

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF APRIL 25, 2016

PRESENT: Selectmen Freeman J. Condon, Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Ed Hunt, Henry Richenbourg, 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 Minutes of April 11, 2016

Motion by Selectman Richenbourg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2016 as written.

III. Old Business

Vote on Resolution RE: Naming of the Southbound Span of the I-95 Bridge

Rep. Kelcourse's Aide, Paul O'Brien, was present and he spoke briefly about the presentation made at the last meeting by two students from the River Valley Charter School regarding the naming of the Southbound span of the I-95 bridge, and he implored the Selectmen to vote on the Resolution this evening. Selectman McDonald then read the Resolution into the record, as follows:

"RESOLUTION

SPONSORED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND SIXTEEN

BILL NO. _____

A RESOLUTION RELATIVE TO THE NAMING OF THE SOUTHBOUND SPAN OF THE NEWLY COMPLETED I-95 BRIDGE CONNECTING THE CITY OF NEWBURYPORT AND THE CITY OF AMESBURY

Summary: This resolution would request that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts name the southbound portion of the newly completed Interstate 95 Bridge in honor of William Lloyd Garrison

Be it ordained by the Board of Selectmen in the Town of Salisbury as follows:

WHEREAS, William Lloyd Garrison was a native of Newburyport, a renowned non-violent abolitionist, and a strong suffragist. He founded the Newburyport newspaper *The Liberator*, which was a newspaper dedicated to the abolition of slavery, and the New England Anti-Slavery Society; and:

WHEREAS, Amesbury native John Greenleaf Whittier and William Lloyd Garrison were close friends from different sides of the Merrimack River, two prominent brothers in arms that played a central role in abolition of slavery in the United States; and

WHEREAS, connecting both the northbound and southbound spans of Interstate 95 to the hometowns of John Greenleaf Whittier and William Lloyd Garrison would serve as a powerful symbol of their collective contribution to the abolitionist movement.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Town of Salisbury acknowledges and recognizes the many contributions of Newburyport native William Lloyd Garrison to the just causes of abolition, woman's suffrage, and other important social causes throughout his lifetime.
2. The Town of Salisbury hereby appreciates and supports the efforts made by the City of Newburyport, the students of the River Valley Charter School, and many other local residents that have helped raise awareness of this issue and have advocated on behalf of William Lloyd Garrison; and
3. The Town of Salisbury respectfully requests that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts name the southbound portion of the newly completed Interstate 95 Bridge in honor of William Lloyd Garrison”

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to approve the Resolution as presented.

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals:

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: The Green Cocoon – 107 Elm St., Rear, Tri-Clean Systems – 163 Bridge Rd., and Salisbury Winnelson – 2 Fanaras Drive.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to renew a **Sunday** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for the Hideaway Pub – 183 No. End Blvd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** license to the Dairy Queen – 96 Elm St. (new ownership).

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license to Face to Face – 90 Main St.

c. License Amendments

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve a name and address change on a Class II License from Aran Trading, 74 Main Street to Trans East Equipment, 67 Main St.

d. Committee Appointments - none

e. Update/Presentations: Health Agent/BOH

Jack Morris, Health Director, stated that the Board of Health voted at their last meeting to allow septic system designs to be approved administratively, shortening the process to 5 to 7 days rather than waiting for the next BOH meeting. He further reported that on April 12th a food service seminar was held in Town Hall for those who serve food in town covering updates in the general laws, information regarding allergies and issues of liability. Also, he has been working with the Lafayette Road sewer extension committee as well as supervising the on-going rental housing inspection program. Finally, he and the Building Inspector are working on addressing blighted properties: to date, one has been

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demolished, one is being sold, one has obtained a building permit to renovate, another is in the process of obtaining a building permit. The Town will be working with the Attorney General's Office to start the receivership process on the remaining properties. Amesbury has done the same thing which has been very successful.

f. Vote to Ask Board of Assessors to Certify Overlay Surplus

The Town Manager informed the Selectmen that he and Finance Director had been notified by the Chief Assessor that there are funds available in the Town's Overlay Reserve account that can be declared surplus and made available for appropriation at Town Meeting, and since there are certain requests from certain departments that are not able to be included in the FY17 General Fund budget he will be proposing that they be funded from the Overlay Reserve. Therefore, he asked that the Board vote to request that the Board of Assessors provide within 10 days a certification as outlined.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to request the Board of Assessors to provide certification within ten days of the amount of available overlay surplus.

g. Vote to Accept Old Locust Street Discontinuance

The Manager said that the Chief Assessor along with Town Counsel has done most of the work on this issue. Ms. Gorniewicz explained that in 2008 a vote was approved at Town Meeting authorizing the discontinuance of Old Locust Street, which runs from Main Street and intersects with I-95. There is also a section on the other side of the highway that intersects with Folly Mill Road. However, in 2008 the step to refer the matter from the Board of Selectmen to the Planning Board before taking the vote at Town Meeting was left out, and Town Counsel has recommended that the Selectmen take the step of referring the matter to Planning Board, which is then expected to recommend the discontinuance at its next meeting.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; it was unanimously voted as follows: The Board of Selectmen votes its intention to discontinue Old Locust Street as a town way, which way originates at Main Street, runs between parcels of land shown on Assessors Map 19 as Lot 217, and on Map 12 as Lots 53 and 54, and terminates at the I-95 off ramp that turns into Toll Road, as shown as "Locust Street" on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land in Salisbury, MA" prepared by Port Engineering Associates, Inc., September 9, 1996, recorded at the Essex South Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 310 Plan 9, including within such discontinuance the portion of Old Locust Street shown on Assessors Map 12 as Lot 88, and that the Board of Selectmen forward the discontinuance petition and plan to the Planning Board for its comments and recommendations pursuant to G.L. c.41, §§81G and 81I.

h. Verizon – Set Date for Public Hearing for Pole Re-location at 54 Beach rd.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing for the pole re-location on May 9, 2016 at 7:30 PM.

i. Vote to Renew Contract with Cataldo Ambulance Service

The Manager informed the Board that the contract with Cataldo Ambulance expires in June and they are interested in renewing it for another 3 years. He recommended that the Board vote to renew. Selectman Hunt said he knows that since the Town has had Cataldo Ambulance that he has had many positive comments/compliments on their service and he thanked Dennis Cataldo for that. Selectman Takesian said he has come to know Mt. Cataldo and can't emphasize enough the commitment that he and his Company has to the Town. Chuck Colburn of Bridge Road said he has had to utilize the services of Cataldo 4 or 5 times in the past 18 months and based on the information from his doctors he

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wouldn't be here now if it was not for them. Mr. Cataldo thanked everyone for their comments and said everybody on his staff works very well with the Police and Fire Departments.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to renew the contract with Cataldo Ambulance Service through June of 2019.

V. Comments by Visitors

Martha Dastous, a beach resident and realtor, addressed the Board about parking on Atlantic Ave. She is trying to sell two properties on Atlantic Ave., has had 25-plus showings and stated the reason nobody is buying is that there is no on-site parking for the properties she is trying to sell. She has even called property owners in the area to see if they would rent space and nobody is willing to do that. She asked the Board if they would vote to change the parking policy of the Town and allow residents to park in the Town-owned beach parking lot, to include overnight parking, so long as they had purchased a seasonal sticker. Chairman Condon pointed out that the Board could discuss the matter this evening, but since it is not an agenda item a vote could not be taken. Selectman Hunt said a few years ago there was talk about the Town renting spaces in the parking lot but nothing has formally been done about that. Selectman Takesian agreed that parking is becoming more of a problem and he would like to see the issue of leasing spaces in the Town's parking lot come back for discussion and reviewed again. Chairman Condon said that the matter was an important issue and that the Board will take the matter up again at an upcoming meeting.

VI. Sewer/Water

Lafayette Road Sewer Project Update

Lisa Pearson, Planning Director, gave a brief history of the sewer study. She noted that one of the reasons for looking at expanding sewer along Lafayette Road is that Heritage Park is under a Consent Order from DEP to install sewer. She said the Town was fortunate to be awarded a CDBG grant several years ago to replace the old septic system at Heritage Park, but that they ultimately will need to have sewer. Ms. Pearson then gave a Power-point presentation outlining the scope of work of the sewer expansion project, costs of the various phases, schedules, and the permitting process. Health Director Jack Morris spoke about septic systems that may be in failure and said there are provisions that can allow an existing system to be extended pending installation and connection to a new system. It was acknowledged that the costs of betterments for the project must be examined and all attempts will be made to keep the cost for property owners as reasonable as possible, including applying for State economic development grants. She noted that there will be several public meetings regarding the sewer project to which the public will be invited, and the study committee will be keeping the Selectmen updated. If the funding for the final design of Phases 2 and 3 is approved at the upcoming Town Meeting, the committee will continue to move forward, but the final decision to borrow will be done at a future Town Meeting, which will require a two-thirds vote to pass.

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Hearings - none

IX. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Harrington gave a brief overview of his written report, a copy of which is available in the Selectmen's office.

X. Selectmen's Report

a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:

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Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W16-173 through W16-181.

b. Subcommittee Reports

Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension: covered under VI.

Police Station: Mr. Richenburg reported that roofing will be starting shortly, windows have arrived and the bids have gone out for the interior furniture and computers. The project is still on schedule and a ribbon cutting should take place late October or early November.

Selectman Hunt said he attended the annual Baseball/Softball parade and he gave the kids and their parents a lot of credit and the Town as well for having such great facilities. He also went and viewed the floodwall that is being built along the Blackwater River and said they are doing a great job with this project.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

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

Minutes of April 11, 2016

Copies of licenses as listed

Verizon Request re: Pole re-location

Ambulance Contract

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:

Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____
Chuck Takesian, Clerk