

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 2011 - 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, April 12th, was unanimously approved without revision.

MINUTES

No minutes were reviewed or approved.

ABATEMENTS/BILLS/COMMITMENTS/WARRANTS

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

Vendor Warrant	# 82	\$ 373,657.87
Ambulance Commitment	# 03	\$ 5,876.83

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

Payroll Warrant	# 83	\$ 321,222.65
Vendor Warrant	# 84	\$ 13,496.65
Mobile Home Park License Fee	# 04	\$ 5,160.00

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

Halifax Postmaster (mailing of the 2011 Warrant)	\$ 903.17
National Grid (service from 2/14/11 to 3/16/11)	\$ 1,163.62
W.B. Mason (index tabs)	\$ 85.32
Rockland Cement Block & Flag Co. (3 US Flags)	\$ 254.88
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc	\$ 1,021.98
(2011 MA Law supplements & research volumes)	
Gilman & Associates (legal services/March)	\$ 1,572.50
CNA Surety (bonds for Cole & Shiavone)	\$ 468.00
Overhead Door Co. of Boston (index tabs)	\$ 2,032.00
(repair/replace door @ Highway Barn date of loss 12/16/10 claim #TNT0083874)	

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending April 9, 2011 in the amount of \$ 5,737.48.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2011-63	\$ 10.00

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS

A. Ambulance 1 Maintenance

Seelig wanted the Board aware that Ambulance I continues to have problems with the electrical system and that any further work will most likely require a reserve fund transfer from the Finance Committee.

B. Fire Department Certifications – Amy Ramsey & Leonard Loyd

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board recommended that a letter be sent to Firefighters Amy Ramsey and Leonard Loyd congratulating them on receiving their Firefighter I/II certification as well as one sent to Fire Chief Carrico thanking him for pushing his staff to achieve various certification.

C. Adam Fearing – Silver Lake H.S. FFA President

Adam Fearing, a student in Silver Lake's Conservation and Horticulture Program, has been named the High School's 2011 Career & Technical Education Student of the Year. The board would like to invite Adam to their next meeting so that that they could congratulate him on his accomplishment.

D. Use of Town Green – Plant Sale Historical Society

Move by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board granted permission for the Historical Society the use of the town green for their annual spring plant sale on Saturday, May 7th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with a rain date of May 14th.

E. Health Insurance Co-pay Agreement – Patrol Officers

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board voted to have the Chair, Troy Garron, sign the Health Insurance Co-pay Agreement for the Patrol officers.

F. Bella's Pizzeria/IAFF Local 3159

Tony Muscolino, Manager of Bellas II Pizzeria, sent a letter to the Board explaining that he had given a check to Local 3159 as part of one of their fundraising drives and never received an acknowledgement and is requesting

the check be returned to him. He is aware that the Local and the Town are two separate entities and that the Town is not responsible for nor has authority over the Local. Muscolino just wanted the board to know what had transpired.

G. Ambulance Abatement

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

March 2011 FOR \$ 12,360.14

H. Reappoint Jo-Ann Andrews - Republican Town Committee

Gordon Andrews, Chair of the Republican Town Committee, has submitted a letter stating that they are recommending Jo-Ann Andrews be re-appointed to the Board of Registrars.

The Board unanimously reappointed Jo-Ann Andrews of 688 Plymouth Street, Halifax to the Republican Town committee with a term to expire March 31, 2014.

I. Historical District Commission - Nessralla Sign

The Historic District Commission has forwarded a letter to the Board that was sent to Kozhaya Nessralla concerning the sign at the corner of Hemlock Lane and Plymouth Street. The sign remains out of compliance with the decision made by the District Commission in 2010. The Board could give Mr. Nessralla a deadline to comply with the order of the Commission or have the sign removed. Garron is bothered that he has not respond to the Commission's request and recommends that a letter be sent by the Board.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to send a letter Mr. Nessralla stating that he brings the sign into compliance as soon as possible.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

William Harris – Plymouth County Charter Commission

Mr. Harris represents the town of Halifax on the Plymouth County Charter Commission and requested to meet with the Board to give them a update on the Charter Commission and ask for their feedback. He also wanted the Board to know that Gordon Andrews represents the town too and that he is there to answer questions.

Garron's biggest issue is that we are charged a fee and services are not provided and hopes that they do for all the towns and not just one. Harris said that he will look into the issue regarding the fees and services.

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS (CONTINUE)**J. Vehicle Donation for Kingston Fire Department**

The Kingston Fire Department has a 1985 Chevy Blazer 4 x 4 diesel with 58,000 miles that they are willing to donate to the Halifax Fire Department at no cost. According to the Chief Carrico, the engine and transmission are strong, but the vehicle needs some body work and the vehicle could be used for getting around town. The Fire Chief believes that once the body work is done, the vehicle could be painted for \$400 (in FY2012). Two questions were asked, why are they getting rid of it and when is the deadline to accepting this offer. Seelig will look into these inquiries.

K. Land Donation - Buttonwood Road

The Conservation Agent Mary Guiney went out to the site and took some photographs. As couple of issue came to her attention (a) a shed, owned by someone else, is on the property; (b) someone is parking one or more vehicles on the property and; (c) there is a catch basin that brings water to the property and then that water leaves by a culvert pipe on Hickory Road and much of the land is wetlands.

Seelig also went out to the property and did a rough measurement of the parcel. He really didn't think that the shed was on the property but could be moved slightly if it was. The vehicle is definitely on the property and last fall Seelig did notify the owners stating that it had to be moved along with another vehicle because the vehicles were close enough to the shoulder to be within the right-of-way. He also wanted to add that it would cost the town less if they accepted it as a donation and that the lots are wet therefore not unbuildable.

Garron suggested to be put on hold till the Board's meeting on May 3rd.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**Halifax in Lights Committee**

Present from the committee were members Maureen Rogers, Judy Wall, Denise Rannou and former members Brian Evangelista and Steven MacFaun. Evangelista stated that with the funds they have in the account they will come up short of \$144.00 for the Fourth of July festivities. MacFaun received a donation so that will take care of the shortfall. He is confident that it can be pulled off. The only drawback is that this will have to take place the week before the fourth on June 25th by doing it on this date cost will be cut down. He feels that this will work out seeing as many people are not on vacation yet. The Manager from Stop & Shop has contacted corporate headquarters and will hopefully have an answer from them by the end of the week.

Roy has spoken with the Fire Chief he thinks that he pay his men the same as last year. As for the Police Chief he said he could not but Roy will check again with him seeing as it now is on a different day.

MacFaun had asked if they could have less police that evening but as Roy said that we double our population at this event and they really are needed just in case any problems occur. Schleiff asked about a rain date and Evangelista said that he will check with the fireworks company and most likely it would be the day after, Sunday. The Board will meet again with the committee on May 3rd. In closing the Board wanted the committee to know that they appreciated their efforts they have put forward.

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS (CONTINUE)

L. Chapter 90 Money

If passed by legislation the allocation for FY2012 will be in the amount of \$259,235. An article has been placed on the town meeting warrant to accept this figure if it is passed before May 9th.

M. Family Medical Leave – Antoinette Ross

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously granted Family Medical Leave to Antoinette Ross beginning on April 21, 2011 to July 21, 2011 and then continuing on an intermittent basis and approved a request to use comp time, personal time, vacation time and sick time (in that order) until they run out and then will request time from the sick bank.

N. OCPC/Multiple Hazard Community Planning Team

Old Colony Planning Council is looking for at least one representative from each community for work on the multi-hazard pre-disaster mitigation plan. Seelig has notified Highway, Board of Health and Recycling to see if anyone from these departments. Seelig is asking that the Board have the Fire Chief represent the community.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted to have the Fire Chief represent the community to help Old Colony Planning Council on the multi-hazard pre-disaster mitigation plan.

O. Town Government Study Committee/Fire Department Study Committee

Schleiff still has not have had time to move forward on these committees but does plan on devoting time on them once his personal work is completed.

P. Fence – Walnut Street & Summit Street

Maureen Kingston of 85 Summit Street, who is one of the owners of the fence running along Walnut Street, was in to discuss the moving of the fence (a letter was sent from the Board asking that the fence be moved). She believes that the fence is on her property and is not in the Town's right-of-way. She is requesting to see some type of plan showing that the fence is on the Town's right-of-way before moving it. Seelig thinks that anything less than a stamped surveyor's plan will be useless and is recommending to the Board of Selectmen that the Town pay for such a plan. There are three options in which this plan could be paid from; (a) use money already present in an appropriate account, (b) a line item transfer after May 1st to an appropriate account or (c) a reserve fund transfer seeing as it is too late for an article to be placed for the Town Meeting. Seelig mentioned that if the Board wanted he would check with Land Planning asking them to provide a quote to do this work (this plan would be large enough show the entire fence along Walnut Street and the right-of-way). Seelig will talk with the Traffic Safety Committee about this tomorrow at their meeting to see what they might want to do.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining:

- 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 10:10 p.m.

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

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

Kim R. Roy
Clerk
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