

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 7, 2012 - 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:

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, August 7th, was unanimously approved without revision.

The Board wanted to congratulate all the girls' softball teams for participating in this past weekend's tournament and wished those teams that have advanced best of luck.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENT

Wilford C. Corey

Roy began by saying that she and Garron met with Mr. Corey a couple months ago and was asked to come back because Schleiff was not present at that meeting.

Mr. Corey began by telling him about the website he started called Massachusetts HirePatriots, which is a non profit 501(c) organization where he is the Regional Leader. He manages the website where local residents and businesses can post one day jobs either full time or part time positions for free. Off duty GIs, veterans and their families can pick up these jobs to earn money as well as businesses can post. This is not a full time position for Mr. Corey as he is the owner of VET NET Plymouth, which instructs veterans on how to use the Mass JobQuest site to the fullest extent to acquire jobs.

Mr. Corey was asked why he was interested in the position and he said passion in finding a veteran a job and getting them what they deserve, there is no better feeling.

Roy asked if he had any questions and he went on to say that the job is posted for 10 hours but has been informed by Mr. Fowler that it requires more than 10 hours. Garron went on to say that they are looking into increasing the hours because of the paperwork and researching and fixing the office (heating & air conditioning). Garron thanked Mr. Fowler for bring these issues to the Board's attention as they where unaware of them.

Mr. Fowler wanted to mention that there is opening for an unpaid position for a Veterans' Assistant and that he received a letter from a lady who would like to help. He was also willing to help as an unpaid assistant and mentioned how amazed he was with all the work the previous Veterans' Agent, Gary LeBeouff,

did. Again, Garron apologized stating that they were not aware of the time the VSO puts in but are now willing to fix it. Roy added that the funding for this year is for 10 hours but increasing it can be brought up next fiscal year. Garron asked Mr. Fowler to write down the importance of the job this way here they have information to back up the request for the increase in hours.

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously appointed Wilford C. Corey of 29 Plympton Street, Middleboro, MA as the Veterans' Agent and Edward Fowler of 124 Franklin Street, Halifax, MA as Veterans Agent Assistant.

APPROVED COMMITMENTS AND WARRANTS

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

Vendor Warrant	# 11	\$ 44,657.08
Ambulance Commitment	# 7B	\$ 15,786.22

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS

Cemetery Deeds

The Board signed two cemetery deeds.

Letter from Cheryl Pascarelli

A letter from Cheryl Pascarelli has been forwarded to the Selectmen's Office from Sue at the Recycling Center. The letter stated that Ms. Pascarelli slipped on the wet floor at the recycling center on July 7, 2012. When she fell she caught her fall with her left hand. She informed three employees at the Recycling Center of her fall the day it happened.

Letter from Human Resources Division

Letter stated that they approved the town's selection of Badgequest as the consultant to administer the Sole Assessment Center Examination for the Town of Halifax Promotion to Police Sergeant.

Memo From Building Department

The office received a memo from the Building Department pertaining to a couple of items/issues. Listed below is what Roy read at the meeting:

- The committee voted to uphold the current vehicle policy at their meeting held on July 17, 2012.
- The air conditioning for the Great Hall is still in the works.
- Concession Stand – John Campbell is looking into a short and long term maintenance plan. He would like the plan to be under the jurisdiction of the M&SBC like the other buildings in town. The committee asked if funds will be transferred to the budget for the up keep of the building.

Seelig replied to the last question and stated that additional funding may be available for FY2014 but right now the daily maintenance is covered by the baseball group. He suggested that a meeting should be scheduled with all interested parties this winter to discuss budget and responsibilities.

Fence Viewer Visit to 16 Cedar Street

The town's fence viewer, Mike Travers, visited the property listed above to view the fence that runs parallel with the property frontage on Cedar St. He spoke to the complainant, the owner of the property and the tenant. He informed the tenant that there is one section that is 8 feet (6 ft. is allowable) and the tenant did say that he would modify it by Mr. Travers told him to hold off until he hears back from him, due to the reason that the clutter in the yard may be hidden with the higher section and the complaint agreed. The tenant has already rented another property to do his auto repairs and has moved all but one car, which he plans on moving within the next 30-45 days.

Mr. Travers opinion was that both parties wish to resolve this and any other long standing conflicts, and continue enjoying their use of their respective properties while protecting their property rights as they understand them. Once Mr. Deignan withdraws his complaint about the fence, the remaining issues, if any, appear to be those of the property at 16 Cedar Street and relative zoning enforcement.

MMA – Statewide Essay Contest

Once again the MMA is inviting 6th grade students to participate in a statewide essay contest *“If I were elected leader of my community, I would make a difference by...”* A copy of the letter will be forward to the elementary school for Principal Motta to review and decided whether she would like the school to participate in this contest.

Cul-du-sac on Arrowhead Path

For the third year in a row Edward Galvin has written a letter asking for assistance in maintaining the cul-du-sac on Arrowhead Path. He stated that the town plows, salts & sands, sweeps, fill potholes, trash & recycling is picked up, police & fire respond to calls, as well as the Assessors recognizes these properties for tax purposes but they can't seem to get a 16x20 area mowed. This letter has been sent to the Highway Department, the Board they will ask Seelig if he has heard back for them at their next meeting.

Donation Bins

Seelig ran a few searches on surrounding town's views regarding donation receptacles. He has put together a small packet for the Board to review. The Board is going to look over the information and will discuss their thoughts/ideas on this at a future meeting.

Road Cut – 352 Holmes Street

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2013-16 issued to Columbia Gas of Massachusetts for a 3' x 5'± road cut to install new service at 352 Holmes Street.

Live Entertainment – Paul & Nancy Reichert

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved Permit #2013-14 issued to Paul & Nancy Reichert for live entertainment on August 18, 2011 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Michael J. Schleiff
Clerk

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