

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010 - 6:30 P.M.  
HALIFAX ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ROOM 105  
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Meeting came to order at 6:30 p.m. with Selectmen John H. Bruno II, Troy E. Garron and Michael J. Schleiff present.

The following business was discussed:

**AGENDA**

The Agenda for Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, was unanimously approved without revision.

**MINUTES**

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

Selectmen Meeting 03-23-10 - Regular Session  
Selectmen Meeting 03-23-10 - Executive Session

**TOWN MEETING ARTICLES**

The Board discussed the following articles:

A. Union Contract Articles

The Sergeants and Dispatchers articles will be passed over because the contracts have not been settled.

The sum of \$1,000 will be proposed for the Highway contract to cover the expected increase in clothing allowance.

The Firefighters article will be passed over. The Firefighter contract through June 30, 2010 has been settled; additional money is not needed because sufficient funds are available in the Fiscal 2010 budget to cover the approved contract.

B. Charitable Organization Articles

The Finance Committee is not recommending the petition articles for charitable organizations except for the South Shore Women's Center. Seelig noted the organizations will provide services to Halifax residents whether or not they receive funding from the Town.

**GENERAL MAIL/BUSINESS**

A. Appointment - Cemetery Superintendent

Moved by Bruno and seconded by Garron, Board unanimously re-appointed Robert Badore as the Cemetery Superintendent and Burial Agent, term to expire May 14, 2011.

B. Appointments - Election Workers

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, Board unanimously appointed the following individuals as Election Workers, terms to expire July 27, 2010:

REPUBLICAN ELECTION WORKERS	Barbara Merrick	87 Elm Street
	Richard Roche	503 South Street
UNENROLLED ELECTION WORKERS	Kathryn Roche	503 South Street
	Diane Ruxton	786 Old Plymouth Street

C. Trash Curbside Collection Contract

The Board discussed extending the contract with Howard Disposal for one year covering Fiscal 2011. In response to a question from Schleiff, Seelig said the price was the same as last year. Seelig noted the original contract was for three years with three one-year renewal options. This would be the first one-year renewal.

Moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, Board unanimously renewed the contract between the Town of Halifax and Howland Disposal Services, Inc. in the amount of \$94,206.85. Garron asked Seelig to have next year's contract come before the Board for consideration in February or March to allow time to determine if the Board wants to go out to bid rather than renew the current contract again.

D. Bicycle Helmet Grant

The Board acknowledged the Fire Department will receive seventy five bicycle helmets from the 2010 Statewide Bicycle Helmet Grant Program. The helmets should arrive by May 31<sup>st</sup> and will be given out to Town residents free of charge.

E. Firefighters Union - Notice to Negotiate

The Board acknowledged notification from Firefighters Local 3159 that the Union wishes to begin negotiations on a new contract.

F. Truck Exclusion - Walnut Street

The Board acknowledged receipt of a petition from residents of Walnut Street to exclude trucks from that road. The Board instructed Seelig to contact Old Colony Planning Council and ask them to do a traffic survey for Walnut Street.

G. Generations Fundraiser

The Board acknowledged a request from “Generations” to place a “Got Books” bin behind Pope’s Tavern to raise funds for the seniors. The Board postponed action on the request; Seelig will get the exact location where the bin will be placed.

H. State Boat Ramp

The work on the boat ramp located on Route 58 will commence shortly. Once completed, it will be the Town’s responsibility to maintain the site. The State is asking for confirmation that the Town will undertake that responsibility. Given that the plans include a dock (which was not part of the original site and which will need to be put in and taken out each season), Seelig will talk with Highway Surveyor Robert Badore to ensure he has no objection since it will be his department that will have to maintain the area.

I. Old Shed - Vaughn Ball Field

The Board discussed a letter from Peter Barone informing them the old shed at the Vaughn Ball Field was in much better condition than first thought, has been repaired and can be used for storage in addition to the new shed approved by the Board to replace the old shed. Garron noted that, when the Board met with Barone, he said the new shed will accommodate all of their needs and the old shed was not feasible for use. He questioned why two buildings are needed. Seelig will contact Barone and find out the reason and report back to the Board.

J. Multi-Use Recreational Building

Seelig informed the Board a group may be working with the Youth and Recreation Commission to again bring up the issue of building a multi-use recreational building at the athletic fields behind the elementary school. The funding would come from the Recreational Gift account. Bruno, who is the Board’s representative to the Gift Committee, pointed out the need to repair the walking track which is used by all age groups on a regular basis. Since he is not running for re-election, he noted that another Selectman will have to be appointed to serve on this Committee and hoped that person would ensure the track repair was completed.

K. Plymouth County Charter

The Plymouth County Charter Revision is on the ballot for November. Seelig stated this comes up every ten years and includes how districts would be drawn should a Charter be adopted. The ballot also includes the names of individuals to serve on the Charter Commission should the question pass. Comments on the district lines must be submitted no later than May 28<sup>th</sup>.

SELECTMEN JOHN BRUNO LEFT THE MEETING AT THIS POINT

L. Line Item Transfers - Fiscal 2010

The Finance Committee joined the Selectmen to discuss the requests to transfer funds from one account to another for Fiscal 2010. After a brief discussion, moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, Board approved the following transfers to cover costs for the rest of Fiscal 2010, as allowed by MGL Chapter 44 Section 33B:

FROM	TO	AMOUNT
#022 Assessor Salary	#023 Principal Assessor Salary	\$ 172.40
#089 Communications Telephone	#087 Communications Wages	\$7,000.00
#088 Communications Expense	#087 Communications Wages	\$1,500.00
#059 Police Expense	#060 Police Station Electricity	\$1,500.00
#059 Police Expense	#062 Police Cruiser Maintenance	\$3,500.00
#394 Town Building Custodial	#646 Town Buildings Expense	\$5,000.00
#020 Town Collector Expense	#373 Town Treasurer Clerical	\$1,400.00
#159 Youth & Recreation Expense	#1292 Youth & Recreation Director	\$ 3.64

There being no further business, moved by Garron and seconded by Schleiff, Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to attend the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

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 Michael J. Schleiff  
 Clerk

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