

**TOWN OF HALIFAX
NOVEMBER 20 2017**

Special Town Meeting
Quorum 100

Present: 120
Guest: 4

Please note that the actual order in which articles will be voted upon will be determined by lottery under the Town's by-laws, Chapter 47. The article numbers shown below are used to identify the articles.

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by Moderator John Bruno. The call to the meeting was read by Town Clerk Barbara Gaynor followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ARTICLE 5 Voted to amend Chapter 236, Section 2 (Registration and Maintenance of Foreclosed Properties) of the Code of the Town of Halifax from the following:

Definitions

9. "Owner" means every person, entity, service company, property manager or real estate broker who alone or severally with others has legal or equitable title to any property or has care, charge or control of any property in any capacity, including but not limited to agent, executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title; or mortgagee in possession of any such property; or is an agent, trustee or other person appointed by the courts and vested with possession or control of any such property; or is an officer or trustee of the association of unit owners of a condominium. Each such person is bound to comply with the provisions of these minimum standards as if he/she were the owner. However, this bylaw shall not apply to a condominium association created pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A to the extent that such association forecloses on or initiates the foreclosure process for unpaid assessments due or owing to the association. "Owner" also means every person who operates a rooming house or is a trustee who holds, owns or controls mortgage loans for mortgage-backed securities transactions and has initiated the foreclosure process.

To

Definitions

9. "Owner" means every person, entity, service company, trustee or nominee, property manager or real estate broker who alone or severally with others has legal or equitable title to any property or has care, charge or control of any property in any capacity, including but not limited to agent, executor, executrix, administrator, administratrix, trustee or guardian of the estate of the holder of legal title; or mortgagee in possession of any such property; or is an agent, trustee or other person appointed by the courts and vested with possession or control of any such property; or is an officer or trustee of the association of unit owners of a condominium. Each such person is bound to comply with the provisions of these minimum standards as if he/she were the owner. However, this bylaw shall not apply to a condominium association created pursuant to M.G.L. c. 183A to the extent that such association forecloses on or initiates the foreclosure process for unpaid assessments due or owing to the association. "Owner" also means every person who operates a rooming house ~~or is a trustee who holds, owns or controls mortgage loans for mortgage backed securities transactions and has initiated the foreclosure process.~~

Proposed by Board of Selectmen – Thomas Millias
Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 4 Voted to amend Chapter 183, Section 1 (Licenses of Delinquent Taxpayers) of the Code of the Town of Halifax from the following:

The Tax Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the "Tax Collector," shall ~~periodically~~ furnish to each department, board commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the "licensing authority," that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person,

corporation or enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the “party,” that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a thirty-day period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate Tax Board.

The Tax Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the “Tax Collector,” shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each department, board commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the “licensing authority,” that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation or enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the “party,” that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges for not less than a thirty-day period, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate Tax Board.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy
Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 3 Voted to amend Chapter 23-3 (5) (Revolving Funds) by the Code of the Town of Halifax by amending the sources of revenue for the Council on Aging Elderbus from “transportation fees and donations” to “transportation fees and other receipts”.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen – Troy E. Garron
Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 1 Voted to transfer from the HOPS Gift Account the sum of \$73,598.16 and transfer from the stabilization fund the sum of \$106,644.84 for the sum of \$256,000 including \$75,757 previously appropriated through Article 11 of the Special Town Meeting of May 8, 2017, for the renovation and re-construction of the

HOPS Playground and that the Halifax Board of Selectmen is authorized to accept any gifts and donations, to file and accept grants, including any grants from the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, including but not limited to the Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) Grant and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to carry out the terms, purposes, and conditions of any grant, and that any grant shall be administered by the Board of Selectmen or its designee and that Halifax Assessors' Map 72 Parcel 8, 34 acres and 33,310 square feet in size, located at 480 Plymouth Street, upon which the HOPS Playground is located, shall be dedicated for a playground under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, Section 3.

Said project shall occur only if funding from other sources, including but not limited to commitments from State grants, is equal to \$106,644.84 and that the \$106,644.84 transferred from the stabilization fund shall be returned to the stabilization fund upon receipt of such funds.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen – Kim R. Roy

A two-thirds vote is required

Passed Unanimously

ARTICLE 2 Voted to accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 138, Section 33B, allowing for the sale of alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00am and 12:00 noon on Sunday, the last Monday in May and on Christmas Day or the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.

Proposed by Board of Selectmen – Thomas Millias

Passed Unanimously