

**Chapter 42**  
**SELECTMEN**

- § 42-1. Duties.**
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**[HISTORY: Adopted as Art. 6 of the revised bylaws of Halifax. Amendments noted where applicable.]**

GENERAL REFERENCES

Town Meeting - see Ch. 47.

**§ 42-1. Duties.<sup>1</sup>**

To the extent permitted by law and except as otherwise provided by law or by these bylaws, the Selectmen shall have the general direction and management of the affairs of the town.

**§ 42-2. Authority to act on suits.**

The Board of Selectmen, acting on the advice of counsel, shall have authority, as agent of the town, to institute, prosecute and compromise suits in the name of the town and to appear, defend and compromise suits brought against it and to appear in proceedings before any tribunal.

**§ 42-3. Validity of deeds and land conveyances.**

Except as otherwise provided by law, by these bylaws or by vote of the town, in any instance all deeds conveying land or interests in land, executed by the Selectmen pursuant to due authorization, shall be valid if signed by a majority of the Selectmen and sealed with the Town Seal.

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<sup>1</sup> Editor's note: See MGL, Chapter 40, § 3 and ATM 1945, Art. 16 (Tax Title Proceedings).