

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 26, 2011 - 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 Garron was not present.

The following business was discussed:

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, April 26th, was unanimously approved without revision.

MINUTES

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

- Selectmen Meeting 4-29-11 - Regular Session
- Selectmen Meeting 4-12-11 - Regular Session
- Selectmen Meeting 4-29-11 - Executive Session

ABATEMENTS/BILLS/COMMITMENTS/WARRANTS

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

Withholding Warrant	# 85	\$ 114,599.94
Vendor Warrant	# 86	\$ 52,252.97

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously affirmed commitment for collection the following:

Ambulance Commitment	#4A	\$ 18,935.71
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Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously approved payment of the following warrants:

Payroll Warrant	# 87	\$ 318,452.75
Vendor Warrant	# 88	\$ 194,833.43

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

Matthew Bender & Co., Inc (MA Law Rules 2011 supp.)	\$ 81.71
National Grid (billing period 3/16/11 to 4/14/11)	\$ 981.97

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending April 23, 2011 in the amount of \$5,584.39.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2011-64	\$ 8.00
2011-65	\$ 700.00
2011-66	\$ 60.00

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS

A. Pretown Meeting

Pretown meeting with Selectmen and John Bruno has been rescheduled to Thursday May 5th at 7:30 a.m.

B. Resignation / Jerry Scully – Alternate Member - ZBA

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, Board accepted, with regret, the resignation of Jerry Scully as an alternate member of the Zoning board of Appeals, effective immediately. A letter will be sent to him thanking him for his service to the town.

C. Use of Town Green

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, Board approved a request from the Halifax Boy Scouts for use of the Town Green on Saturday, June 11th, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for a fundraiser yard sale and granted permission for the Boy Scouts to put a sign announcing the yard sale on the Town Green up to two weeks before the event.

D. Surplus Vehicle & Car #52

According to the Town Mechanic, Dave Neault, Car 52 will not last and suggested that it be declared surplus. On the flip side he did take a look at the Chevy Blazer that the Kingston Fire department has offered to donate to the town and reported that it is worth getting. He still needs to check out a few things on it before the town spends any money on it but to put it in service should not cost too much money. The blazer will be used by HEMA/CERT and department use for services around town as well as driven to training classes. Roy is in favor of getting the blazer up to speed and felt that it would be a plus for the Fire Department. Schleiff is okay with the blazer being used around town but does not feel too comfortable having it used to take long trips.

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board voted to accept the donation of the Chevy Blazer from the Kingston Fire Department.

E. Old Colony Planning Council Annual Meeting

OCPC annual meeting will be on May 18th. A complimentary invitation has been sent to the Board (Garron usually attends) but if another one of the Board members would like to go there is a registration form that they can send in.

F. Ambulance Abatement- Anne Sances

Ms. Sances has submitted a letter to the Board requesting that an ambulance bill she received from the town be abated. Medicare covered most of the cost of the bill but was asking that the remaining amount be abated. Seelig has checked with the Fire department and Collector and confirmed that this amount will be part of the list of ambulance abatements requested for approval from the Selectmen some time in the near future. Seelig has also sent Ms. Sances a letter telling her that she does not have the remaining amount that is owed.

G. MMA / State Budget / Health Insurance

The MMA has asked the Board of Selectmen to ask the town's legislators to vote in favor of the proposal by Speaker DeLeo that will give the municipalities greater authority to set co-payments and deductibles and to oppose amendment 749 as it would further restrict the ability of municipalities to make changes in health insurance plans including requiring binding arbitration to settle any negotiations. Roy is for DeLeo but Schleiff is not familiar with this. The Board is going to table this at this time.

H. Pool Table License - The Tee Box

Moved by Roy seconded by Schleiff, Board voted to renew the Pool Table License issued to d/b/a The Tee Box located at 284 Monponsett Street - Unit 205.

I. Reappointments – Animal Control Officers

Move by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously reappointed Ann Marie Brown of 120 Fuller St., Halifax and Thomas Hammond of 61 Paradise Ln., Halifax as part time Animal Control Officers, with terms to expire April 30, 2012.

J. Reverse 911

The Plymouth County Sheriff's office has sent out a letter stating their plans to end its reverse 911 program due to the lack of funding. They are looking for support from the municipalities to convince the State to provide adequate funding so that this program can continue to run.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted to send a letter of support for the State to provide funding to continue the Reverse 911 program.

K. Shed on Second Avenue

There is a shed that appears to be in the right-of-way on Second Ave. between Lingan St. and West Monponsett Pond. A resident has complained that shed does not permit her to drive the entirety of Second Ave, encourages drivers to backup and turnaround in her driveway and that emergency vehicles need to back up when coming to her home. The Traffic Safety Committee has asked that the Board of Selectmen to send a letter requesting that the owners of the shed move it due to impeding Public Safety vehicle access.

Move by Scheiff and seconded by Roy, the Board voted that the Board of Selectmen send a letter asking that this shed be moved.

L. MBTA Rail Tie Work

Seelig would like the Board to meet with MBTA personnel so that they can update the Board as well as inform the public regarding the station and road closures while work on the rail ties are being done. Seelig had noticed that the closing of Route 36 will take place the same weekend that the Halifax Girls Softball has their annual softball tournament. Seelig is going to let Pete Barone, President of Girls Softball, know of this.

M. Letters to Businesses – Donations for Halifax in Lights

Seelig has asked the Board if they were in favor of sending out letters from the Selectmen's Office, asking local businesses for donations to help support this years *Halifax in Lights* event. Doing so would cost approximately \$135 in postage which will be taken out of the Selectmen's budget. Schleiff was in favor of sending out the letter stating that this could be the Selectmen's donation to this event and felt this is the least the Board could do.

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board voted that the Selectmen's Office send out letters to the businesses in town asking for donations to support this year's *Halifax in Lights* event.

N. Nessralla Sign – Corner of Hemlock and Plymouth Street

Mr. Nessralla has stopped by the Selectmen's office to inform the Board that this sign will be in compliance by May 15th.

O. Redistricting

There is a small area in Halifax that will be affected by the redistricting of the town. The only change would be their State Representative but as Representative Thomas Calter said when he was came in last month, when they receive a call in their office they answer no matter precinct the resident is

in. Seelig recommends that a letter be sent out to these residents notifying them of the changes.

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board voted that a letter be sent to the residents affected by the redistricting.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS

Website Committee

The Website Committee came in this evening to do a presentation on a website company they have looked into to format the town's website. The company is called Virtual Town Hall and there are number of municipalities that use this company. The package that they are proposing provides training and does the hosting of the site.

The town would need to provide the information, which some is already on our website and that could be "cut and pasted". The various departments will need to provide what information they would like under their department. The price would be about \$2,700 a year with some set up designer cost. An Article is going to be presented at Town Meeting and all the associated costs have been submitted to the Finance Committee.

Seeing as that committee has made a recommendation the charter of the committee has ended. If the Board of Selectmen would like them to continue then something can be set up. Debora Kane is willing to stay on until the site is up and running and Keith McElman as well as the other two remaining members of the committee are considering staying on. The Board thanked them for taking on this task and stated that they had done a great job.

Adam Fearing

Adam Fearing is a student at Silver Lake Regional High School, who was named 2011 Career & Technical Education Student of the Year. Adam is also the President of the Silver Lake Chapter of FFA. In addition he was chosen to attend a Green Living Technology certification training seminar and is certified to install Green Walls and Green Roofs throughout the country. The Board wanted him to come in so that they could compliment him on his accomplishments. Adam has also received a citation from the Massachusetts Senate for all his hard work. Adam stated that he is an AP Honors student receiving A's & B's and he plans to attend UMass Amherst and major in Landscape Architecture. Schleiff and Roy congratulated him on his outstanding work and said to keep up the good work.

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 collective bargaining:

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 9:40 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 9:40 p.m.

Kim R. Roy
Clerk
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