public safety departments in those communities are notified, at least when the road work will be close to the town line. Seelig will send a letter to Middleboro.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)***Recycling Fee FY2014***

This past year the recycling program has “lost” about \$9,000 due to the Board’s decision to lower the fee from \$40 to \$35 per household in FY2013, thereby cutting the commitment by \$15,005 and due to a decrease in the amount of revenue generated by the sale of recyclables, from \$25,674 to \$6,304. Data from the Town Accountant has been given to the Board and the fund balance on June 30, 2012 was \$326,036. The Principal Assessors have confirmed that there are 3075 recycling fees with an 89% collection rate and at \$35, the projected collection for FY2014 would be \$95,786 and at \$38 it would be \$103,996. With this being said Seelig is recommending an increase in the fee from \$35 to \$38 if the Board wants the recycling budget to break even.

Schleiff asked why the downfall in recyclables and Sue Johnson, Secretary at the Recycling Center, said that the market changes periodically and there is no way knowing if we always will be paying for the plastics. Schleiff said that he would like to wait a year to see what happens before raising the fee.

It was asked if there was going to be any large expenses at the center within the next year and Bob Badore said the biggest expense would be a new truck at the cost of \$220,000, which will be a packer and will cut down on the time of picking up. Schleiff asked if it would be less days and Badore said no fewer hours because right now the driver is making one to two trips a day to Brockton and he is there sometimes 2 hours because he has to wait in line to dump. Sue stated that the pavement next to her office is cracked and will be dug up by the Highway Department and repaved. She added that there is flooding due to the cracked pavement which is now rotting out the side of the building and to replace it is going to be about \$15,000.

Town Accountant, Sandy Nolan, said that she would like to see the fee go back up to \$40 because with the new truck and concrete pads and other things needed at the center the increase in the fee will help keep up with the expenses.

Schleiff asked what was approved at Town Meeting for the roof and it was stated \$9,000. Sue said that the work on the roof will included replacing the grommets and then filling the holes to stop the leaks.

Roy's recommendation is to go with the Town Accountant's suggestion of \$40 for the protection of the Town and the repairs that need to be done and felt \$5 is not that much.

Garron does not want to raise fees but unless we regionalize with another two towns we will find the tipping fees are going to go up. He would have to agree to go raise the fee to \$38 just for a safety net as he does not want to be in the hole for \$20,000 or more seeing as at this time we are for \$9,000.

Maureen Rogers asked if there was a capital plan for the buildings and it was stated yes but the Recycling Center is their own enterprise and fees collected go towards the center. Sandy wanted to add that it is important to keep retained earnings at a certain level.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted as follows to increase the recycling fee from \$35 to \$38 for FY2014:

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

Robert Bergstrom – Nessralla Farm Event

Mr. Bergstrom came in this evening to request a live entertainment permit for an event he would like to have in November on Mr. Nessralla's property. He began by saying is he is proposing a mud fest (trucks going through mud). Garron ask what type of wheels will these trucks have as he is concerned about the asphalt and where on the property will this be taken place. Mr. Bergstrom hopes that they will be on trailers as there are state laws. Mr. Nessralla said that at the end of the farm there is a 200 foot strip that will be used for the event and there is enough parking and added that this will not interfere with the cranberry growers.

Garron then asked the day and time and Mr. Bergstrom said it is going to Sunday November 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm. He was asked about the noise and a rain date and Mr. Nessralla said it will be wrapped up by 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Bergstrom said that it will take place rain or shine and hopes that if all goes smoothly would like it be an annual event and consist of two days. Roy asked besides trucks going through mud what else will be there and he said he will have food vendors and he will make sure gets the necessary permits from BOH. In addition he has waste facilities, trash, traffic and health/safety issues covered. Mr. Nessralla said that he is only providing the land and that Mr. Bergstrom will be the person in charge. Mr. Bergstrom said that he has friends and relatives who have volunteered to help. Seelig asked how the residents of Hemlock Lane were going to be notified and Mr. Nessralla said he personally will go door to door and tell them about the event. In closing it was stated that there will be a washing station for the trucks to use before they go back on the road.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board the Board voted as follows to approve Permit #2014-12 issued to Robert Bergstrom for live entertainment at 139 Hemlock Lane on November 10, 2013 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.:

Troy E. Garron	Yes
Kim R. Roy	Yes
Michael J. Schleiff	Abstained (police detail @ event)

GENERAL MAIL / DISCUSSIONS (CONTINUED)

Highland Woods

The new owners of Highland Woods Amanda Monti and Edward Johnson will be meeting with the Selectmen on August 27th at 8:15pm. Seelig has notified all the departments in case they have any questions, comments or concerns about the project.

Contact - Paving of the Driveway Between COA Parking Lot & Water Depart.

The Board was presented with the contract for the above project. Roy was concerned about the current condition of the parking lot and asked Seelig if he could look into what the paving will involve.

Contract – Summit Street Soccer Fields

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to sign the contract between the Town of Halifax and Cedarlawn Tree to repair and renovate the Summit Street soccer fields.

Contract – Old Schoolhouse Roof

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to sign the contract between the Town of Halifax and Lowe's Home Improvement to re-shingle the Old Schoolhouse roof.

Silver Lake Operating Assessment

Seeing as the minimum contribution for each community has been recalculated by the MA Department of Education, Silver Lake can decide to send out new assessments. Halifax's assessment would increase several hundred dollars, but the new assessments cannot be approved unless Halifax and Plympton (the two communities that would have increases in assessments) approve them at a Town Meeting.

Bond Release

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted as to release the \$5,000 bond that was issued by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts held in connection with Permit #2013-08 for work done at 93 Plymouth Street.

Bond Release

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted as to release the \$5,000 bond that was issued by Columbia Gas of Massachusetts held in connection with Permit #2013-16 for work done at 352 Holmes Street.

Green Communities

Seelig has provided the Board with some background about the State's "Green Communities" program and what the Town will need to do if it wants this designation. This information will be brought back to the Board on August 27th.

Planning Board v. ZBA

The two cases have been decided in favor of the Planning Board as the applicants were not willing to go to court and act on it therefore the decisions of the ZBA are null. With that being said Seelig stated that he is planning on holding a workshop in the fall on the "how to hold a meeting" and the criteria that each regulatory board needs to use when making decisions on permits, etc.

Town Meeting

Listed below are potential article for a fall Special Town Meeting:

- boiler for elementary school
- paving and gate at recycling center
- police station roof
- increase in cost of audit due to federal requirements
- cover cost of overlap between current and new water superintendents
- cover cost of overlap between current and new building inspector (may wait until spring)
- Conservation Commission wetlands scientist
- clarify W & P by-law concerning need advertising position when it is regarded due to a change in the job description
- Town Clerk's salary
- add \$100 to gasoline budget to cover elementary school costs (snow blower, etc.)
- SWMI Presentation
- invasive aquatic plant survey

The Board will have to decide whether to hold a Special Town Meeting on September 9th or wait and pick another date. Seelig has sent an email to the various departments giving them the heads up and the opportunity to submit articles. Garron asked when Gerry would have the estimates on the boiler because the longer we wait the longer it will take to get done. Sandy stated that will be a tight time line to get those figures by September 9th as Gerry needs time to get the proposal in the central register then will have to wait for bids to be submitted. Sandy does not know where he is in this process as she has not spoken to him recently. With that being said Seelig said they will not have anything by September 9th and added that it can take a couple weeks before it is in the central register. Garron asked that if we have a STM on September 9th and go forward with the other articles could we have another meeting for the boiler. Roy stated that since we are not doing *raise and appropriate* there isn't a time limit of when we set the date because it will not affect the tax rate so she suggested putting it off for a couple more weeks. Sandy then said that it brings up the question on the article for the Town Clerk's salary because that needs to be discussed before setting the tax rate. The Finance Committee needs to discuss the salary and they are not meeting until August 26th. Seelig said that if the tax rate was set late in September and Town Meeting was before that even it was not a *raise and appropriate* amount you're getting into a sticking situation. Garron asked what the latest date would be. Schleiff stated that the best time to replace the boiler would be in December when the school shuts down for Christmas break because it will take time to get the bids they need to get parts therefore it could coincide with the vacation when all is said and done. Seelig said that in the past we have had articles that had no amounts and then there have been times that when there have been amounts and the bids come in lower. Sandy said that Principal Assessor has heard back for the State and the figures she has put in have been approved and we can go ahead and start preparing the tax re-cap. If the Town Clerk's salary article is going to be on the STM warrant then the tax rate has to be set which the Principal Assessor likes to have set by the end of September or earlier because there are a number of days between getting the approval and preparing all the bills, which is a several day process. Seelig wanted to say that sometimes it takes time for the State to approve the tax rate and it could be a couple of days or a week or two. Garron again asked when do we have the meeting and Roy said a week later than September 9th if we are going to take into consideration the Town Clerk's salary. Schleiff said that he did not hear too much on the clerk's salary and Seelig explained that Barbara had decreased her hours when she lost her Assistant Town Clerk and went down to three days a week at that time right now she is back up to four days a week as she has an administrative assistant now. Schleiff questioned that if you had less coverage in the office wouldn't you work more and then when you have coverage work less. Seelig stated that the Town Clerk felt that the town was providing her with enough salary to fund a certain amount of hours of her time there and had been working more hours than when she lost the Assistant Town Clerk she went back to where she thought the funding was for her salary and did that for several weeks. Again now she has an Administrative Assistant and there is more coverage in the office. The Finance Committee has talked about this in the past and has been given information that was gathered for the ten towns we use as comparables and ten towns that are closest in our population but has not acted on it because they are on their summer schedule. Seelig does not know if they want

to change the salary this year or wait until next year. This is the only issue that will be tied into the tax rate because under State Statues at the Annual Town Meeting you vote the salary for elected town officials but you can change at a Special Town Meeting only if it is before the tax rate is set therefore we can't send the information to the State before the town meeting. Roy suggested explaining the situation to Barbara and maybe she would be willing to wait. Schleiff said that if Gerry needs the time to do it right he is for waiting and maybe Barbara might be okay with waiting until ATM as she has been good in the past on other matters. Seelig said that the Board could vote to have a meeting other then September 9th and stay in contact with Gerry even though he might not have a figure he may have a time frame as to when he'll have the bids which will give us a better idea of when we can hold the STM. Both Schleiff and Roy liked Seelig's suggestion. Garron want to do what is right for the town and give Gerry enough time to do what he has to do and brought up the point that we could get some cold days. Seelig said that Schleiff brought up the point earlier that you tend to get your coldest days in January and February so replacing the boiler during the Christmas break in December should be okay and there still is another boiler that is functioning. Roy added that Christmas break will be about is a week and half giving them time to replace the boiler during that time. Seelig said that he and Sandy will keep in touch with Gerry over the next few weeks and Sandy said that they will ask the Finance Committee if they want to go ahead with that Town Clerk's salary article.

Road Cut – 20 Madison Road

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously affirmed approval of Permit #2014-11 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 2' x 25' road cut to install new service at 20 Madison Road.

Live Entertainment – Salon Serenity Day Spa

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2014-10 issued to Kelly McAndrews for live entertainment at Salon Serenity Day Spa on Saturday, September 21st, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Road Cut – 340 Monponsett Street

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously affirmed approval of Permit #2014-07 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 2' x 30' ± road cut to install new service at 340 Monponsett Street.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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

Kim R. Roy
Clerk

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