

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2012 - 7:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 7:30 p.m. with Selectmen Kim R. Roy and Michael J. Schleiff present. Troy E. Garron was not in attendance.

The following business was discussed:

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, January 24th, was unanimously approved without revision.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board as well as those attending tonight's meeting stood to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

MINUTES

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board approved the following Selectmen Minutes:

Regular Session – December, 2011
Regular Session – January 10, 2012

AFFIRMED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, 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 #58:

Payroll Warrant	# 58	\$ 311,334.77
Vendor Warrant	# 59	\$ 27,399.97
Withholding Warrant	# 60	\$ 116,801.73
Ambulance Commitment	# 1	\$ 18,183.56

APPROVED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS

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

Vendor Warrant	# 61	\$ 249,386.45
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Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following Selectmen bills:

Gilman & Associates (legal services/Dec.)	\$ 323.75
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc. (MA law updates)	\$ 447.20
National Grid (billing 12/16 – 1/17)	\$1,011.79
Jordan on the Job (Highway/physicals)	\$ 90.00
Bayside Emergency Medical Assoc. (111F – Benner)	\$ 92.07
National Grid (Concession Stand)	\$ 19.91

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending January 14, 2012 in the amount of \$6,011.70.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2012-47	\$ 600.00
2012-48	\$ 50.00

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS

Resignation – Elaine Marzilli / Housing Grant Committee

Ms. Marzilli has submitted a letter of resignation from the Housing Grant Committee. The Board suggested that a letter be sent thanking her for serving on this committee.

Cleaning the Dams for Monponsett Ponds

Seelig has spoken to Michael Sessine from the treatment plant and he has stated that there is no set schedule for the clearing of the dams.

Executive Session Minutes Request

Margret Logan has requested a copy of the minutes of December 13, 2011 executive session, which was between Ms. Logan and the Board of Selectmen.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to release the executive session minutes of December 13, 2011 relevant to Margret Logan to Ms. Logan.

Bulk Mailing Permit Request – Library

Moved By Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to give the Library Trustees permission to use the Town’s bulk mailing permit.

MBTA Fare Increases / Service Reduction

Proposed fare increases and service reduction as well as changes in commuter rail service during the weekends and evenings are being proposed by the MBTA. Seelig mentioned to the Board that they can send a letter with their comments on this issue to the MBTA. Roy said that this affects people trying to get to their jobs everyday and in support of sending a letter pertaining to the increase in fares and service reduction. Schleiff would rather see the changes on the weekends as

opposed to during the week and added that if rates are being increased then maybe they can increase the security at the parking lots seeing as there have been some thefts of catalytic converters. Seelig will draft a letter for the Board to review at their next meeting.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Priscilla Murphy

The Holmes Library Board of Trustees is recommending Ms. Murphy, who has expressed an interest in joining the Board of Trustees, be appointed to their board. She came in this evening to tell the Board of Selectmen a little about herself. Ms. Murphy has lived in Halifax for six years, has no children in school and would like to find out more about the town. She feels that the library is an important function and feature in the town and would like to present ideas and spark some interest among the Board of Trustees. The Holmes Library has everything at ones fingertips and she takes advantage of everything it has to offer. She has a friend that belongs to the Marshfield library and she quite frequently goes to that library with her.

Roy is happy that she wants to be apart of the Library Trustee Board. Schleiff asked if she was going to take out papers to be elected to the Board in May and Ms. Murphy was unaware that she had to do so. Seelig explained what she needed to do to get her name on the May ballot and she stated that if that is what she needed to do then she had no problem in doing so.

Roy asked if the Library Trustee Board had trouble reaching quorum in past meetings and Debra De-Jonker-Berry, Library Director and Lisa Arcuri, Library Trustee said they did.

A joint vote needed to be taken between the Board of Selectmen and the Library Board of Trustees to appoint Ms. Murphy.

Selectmen Roy motioned and Library Trustee member, Lisa Arcuri seconded, to appoint Priscilla Murphy to the Holmes Library Board of Trustees.

Mr. Turner – Wright Property

The covenant that was dropped off from Mr. Turner for the Wright property has been reviewed by Attorney Mayo. A few changes have been made and a slightly revised covenant has been given to Mr. Turner.

Schleiff thought that Garron should take a look at the revised convent but Mr. Turner stated that the changes were mostly wording and that his attorney and the town's attorney could settle it up. After giving it some thought Roy and Schleiff noted that previously Garron was in agreement with the proposal that Turner presented to the Board therefore, they agreed to continue to move along with it and not drag it out. Roy suggested that if the wording was settled between both attorneys before the Board's next meeting (February 14th), then a meeting could be scheduled between the Board and Mr. Turner to sign the agreement. Seelig will check with conservation to get their take on this.

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS (CONTINUED)Planning Board Vacancy

The Planning Board has sent a memo to the BOS advocating that the vacancy on their Board be filled. Roy was concerned that they were voting to fill a vacancy on another board because of lack of quorum but not for PB. She is aware that there may be a conflict of interest in having the vacancy filled by Mark Millias, seeing as his father is the Building Inspector of the town and he sometimes works closely with the Planning Board but felt that they could work around it and did not want to do for one Board and not the other and wanted to allow the same consideration for all. Schleiff was concerned that there was another talent bank form submitted where a volunteer had checked off interest in serving on the Planning Board and that applicant has not been notified that there is a vacancy. Roy asked what the process was when a talent bank form is received and Seelig explained that it is forwarded to the boards/committees in which the person has checked off asking then to get in touch with the applicant to let them know if there is a vacancy available and we ask that they keep it in their file for future reference. Before going forward in appointing Mark Millias to the Planning Board the Selectmen's Office will notify any interested applicant about this vacancy and see if they are still interested.

FEMA – Floodplain Map

The new floodplain maps are now official and the town will need to change its zoning by-law to be in conformance with them. Seelig has reviewed the maps that we had from 1982 with the 2012 ones and he did not see a significant change between the two. Schleiff asked if conservation took a look at the maps and Seelig said that he did not know and that the maps are finalized. He added that the maps are in the Assessor's Office where they can be looked at and that he will ask conservation for their input.

Walnut Street – Truck Exclusion Hearing

The Traffic Study Committee has recommended that the Board of Selectmen proceed forward with the truck exclusion for Walnut and Pine Street. Bridgewater will need to be contacted to ask them to move forward on their end.

Moved by Roy and Seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to hold a truck exclusion hearing on February 14, 2012 at 7:15 p.m. in the Great Hall and to invite Bridgewater to the hearing.

Mosquito Control Program

The Health Agent, Cathy Drinan, has asked the Board of Selectmen to support the budget proposed from the Mosquito Control District. The Board requested that they would like to see the budget before supporting it. This will be revisited at the Board's next meeting on February 14th.

Kenzies Path and Kestrel Lane

Seelig has recommended that the Board schedule a hearing for Kestrel Lane and Kenzies Path for February 28th. Kenzies Path remains in the same condition as it was last year at this time. The contractor has no interest in filing the permits and conservation will not let him do any more work with out the permits. Seelig stated that the town can take over the street and accept it with the existing issues. Schleiff asked Millias his thoughts on it and he said it appears to be working and that there is no leverage to hold the contractor. Seelig mentioned that they need to talk with Bob Badore to get his thoughts on the road and Schleiff asked if Badore could take a look at it. Schleiff also asked that all Boards be notified of this hearing.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to hold a hearing on February 28, 2012.

It was noted that holding this hearing does not mean that the town is accepting these roads.

Selectmen's Office Budget

The budget will be revisited as it has not been reviewed by Schleiff.

Town's Shared Vehicle Budget

Seelig and Millias need to sit down and work out a budget for the shared vehicle. Schleiff would like to take the mileage line item from the departments that will be using the vehicle and put in the mileage line item for the car. Millias mentioned that it will be guess work the first year. The budget for the vehicle will be part of the Selectmen's budget.

Health Insurance

The Mayflower Municipal Health Group voted to leave the premiums for FY13 the same as FY12 and change some of the co-pays for the rate saver plans. Also to look at the plans from Harvard-Pilgrim and BC/BS that mirrors the most popular offerings from the Group Insurance Commission. But keep in mind that these offerings have much higher co-pays and deductible but lower premiums. Also Seelig mentioned that GIC relies on money from the State so if they do not get the funds then it will be the employees who GIC will go after to make up what they are losing. The Board will discuss this further at their next meeting on February 14th.

Algae Testing in the Lakes

Schleiff had suggested using the money from the MBTE to do some testing of the algae in the lakes which he does not think that it's too expensive to do. Seelig stated that the State does periodically testing throughout the summer and added that Cathy Drinan is working with a committee to see what the source is for the high levels. Seelig added that if testing was to happen that it would require an Article at Town meeting. Seelig will get in touch with Drinan in regards to this.

Meals on Wheels

The COA has asked the Board if they would be willing to assist the driver in delivering meals in May for one week. Schleiff would like to see this request in writing. Roy said that she will call the COA to get this request in writing.

Cover for Annual Town Report

The Selectmen Assistant asked the Board if they had any ideas for the cover of the 2011 Town Report. Schleiff suggested a contest and asked the public for any ideas. Brittany Burrows, reporter for the Halifax/Plympton Reporter, will put a blurb in the newspaper.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss litigation:

Kim R. Roy - Yes
Michael J. Schleiff - Yes

Schleiff 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 Schleiff, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 9:10 p.m.

Kim R. Roy - Yes
Michael J. Schleiff - Yes

There being no further business, moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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