

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
 SELECTMEN MEETING
 TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 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, December 13th, was unanimously approved without revision.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

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

- Regular Session – November 8, 2011
- Special Town Meeting – December 5, 2011
- Executive Session – November 8, 2011

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows on the approval of Selectmen minutes dated December 1, 2011:

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

AFFIRMED ABATEMENTS/BILLS/COMMITMENTS/WARRANTS

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously affirmed approval for the payment of the following with the exception of Schleiff abstaining from payroll warrant #46:

VENDOR WARRANT	# 45	FOR	\$ 75,772.39
PAYROLL WARRANT	# 46	FOR	\$ 333,367.15
VENDOR WARRANT	# 47	FOR	\$ 265,762.61
WITHHOLDING WARRANT	# 48	FOR	\$ 126,462.97
AMBULANCE COMMITMENT	# 11B	FOR	\$ 25,545.49
MOBILE HOME PARK COMMITMENT	# 12	FOR	\$ 5,160.00
BILL PAYABLE TO: MECHANICAL AIR	FOR	\$ 31,207.83	
BILL PAYABLE TO: ATTY. DANIEL HILL	FOR	\$ 962.50	

APPROVED ABATEMENTS/BILLS/COMMITMENTS/WARRANTS

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

Vendor Warrant # 49 \$ 387,403.68

The Board acknowledged payment of the Selectmen Office Payroll for the period ending December 3, 2011 in the amount of \$5,761.70.

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

National Grid (Concession Stand 10/14/11-11/16/11)	\$ 31.57
Harry B. Harding & son (warrant special town meeting).....	\$ 476.80
Halifax Postmaster (400 forever stamps; 100 .20 stamps)	\$ 196.00
The Patriot Ledger (ad for Conservation Agent)	\$ 206.34
Deutsch William Brooks (legal Nov. 2011)	\$ 2,838.59
Attorney Lawrence Mayo (legal Nov. 2011)	\$ 293.75
ImageTrend, Inc. (software purchase)	\$ 4,000.00
Margret Logan	
(mileage reimbursement for medical appointments)	\$ 545.34
Ockers Company (5 Mimio view cameras)	\$ 6,025.00

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

<u>TURNOVER</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
2012-36	\$ 525.00
2012-37	\$ 150.00
2012-38	\$ 1,400.00
2012-39	\$ 220.00
2012-40	\$ 3,850.00
2012-41	\$ 175.00
2012-42	\$ 220.00
2012-43	\$ 100.00
2012-44	\$ 1,250.00
2012-45	\$ 50.00

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS

Recycling Abatement

The Board had previously abated \$20 from Sarah Tan’s recycling bill (full amount was \$40) on the basis that it is a seasonal home. Ms. Tan is requesting that the full amount be abated because she only uses the home a few weekend in the summer. The Board stated that if she can show proof that the home is not used at all then they would reconsider her request.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted not to abate this amount any further.

Wright Property – Franklin Street

The Conservation Commission in favor of pursuing the purchase of the Wright property and is opposed to the Randall property. The town has until February to act on this. Garron is in favor of going with ConCom recommendation. Schleiff asked if there were any other sources of funding and Seelig stated that he has not looked into other agencies because he was waiting for the level of interest from the Board. Roy mentioned that she attended a FinCom meeting and they are not in support of purchasing the property due to the fact that the town does not have the money. The Board would like Seelig to look into other sources for funding.

Moved By Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board voted not to pursue the Randall property.

SAFE Grant

Move by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board voted to have the Chair, Michael Schleiff, sign the Fire Department SAFE Grant.

2012 Licenses Renewals

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously approved all 2012 license renewals with the exception of Halifax Investments d/b/a country Club of Halifax until their inspection is signed off by the Building Inspector and Fire Chief.

All inspections have been done by the Selectmen for the Alcoholic Beverage holders. Roy wanted to note that at Lindy's General Store, access to restroom is in the same area where the alcohol is stored. Roy mentioned this to the Manager, Adam Worrall, and he is going to care of it. Roy is confident that this issue will be taken care of.

NOTE: list attached hereto and made an official part of these minutes

Resignation – Library Trustees – Kimberly Cicone

Effective immediately Kimberly Cicone has resigned from the Library Trustees. With this resignation there will be two vacancies open. Seelig recommended that they advertise for both and set up a joint meeting with the trustees to elect someone to fill the remainder of Cicone's term.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to follow Seelig's recommendation to advertise for the vacancies.

Route 58 Project

The first step has been completed for this project which was that it has been added to the State's list. The next part of the process is Requests for Qualifications from engineer firms. The town will be funding the engineering costs, which is ten percent of the four million dollar project cost. No vote is need for this Seelig just wanted the Board's okay to proceed.

Joy Marble - Appointment to Beatification Committee

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously appointed Joy Marble of 265 Wood Street, to the Beautification Committee with a term to expire June 30, 2012.

CapeNet

Garron has attended a meeting regarding a project that is being conducted by a company called CapeNet. CapeNet will be laying approximately 290 miles of cable between Brockton and Providence Town and is giving the town the opportunity to have internet hookups to the municipal buildings. The cable will run on Route 106 west of the 106/58 intersection. Seeing as it is coming through the town Garron thought that if the town was interested they could do one building at a cost of \$1,000 then have other buildings tie in at a later time. Roy asked what the benefit would be and Garron said faster internet service. The gentleman who made the presentation is willing to come in and speak about it. Schleiff expressed that he would like him to come in.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS**Joseph Fava – Dog Hearing**

At 8:00 p.m., in accordance with MGL Chapter 140, Section 157, Schleiff opened a hearing to address a complaint of dogs “Bindi” and “Lily”, owned by Joseph Fava and housed at 66 Clyde O Bosworth Road being loose and off the Fava’s property. Bindi, who was on the Town Green, bit a forty two year old man on his left hand and in the groin area as he was trying to separate his own dog (a Boxer) from Bindi. In addition his dog was bitten above the eye from your dog. The hearing was held at the request of the Board of Selectmen.

The following individuals were present and sworn in by Notary Public Pamela McSherry:

Chris Greeley	193 Holmes Street
Amy Troup	193 Holmes Street
Thomas Hammond	Animal Control Officer
Karen Fava	66 Clyde O Bosworth Road
Officer Caprio	Halifax Police Department
Joseph Fava	66 Clyde O Bosworth Road

Schleiff: I guess we’ll start from the beginning. Where is the beginning?

Hammond: Officer Caprio will be giving...

Officer Caprio: I would think the beginning would be the actual attack but it’s up to you.

Schleiff: Tom, lets hear a report from Officer Caprio on how you got involved and then the animal...

Hammond: Okay.

Schleiff: Tom do we have your report in here?

Hammond: Yes you do.

Schleiff: It’s the incident on eleven twenty nine eleven.

Hammond: On the twenty seventh.

Chris: Thanksgiving.

Hammond: Thanksgiving day.

Schleiff: This must have been the incident report... why am I reading this wrong. All right eleven twenty four alright at ten forty a.m.?

Roy: Yes.

Hammond: Correct.

Roy: And if you look on the next page that's the narrative.

Schleiff: Okay... and this is from Thomas Hammond.

Hammond: Correct.

Schleiff: Officer Caprio thank you for coming in do you want to give us you're initial...

Officer Caprio: Sure. At ten forty on Thanksgiving I received a call of two loose dogs running down Route 106, Plymouth Street in the area of the Town Hall. Upon arrival I observed several people out here on the side right by Hemlock out on the grass. One party known to me, Chris Greeley, I saw him holding a dog down on the grass. Amy Troupe, the other party was standing with two leashed dogs over on Hemlock; another unidentified man was holding another dog by the leash - excuse me his collar. I ah got the dog pole took control of the dog that Chris was trying to hold down and the other male party just held on to the dog because that dog was not aggressive at the time. I found out Chris was bit a couple of times so I called the ambulance. I called the animal control and while we were waiting I found out that the owners of the dogs - the Fava's were on their way to pick them up.

Karen: I had called the police station myself. We were out looking for them. Um someone had opened up the gate and we have a lock on the gate, Joe has pictures.

Schleiff: Okay ah we'll just... so that's how...

Officer Caprio: That's kind of the end of it from there cuz...

Schleiff: Okay

Officer Caprio: Tom Hammond arrived and he kind of spoke with him (gestured to Chris Greeley) to exactly what happened because that's going to be his investigation.

Schleiff: So Tom so when you showed up, how did you got the call?

Hammond: Dispatch called me and I'll read the report my report to you.

See attached report that was read by Hammond (copy attached hereto as Exhibit A and made an official part of these minutes).

Hammond: Ah that was followed up by um Officer Broderick showed up, Sergeant Broderick showed up at the end of, towards the end of this whole thing the interview process and um, I'll bring this up because one of the patrol officers... Patrol Officer Moore was there, Patrol Officer Caprio was there but in moving the dogs around one of the little terriers got loose and was running away and there was a scramble and as it happens Sergeant Broderick was walking towards him and the dog virtually jumped into Sergeant Broderick's arms and he captured the dog finally so then we went back to the owners, so on and so forth...

the reason I bring it up the dog wasn't aggressive any way towards a human. My interpretation as to what happened was the dogs were aggressive towards the dogs and I understand it's a mother...

Karen: Mother daughter thing.

Hammond: Mother daughter thing that may or may not have triggered all the aggressive, movements by the dogs... basically that's it. Oh I did in fact again... I did in fact after the fact go to their home and look at the conditions of the home. They have a fenced in yard and they have a kennel and at time I was there in fact I was there with the selectmen (gestured towards Roy) at the time I was there the dogs were obviously in the house or away with them but it looks to me that it sort of a poster child for a kennel scenario where you would keep a dog. I mean it looks like it's really up to speed in terms of maintaining a safe environment for those dogs. Okay...

Schleiff: Did you see any deficiencies in the latch that they got out of.

Hammond: I didn't... in fact inspect gates... I just... the overlook... was... this looks sufficient to me, it looks like over kill as a matter of fact. They had said that they had... they also had an electric fence in place beyond the wire fence that they have, beyond the kennel that in the interior so my interpretation would be that's pretty much as much as one can do to maintain a dog. At the actual incident I didn't issue any citations and the reason for that was I felt this was a first time event, I never seen the Favas before have never met the Favas, I have never seen their dogs and my thoughts were that, my past practice has always to allow someone the benefit of the doubt the first time much like a patrol officer would give someone a warning, for that reason I didn't write a citation even though there was biting but it wasn't - in Mr. Greeley's case it didn't break the skin and I think the wounds sustained by the boxer were fairly superficial so I didn't think it warranted a citation.

Schleiff: Was there any previous incidence that you?

Hammond: I have no record of... I've looked in the past practices of the officer that preceded me, I didn't see any there so and in the time I've been in office nothing happened regarding the Fava's dogs. First time.

Schleiff: Does the Board have questions for the officer, the animal control officer before we proceed?

Garron: No. I mean everything that I needed to know he answered my question whether or not there was any previous events with either dog didn't say anything about...

Hammond: No I have never had an occasion to visit the Greeleys.

Garron: So... the up to date all the dogs are up to date with their rabies shots?

Hammond: Yes, yes.

Garron: No problem in that sense. I guess my question would be not to the officers but to the Favas is that why the dogs were running loose.

Joseph: I have pictures... I have about twenty... look at these here, the best. This is the gate they got out.

Roy: Okay

Joseph: That chain was not on it. I usually have this clip on it, this blue clip and it's usually through that lock, okay it also is recessed into the ground with this pole.

Roy: Okay.

Joseph: There's no kids in the house it's just me and my wife. I was out with the dogs the night before. I let them out the morning, and ah I got three of them, the boy was at the door I didn't know where the other ones had went. I looked over the gate was opened and pushed in. I didn't open it, my wife didn't open it. Off they go. When you push the gate in there's a wire that I have and you see here in this picture here. That wire allows me so when it goes in its clear so I can go under it with the tractor that why it's loose there. Then we you know...

Karen: And you have to lift up the handle in order to get that pole out of the ground you have to actually lift that handle up and then when you open the gate either way that pole would come back down and stop it.

Garron: Have you had any incidences before with this gate?

Joseph: No not with the gate.

Karen: No.

Joseph: No the clip was on.

Garron: As far as you know no one was supposed to visit you house that day... to do any inspections or anything else.

Joseph: No no we were the only ones there. Um I do leave equipment around my house and it was I after I came back from going out to my daughter's house I had noticed because I wanted to look at my tools. I have yard tools that are very expensive I went and did like a little inventory and I noticed... I have an aluminum trailer we usually have a rock and it's tilted so that the water runs out, that it had been moved.

Roy: So somebody was in the yard.

Joseph: I'm just saying it was moved.

Roy: Or the dogs are very smart.

Joseph: It was moved.

Garron: So this all occurred while you weren't at home at the time at such time. The dogs are out when you are gone.

Karen: No we never let the dogs out when we're gone.

Joseph: No they were only out for five or six minutes. We were cooking.

Karen: We were stuffing shrimp and we could see the male. The male didn't leave. They had their electric collars which I brought with me just so you know because I know that there was another hearing in question whether there was electric collars. One of them had her electric collar on and one didn't at the scene and that's how they grabbed one of the dogs. The younger one wrestles she's real playful, she just turned two and her collar was in the yard. I have all three collars with me. The mother took the hit because the little one went out.

Roy: So she went after him.

Karen: And so she got electrocuted by leaving. They've never been out someone said they were running down the yellow line. They don't know what the street is

because they are show dogs. They go to shows, they're with trainers they're with judges all the time. They're grand champion show dogs and we spend thousands of dollars a year on them so we would never let them out.

Garron: Perhaps somebody was trying to either take the dogs or take the trailer.

Karen: Well, when I do take them for a walks on leashes we get a lot of people that stop us and say that's a cool dog where do I get me one of them. It resembles.

Joseph: I was home and I let them out and we were stuffing shrimp like she said and I said we'll let them back in and that's when two of them were gone and I looked over and seen the gate was opened, pushed inward and I'm like that's when panic set in, because you know dogs get loose and anything can happen.

Garron: I know.

Schleiff: Generally the gate doesn't swing in swings out.

Joseph: It can swing either way.

Schleiff: Okay.

Joseph: But the problem is I would think if the dogs... in it was not in the hole if they jumped they would have pushed the gate the opposite way you know what I mean but it was pulled in both gates. The clip was on the ground... the clip...

Karen: They couldn't have taken the clip.

Joseph: It takes me... the way I put it on with that old clip it is very... you have to have long fingers and you kind of slide it get it out...in not a kid did it or a little kid, it's definitely an adult that had some dexterity to move it.

Roy: Right.

Joseph: So since that I have put a lock and a chain on it.

Roy: Or they're really good show dogs.

Joseph: Well...

Roy: No I know it has to be someone there is no way but...

Joseph: My history of dog ownership goes back forty five years. I've had four Pit Bulls, three Airedales and four Staffy Bull Terriers.

Roy: And these are not Pit Bulls.

Karen: They are not.

Joseph: Well people get them mixed up but we do... in England they'll euthanize them as Pit Bulls because they don't want it to get confused with the Stafford demerit, the Stafford Bull Terrier.

Roy: Okay

Joseph: It's a different dog

Karen: They call it the nanny dog in England because it's so good with children.

Joseph: Well we have puppies every so often. We seem to know the history of it... we don't sell to just anybody we make sure people won't inbreed them and we don't deal with that. It's unfortunate they got out and unfortunate that it could have ruined their day and I can understand how upset seeing two dogs running at them and all the commotion.

Karen: They're powerful dogs and they resemble a Pit Bull - looking dog but they're much smaller.

Garron: They have the Bull dog stature but they have the square face.

Karen: Right and the smaller the baby is bigger than her mother, so I mean she's a jumper she's a wicked jumper and the reason why sergeant Broderick caught her is he said is she friendly and he said up up and that's what her handle does in the show ring. When she wins she goes up up and that's her reward of and then she starts licking the face. That's what she does. She doesn't know her power she jumps into me and she'll bruise my leg because she's so strong but she's just playing.

Roy: Okay

Garron: I'm sorry

Roy: No that's okay I was gonna ask... I just wanted hear...

Garron: Are you satisfied (gestured towards Chris Greeley) with what went down

Roy: I just wanted to hear...

Garron: What's your feelings on this.

Chris: Well absolutely, first off it was my right hand not my left hand in the report that was a mistake, two... the dogs are strong for small little dogs they're surprising. My only situation that I was concerned about is if there wasn't someone like me to protect their family.

Garron: Small

Chris: A little girl walking with rabbit on a leash that she got for Thanksgiving or whatever then the circumstances would have been a little bit different. The only thing I was concerned about is if... to me dog starts with strike one just because you have the ability to do some damage. Leaving a gate open or having something unsecure that's strike two when they get out and do some damage. Strike three I was kind of hoping they would do that thing what's on that picture. If they're that strong of a dog and they get out into that mentality when they're free, hey lets go, you gotta stop them from doing that and that was the only thing I was going to request.

Garron: Well it seems obvious that they've taken care of the dogs over the years...

Chris: Once they were calm, once they stopped what they were doing, stopped whatever you want to call it... carnage whatever... they just stopped they were just like we're done with what we were doing and they don't seem like bad dogs at all, honestly.

Chris: Right

Garron: Seems to be that way that we take no action at this time except to send a letter which state the obvious, that we do have a leash law in town and the dogs be restrained on the property.

Chris: It's fine by me.

Joseph: I just want it noted at this meeting tonight that at one time we had somebody cut my electric fence in like ten places. That I don't know why they did it but I had the police come down to investigate the level.

Garron: You want to exchange stories where I had two of my dogs poisoned.

Roy: And your dogs fine (gestured towards Chris).

Amy: Ya he had a cut right here (gesture above the eye).

Chris: Close call

Amy: and just as a great note they (the Favas) took care of the vet bills that was like so... I... they're very responsible and I don't think it's like a normal thing or anything so.

Roy: Okay so I'll second that motion.

Schleiff: That's good.

Amy: Thank you.

Karen: Oh you're welcome.

Schleiff: Glad you didn't get hurt any worse.

Chris: Everything worked out and we were very thankful.

Karen: Like I said I would be scared if they were running towards me and I didn't know them, any dog a Cocker Spaniel any thing. I would be afraid because I don't know the dog and dogs sense that too, ya know I don't blame them.

Schleiff: But obviously you see the concerns if it was a younger kid.

Joseph: Oh ya.

Karen: I do

Joseph: I do. I was going to euthanize them the next day. I was so nervous because, I thought did everything I could with locks and everything I said wow. Like he (Chris) was thinking what would happen. I don't know, I didn't know what else I could do unless put a ten foot high fence up.

Garron: Well the motion of the Board.

Schleiff: As a member of this Board we appreciate you taking extra precautions you've taken. So, say what you said, so the motion...

Roy: I seconded the motion.

Schleiff: Was ah it just to send a letter and ...

Garron: The motion was just to reiterate that we do have a leash law in town that the animals must be kept on their property unless they're leashed off the property. I mean it's a general letter we send out just to remind people. I don't see us taking any other action at this point in time.

Schleiff: No I mean... No.

Garron: They're healthy, never see it happen again.

Schleiff: don't let it happen again.

Joseph: Been in the town since ninety four.

Schleiff: they need a camera out there, a surveillance camera to see if someone is over there messing with it.

Karen: We had one of those and someone stole it.

Joseph: Ya and took the cable.

Karen: And we live across from the chief

Chris: And I always thought Halifax was a safe town.

Garron: I was just about to say I really don't like the way this is going. Either you guys have somebody that's after ya personally or something here.

Schleiff: So all those in favor

Roy: Aye

Garron: Aye

Schleiff: Aye

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

Joseph v Halifax

Ms. Joseph will be appealing the Board's latest ruling and the hearing is scheduled for December 29th. Town Counsel and ACO Hammond have been informed and both will be attending.

Goat Issue

Animal control Officer Hammond investigated a goat problem this past summer. He went to the residence of the complainant but did not file a formal report because he did not think it was necessary. Before Hammond went any further Garron stated that if he was going to give a testimony it would need to be writing and then could be discussed before the Board.

Insurance Advisory Committee

Seelig is planning on contacting the unions regarding forming this committee. The committee must consist of union representatives plus one retiree. This is one of the first steps necessary if the Board decides to accept the new state laws regarding municipal health insurance. By no means in forming the committee does it imply that the Board has committed to accepting the new state laws.

Planning Board Vacancy

In May 2011 Dean Jafferian resigned from the Planning board. Mark Millias has filled out a talent bank form showing an interest in joining the Planning Board. At this time the Planning Board is recommending that the vacancy (term to end May 2012) be filled by Millias. If the Board chooses to appoint Millias the Board then will need to have a joint meeting with the Planning Board to elect Millias. Derek Bennett and Sally Wells have also submitted talent bank forms expressing and interest to serve on the Planning Board. The seat could remain vacant until the term is up and then have applicants run for the position.

Schleiff stated that that if Millias was appointed it would be an unfair advantage and added that there is not much going on at this time so he didn't see the urgency to fill the seat but Roy said that they are requesting it now. Garron felt that if they could not function without having a full board then that also is unfair.

Roy asked when did the term expire for the position they were thinking about filling and if there were enough members on the board to make decisions. Seelig stated that who ever was appointed would fill the seat until May and then would need to run and that they have four members out of five and if a vote needs to be taken for a special permit then all four would need to be present.

Maureen Rogers, who was in the audience, asked the BOS if they thought it was a conflict of interest seeing as Mark Millias is the Building inspector's son and he works closely with the Planning Board. Schleiff voiced that proper protocol needs to be done so if Millias pulled papers then got elected then the conflict of interest would be null and void.

Maureen asked if they had problems meeting their scheduled meeting and Seelig stated that he did not know.

Troy was open to advertise for both but if the Board did not feel comfortable or did not have enough information appointing someone they could table it.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to table this appointment until such time that they hear from the Planning Board the urgency to fill this vacancy.

Roy was concerned that the Board was okay with advertising for the library vacancies and not the Planning Board but Seelig pointed out the library is having trouble meeting quorum. Schleiff asked if there was any talent banks forms for the library and Seelig said the library is not recommending anyone only asking that we advertise for it.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Board of Assessors – Solar Farm

The Board of Assessors and Principal Assessor have been discussing with a developer the possibility of a solar farm on fifteen acres of land that belongs to Haseotes on Monponsett Street. The energy produced from the solar farm would be sold to National Grid and in return energy credits will be available to the town. If this project was to happen the town would have to enter into a PILOT agreement with the developer for a specific amount (estimated at \$72,500) which would be paid each year for a twenty year period. The agreement/article would need to be presented at this May's Annual Town Meeting. In addition the Department of Revenue requires that an appraisal be done which will cost the town about \$5,000.

The Principal Assessor, Suzan Duggan, came in this evening to answer any questions the Board might have. Even though information still needs to be gathered and she does not have a figure on what the town will make on this project, the Board of Assessors would like to work with the developers in getting this project going. Duggan has already put in a request to FinCom and Roy added that they are in support of this. Garron asked if they have a project that is up and running and Duggan said yes in Dartmouth. The only cost she sees is the appraisal fee and that there is no downside to this. Duggan has looked at couple of agreements that other towns have and Garron asked if it was possible to get one of them so that they could review it and Duggan said she will try. Schleiff asked if this could be regionalized and Seelig said no it could not.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to have a place set for two articles on the 2012 Annual Town Meeting Warrant; one in the amount \$5,000 for the appraisal and the other for the Agreement.

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**MEGA – Worker’s Compensation**

The town has been sent as assessment from MEGA for previous year’s low reserves. The total assessment is in the amount of \$ 14,058.82 and would be paid in three parts; fiscal year 2013, 2014, and 2015. Seelig would like to have town counsel take a look at the agreement to confirm that MEGA can do this.

Resignation – Beverly Smith / Council on Aging

The Board had asked Seelig if he spoke with Beverly regarding her resignation and he said no but felt maybe she was mistreated during the Special Town Meeting. He went on to say that this volunteer work and may turn others away from volunteering. Seelig and Garron do not think that her resignation has anything to do with the way the vote went.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously accepted, with regret, Beverly Smith’s resignation from the Council on Aging, effective immediately and suggested that a letter be sent thanking her for all her services that she has done for the Town.

SCHEDULED APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**Margaret Logan**

Schleiff started by saying that they asked her to come in this evening to see how she was doing and was wondering if they were doing everything they could for her at this point. He added that it’s unfortunate that it happened and asked if she was getting anywhere with it. Logan stated that she did not want to discuss her medical condition on the air.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Move by Roy and seconded by Schleiff, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss Margret Logan’s physical condition:

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

Schleiff made a statement that the Board would reconvene in regular session at the end of the Executive Session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:15 p.m.

GENERAL MAIL / BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**2012 MS Bike Ride – June 23, 2012**

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to allow the National Multiple Sclerosis Society the use of the Town Hall Parking as a rest stop for their MS Bike Ride on June 23, 2012. In addition inform the society that if there is another event going on that day in the parking lot that they accommodate the other party.

Northland Property

Seelig is still waiting to hear back from Representative Webster's Office regarding a meeting with the Department of Capital Asset Management.

Surplus Vehicles

The town mechanic, Dave Neault, would like to declare the following vehicles surplus:

- 2008 Ford Crown Victoria
- 2002 Ford Crown Victoria
- 2004 Ford Crown Victoria
- 2000 Ford Crown Victoria
- 1998 Ford F150 4x4
- 1995 GMC 3500

Schleiff would like to declare them surplus and asked about scraping them for money. There also is still one vehicle that could be made available to employees to use for work related duties seeing as mileage has been racking up on vehicles. The vehicle Schleiff is talking about was utilized as the court car and could be used for going around town (not for long trips). Garron felt that if a car needed work then we should get rid of it and questioned if the car would be taken home by anyone because in the past that was an issue having town vehicles brought home. Schleiff stated that car could be left in the Town Hall parking lot with keys left in the building. Roy added maybe have a sign out sheet for it and questioned what department would absorb the maintenance cost. Tom Millias is willing to be in charge of the coming and goings of the vehicle. The Board suggested having Millias come in to talk more about this.

Regional Dispatch Grant

An RFP has been issued for a consultant to conduct the study and deadline for submissions is December 30th.

Complaint about Moderator

At the Special Town Meeting on December 5th there was a complaint as to whether the Town Moderator, John Bruno had indicated that the question that the residents were voting on was to construct the proposed COA and not to hire an architect to design the building. Seelig has reviewed the tape and did not hear anything as to what was thought to be said. Even if the complaint was valid no action could be taken seeing as the town moderator is an elected position.

Auditors Visit

The Treasurer Collector has asked if the auditors could come in January. There is a concern that if more work needs to be done after their visit then this will bump into the auditor's tax preparation season delaying certification of free cash. The Town Accountant is waiting to hear back from the auditors to see if this is doable.

Truck Exclusion Meeting

Seelig will confirm the tentative meeting that is scheduled for next Tuesday (December 20th).

Road Inventory

The Highway Department has forwarded the required forms to the Selectmen's Office. There still is missing information which Seelig stated he will complete so that they are ready to go if the town accepts these roads at Town Meeting. Garron has a problem with highway not stepping up in getting these forms filled out. The question was who would be the one responsible to filling these forms out. Schleiff suggested that the forms could be filled out when presented to the Planning Board.

Remote Participation at Meeting

Schleiff is hoping that this practice will not be abused.

Moved by Roy and seconded by Garron, the Board unanimously voted to accept remote participation at meetings.

HEMA

Fire Chief Carrico knows of a Silver Lake high School student who is interested in learning about emergency management. He would like to hire him for roughly ten weeks to make phone calls to the businesses getting their updated information and imputing it in the system. Updating the system will bring up the town's ISO rating. He also has another program he is offering in February called the *fire cadet program* and has about ten students at the high school who are interested in fire service and EMS. These students will be attending this class and the chief's goal is to bring these kids on to the call force in the community where they have grown up and gone to school.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Roy, the Board unanimously voted to let the Fire Chief hire an associate to make phone calls to the businesses.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moved by Schleiff and seconded by Roy, the Board voted as follows to enter into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss fire contracts and Patrol Officer negotiations and 2013 contracts:

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

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 Roy, the Board voted as follows to come out of Executive Session at 10:55 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 Roy, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 p.m.

Kim R. Roy
Vice Chair

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