

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
SELECTMEN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011 - 6:30 P.M.
SELECTMEN MEETING ROOM

Meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. with Selectmen Kim R. Roy and Michael J. Schleiff present. Selectmen Troy Garron was not in attendance.

The following business was discussed:

AGENDA

The Agenda for Tuesday, May 10th, was unanimously approved without revision.

MINUTES

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

Selectmen Meeting 4-26-11 - Regular Session
Selectmen Meeting 4-26-11 - Executive Session

ABATEMENTS/BILLS/COMMITMENTS/WARRANTS

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

Ambulance Commitment # 4B \$ 27,612.71

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

Payroll Warrant	# 91	\$ 307,437.58
Vendor Warrant	# 92	\$ 98,476.24
Withholding Warrant	# 93	\$ 114,782.03
Mobile Home Park License Fee	# 05	\$ 5,160.00

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

Harry B. Harding & Son, Inc. (printing of the 2011 Warrant)....	\$ 1,915.20
Halifax Postmaster (200 forever stamps @ .44 ea.)	\$ 88.00
Beth Dubraski (reimburse 44 stamps @ .44 ea.)	\$ 19.36
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(to reimburse petty cash for the purchase of 113 stamps @ .44 ea.)	
Jordan on the Job (physicals/Police)	\$ 180.00
W.B. Mason Co., Inc. (legal size paper)	\$ 38.84

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending May 7, 2011 in the amount of \$5,748.42.

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2011-68	\$ 5.00

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS

A. Solid Waste Hauling Contract

An amendment for FY2012 has been added to the agreement between the Town of Halifax and Howland Disposal Services, Inc. The change is that the price for curbside pick up has gone up 2.5%. The contract needs to be signed by the Board.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted to have Michael Schleiff sign Addendum C.

B. Landfill Monitoring Contract

There is some additional scope of work that needs to be completed (monitoring three private wells near 70 Hemlock Lane) in the amount of \$3,000. This money is already in the budget for FY2011. Signatures are needed from the Board.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted to have Michael Schleiff to sign the agreement that was submitted for the landfill monitoring contract.

C. Fire Department Study Committee Delegates

The Finance Committee has confirmed that Gordon Andrews will be the delegate from their committee to serve on the FDSC and Maureen Rogers from Wage and Personnel will be the delegate from their board to be on the FDSC.

D. Line Item Transfers

It is that time of year that the departments can request line item transfer between their department accounts. Seelig will contact Peter Beals from the Finance Committee to see if they would like to have a joint meeting to do them.

E. Municipal Insurance Reform Plan

The MMA is looking for support for the legislation that will provide more control for municipalities to change co-pays and deductibles.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted to send a letter to Senator Kennedy supporting this legislation.

F. Resignation - Edward Gavin

The Board accepted, with regret, Edward Gavin's resignation from the Halifax Fire Department, effective May 18, 2011.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted to send Mr. Gavin a letter wishing him well and thanking him for his service to the town.

G. Resignation – Joan Towne

The Board accepted, with regret, Joan Towne's resignation from the Council on Aging, effective immediately.

A letter will be sent to Ms. Towne thanking her for serving on the COA Board.

H. Length of Fireworks

An estimate of 15 minutes will be the length of this year's fireworks display but as stated by Brian Evangelista that more money we raise between now and the beginning of June could make the show last longer.

I. Ambulance Abatements

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

April 2011	FOR	\$ 6,605.38
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J. Route 58 Project

The first phase of this project will be from Lingan St. south to the Plympton line. A copy of the draft will be left on the table in the Selectmen's meeting room for the Board to review. Seelig will bring back to the Board at their meeting on May 24th.

K. Use of Town Green - Congregational Church

Moved by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously granted a request from the Congregational Church for the use of the Town Green on Saturday, June 4th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for a plant sale and an animal display as an educational outreach for the Heifer Project.

L. Municipal & School Building Committee Vacancies

At this time there are two empty seats for this committee. A letter has been sent to the MS & B Committee asking for recommendations but the office has not heard back from them. Seelig would like to have the Board interview applicants who have submitted talent bank forms at their meeting on May 24th. Seelig will ask the committee again for any recommendations.

(Troy Garron came in at this time (6:55 pm))

M. Cable Announcement Scroll

A resident stopped by the Selectmen’s Office with an idea on how to get the attention of the residents viewing the announcements on the local cable station. The suggestion was to have a puppet read the announcements. Seelig has asked the Board if they had any comments regarding this suggestion. Roy was not receptive to the idea and Michelle, Comcast Access Director, stated that if this was to happen it would need to be worked out through the office and she would need some help in doing this. Also it would require some time because there is about a hundred advertisements at this time that are being broadcasted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining, property transaction and litigation:

- 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 Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 7:40 p.m.

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

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Troy E. Garron
Clerk

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