

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012 - 6:30 P.M.
HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL – ROOM 105

Meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. with Selectmen Troy E. Garron, Kim R. Roy and Michael J. Schleiff present.

The following business was discussed:

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS

Sign on Town Green – Boy Scouts

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board approved a request from the Halifax Boy Scouts to place a sign on the Town Green advertising their yard sale. The sign can be put up two weeks prior to June 9, 2012.

Assigned Articles

Garron is going to speak on behalf of the following Articles:

- Article 9 – Sergeants contract
- Article 10 - Firefighters contract
- Article 11 - Patrolmen contract
- Article 12 - Police Chief contract
- Article 13 - Fire Chief contract

Schleiff is going to speak on behalf of the following Articles:

- Article 7 – Dispatchers contract
- Article 8 – Highway/Cemetery contract

ATM Article 33 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase three (3) new chairs for Selectmen’s Meeting Room at Town Hall.

Garron did not care what type of chair it is and Roy thinks that all three chairs should be replaced to keep it unison and felt that in time the other two chairs will break seeing as they are over twenty years old. Schleiff felt that \$250 would be enough to spend on each chair. Seelig suggested that the Finance Committee could check out the chairs the Board chooses.

Move by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted on requesting \$1,000 for three chairs in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room.

STM Article 2 – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate & maintain a vehicle for use by Town Hall employees.

Schleiff mentioned that the Board would have to have a joint meeting with FinCom before Town Meeting to talk about the town car Article and the Selectmen’s chairs. He went on to say the objective is to get sub line for the mileage from the other departments that will be using the car. Also he stated that Tom Millias they would be keeping track of where the car is going and when maintenance would be needed. Garron did say the issue of using the car for

private use will be brought up and that they need to be prepared on how it will be addressed. Schleiff said that the intention of proposing a town shared vehicle is to save the town and the money as well as the employees and that that if it is not working or being abused then they will pull it. The idea is to reduce the amount of money that is getting paid out for mileage to employees who are using their own personal vehicle to perform work related duties. If the money for expenses for the vehicle is gone within the first six months then the car will be pulled off the road.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted that \$1,000 be allocated for expenses for the use of a shared town vehicle for Town Hall employees for a probationary time of a year.

Line Item Transfer

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

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
Town Building - Custodial #01-196-5110	Town Building - Expense #01-197-5210	\$ 5,000.00

MEMA Grant

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to have the Chair, Michael J. Schleiff, sign a FY2010 EMPG grant from MEMA in the amount of \$2,000.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 6:55 p.m. to discuss Firefighters and Dispatchers contract:

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

Schleiff announced that the Board will reconvene in open session to attend he Annual and Special Town Meetings:

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 7:07 p.m.

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

Board reconvened in open session at 7:07 to have the following general budget discussion with the Finance Committee.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 7 – Dispatchers Contract

The Board wanted Finance Committee to know that they are passing over this article.

Article 8 – Sergeants Contract

The Finance Committee stated that due to time constraints they were unable to look over this article. Finance committee member, Karen Fava, stated that before a vote is taken the Board of Selectmen should let the public know that a car is part of the contract.

Article 30 – Replace Virtual Signs

Roy said that the Board is passing over this article because the Lions Club is donating the signs.

Article 38 – Algae Testing on Monponsett Pond

Schleiff stated that the Board is passing over this article because no additional testing can be done.

ATM Article 33 – Three (3) new chairs for Selectmen’s Meeting Room

The amount proposed in the article is for \$750 but earlier this evening the Board upped the amount to \$1,000. Roy stated the reason for the increased amount is if they get decent chairs then they would last for quite some time. She said that the Board is not looking for anything fancy but wants them to hold up. The Board asked FinCom if they had any ideas and asked if they wanted to pick the chairs out. The Finance Committee voted on allocating \$750 for three chairs.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Article 4 – Transfer a sum of money to Line 50 (Police Wages)

This article is going to be passed over.

Article 5 – Transfer a sum of money to Line 58 (Fire Wages)

This article is going to be passed over.

Article 9 – To purchase & equip a new or used vehicle to be used by ACO

Schleiff stated that there is money left over in Dog Officer wages and would like to transfer 5,000 from there and \$6,000 from heating oil. He has talked with Chief Manoogian and he thinks that \$11,000 will get a decent van. The Finance Committee voted to transfer \$5,000 from Dog Officer Salary and \$6,000 from Heating Oil to purchase and equip a new or used vehicle for the ACO.

Article 10 – To fund collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Halifax & Police Patrolmen

The Finance Committee voted to hold this article.

Article 2 – Shared Vehicle for Town Hall Employees

This line item transfer will be to operate and maintain a vehicle that will be used by Town Hall employees. Schleiff had asked the Finance Committee to reconsider their recommendation. He explained that the objective of this is to get mileage back from the sub lines of the departments that will be using the vehicle with the hopes that it will be cost effective. Finance Committee members, Fitzgerald and Newton voted to reconsider this article. Fava stated that she was opposed to it. Andrews questioned that seeing as this is a line item transfer the funds that are allocated would need to be spent by June 30, 2012. The Town Accountant, who was present, said that \$1,000 is being asked for next year.

There being no further business the Board ended the discussion with the Finance Committee and proceeded to attend the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

Michael J. Schleiff
Clerk

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