

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2016

PRESENT: Selectmen Freeman J. Condon, Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Henry Richenburg, Ed Hunt, and Chuck Takesian

ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, Secretary

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Condon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM in the Colchester Room, Salisbury Town Hall. He then announced, per the Open Meeting Law, that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast live.

II. Acceptance of Minutes of March 28, 2016

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to approve the Minutes of March 28, 2016 as written. VOTE: 3 yeas – Selectmen Hunt and Takesian abstained.

III. Old Business - none

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to renew a **Common Victualer** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for Niko's Place Roast Beef & Seafood – 194 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to renew a **General** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for: 5-Yogi Convenience Store – 5 Bridge Rd., PC Wizard – 50 Elm St., and Hudson's Outboard – 46-50 Bridge Rd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for South Port Maine, LLC – 91 Bridge Rd. It was pointed out to the applicant that they have to wait until the appeal period is up before moving forward with the business and they were aware of that.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** license for Nick's Place – 111 Lafayette rd.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Committee Appointments - none

e. Update/Presentations: COA Director/Library Director

COA Director Liz Pettis said that they are continuing to work hard to make the Center the best that it can be. During the month of May, known as "Older American Month" several events will be taking place and programs/seminars will be available, such as Healthy Aging, Talking Book Program, the Homestead Act, Elder Law, May 24th Brownie Sundae Day, and a Special Luncheon for the Seniors on May 25th. All these programs are free of charge. She stressed the fact that they don't want anybody to feel isolated and they try to reach out to the homebound by calling seniors and making home visits. For the past 6 months the COA has provided 828 rides for shopping and medical appointments, 7000 meals, 1000 congregate meals, 200 health clinics, and provided tax assistance to over 50 people.

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Chairman Condon commended Ms. Pettis and said that she has a tough job and does it very well. Selectman Richenburg asked how they reach out to seniors who don't want to be involved and she said her staff does a lot of cold calling, which is working out well, and they check on seniors and let them know what is going on and if there is anything the COA can do to help to please call. Selectman Takesian told Ms. Pettis that she does work hard and she does have the best COA in the world.

Library Director Terry Kyrios reported that in the past 6 months they have circulated 25,118 pieces compared to 25,500 total for the prior year, and they have registered 416 new borrowers. The Institution for Savings Room has been used 30 times, the smaller conference room 82 times, and the study room 391 times. The following programs were offered: flower arranging, local history, poetry, an art show, and the Irish Step Dance School had a performance that was very well attended. A few upcoming events include a Police Dept. forum regarding opiates, trivia night, candidates' night, children's summer program, adults and teens programs, and an SBA workshop on their programs and services available. Anyone interest in any of the activities can look them up on the library's website and/or on Facebook. She also said that it's not too early to reserve museum passes for school vacation. In closing she thanked her full-time staff, Joan Bomba and Joan Cox, as well as the Trustees who continue to guide and support the library.

Chairman Condon thanked Ms. Kyrios and said everyone knows how hard she has worked with the construction project and getting the library up and running. Selectman McDonald asked if the Library was very busy on Saturdays, and Terry said it's steady but not overly busy. Selectman Takesian agreed that she does do a good job and we do have the best library in the world! Selectman Hunt said he hoped that the Town will commit the resources necessary to maintain the library since it is a beautiful asset.

f. Representative Kelcourse RE: Possibly Re-naming a Portion of the Whittier Bridge

Representative Kelcourse thanked the Board for the opportunity to appear this evening and he introduced two 8th grade students, Emma Speck-Wayne and Bea Jordan, from the River Valley Charter School in Newburyport, who wanted to address the Board to request that they support having the State name the southbound span of the new Whittier Bridge after William Lloyd Garrison. The students then gave a brief biography of Mr. Garrison and stated that the bridge naming proposed held merit and by sharing the name it would strengthen the legacy of John Greenleaf Whittier and William Lloyd Garrison. They explained that Newburyport and Amesbury have already adopted a Resolution and Salisbury was being asked to do the same. Mr. Harrington asked if a copy of the Resolution could be sent to the Board and they could take a vote at their next meeting, which would give residents a chance to comment before a vote was taken.

Representative Kelcourse stated that he has a bill ready to go, but will wait for the 3 Resolutions before filing it in the Legislature.

g. Supt. Farmer & Brian Forget re: Update on Triton Stadium and FY17 Budget

Supt. Farmer addressed the Selectmen regarding the bonding for the proposed new stadium project at Triton. He stated that the 3 towns and building committee have been working to renovate the stadium and are close to breaking ground. However, he is concerned with his reputation and integrity as well as that of the Committee since he has heard some comments made that the school administration misled the Town in relation to the bonding. He then wanted to clarify that they have been working on the bonding for a very long time and initially were informed by bond counsel that it was going to be a 15 year bond; however during a subsequent discussion they were informed it could be a 20 year bond and that was what they were planning on. Recently, however, the District learned that a letter had been sent specifying that the bonding period could not exceed 15 years. He told the School Committee as

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soon as he could and he shared the information with the School Communications Committee. There is no doubt an error was made and they owned up to it and he apologized for the error.

Chairman Condon thanked the Superintendent for coming and said that, speaking for himself, he was disappointed about the news of the funding, but he felt that he had not been misled at any time; he supports the project and has never thought for one moment that the Board was intentionally misled. Selectman McDonald mentioned that overall the 15-year note would save the District interest costs in the long term and Mr. Forget said that was correct. Selectman Richenburg said he has no problem with the error being made, but he had a concern about the cost of construction for the project. He questioned why there was not a larger contingency planned from the beginning.

h. Vote to Sign Confirmatory Order of Taking for Ocean Front South

Chief Assessor Cheryl Gorniewicz stated that last year the Town laid out and took an easement in the entirety of Ocean Front South. The Planning Board recommended it, Town Meeting approved it and the property owners abutting the land were notified. About a month ago, the engineering company that did the work for the Town let her know that there was an error in the dimensions that needed to be corrected. She contacted Town Counsel and the Registry of Deeds to confirm how to make the correction and she was told to bring it to the Planning Board again, which was done. It does not have to go back to Town Meeting but a Confirmatory Order of Taking has to be voted upon by the Board of Selectmen.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted pursuant to the vote taken under Article 16 of the May 18, 2015 Town Meeting, to take, by eminent domain, public way easements in, on and under Ocean Front South, as shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance in Salisbury, MA Showing Ocean Front South," dated March 12, 2014, revised through February 22, 2016, prepared by Millennium Engineering, Inc., said taking to confirm the prior Order of Taking filed with the Essex South Registry District of the Land Court as Document No. 562452 on June 12, 2015 and Document No. 563379 on July 13, 2015 and recorded with the Essex South District Registry of Deeds in Book 34127 Page 84 on June 12, 2015, and specifically to incorporate the aforesaid plan, which plan shows Ocean Front South more accurately than the plan recorded with said earlier Order of Taking.

V. Comments by Visitors

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. Hearings

7:15 PM – National Grid – Request to Install Concrete encased Conduits to Service Electricity to New Underground Development – Lighthouse Way

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to open the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM.

The engineer for National Grid explained that the installation of the encased conduits was to provide new underground service to the development on Lighthouse Way.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to close the Hearing at 7:18 PM.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve the request as presented.

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IX. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Harrington gave an oral report and will follow it up with a written report and provided to the Board and file.

X. Selectmen's Report

a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W16-163 through W16-172.

b. Subcommittee Reports

Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension: Mr. Richenburg reported that a meeting was held to discuss a final presentation by the engineers and a warrant article will be brought forth for additional engineering work at Town Meeting.

Police Station: Mr. Richenburg reported that the topping off ceremony was held last Friday. Everything is pretty much right on schedule and we looking to have the ribbon cutting in late October/early November. Selectman Takesian commented on the topping off ceremony and thinks it is a great thing to have, but asked if such events could be held on a week-end day in the future, rather than during the week, so people who are paying for the building are more apt to be able to attend. Chairman Condon stated that he understood the request, which is a reasonable one, but said he thought the topping off ceremony was planned to accommodate the schedules of our legislative delegation.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen's Office:

Minutes of March 28, 2016

Copies of licenses as listed

Info on the Confirmatory Order of Taking

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:

Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____
Chuck Takesian, Clerk