

SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF AUGUST 15, 2016

PRESENT: Selectmen Wilma McDonald, Chairman; Henry Richenburg, Chuck Takesian, and Ronalee Ray-Parrott
ABSENT: Selectmen Condon
ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, Secretary

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

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

II. Acceptance of Minutes Minutes of July 25, 2016

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of July 25, 2016 as written.

III. Old Business - none

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals – no applications received

b. New Licenses:

Special Event Permit – Amesbury Jets Tag Days

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **Special Event Permit** for the Amesbury Jets to hold their annual tag days on Aug. 19, 20, and 21, 2016 from 8AM to 6PM.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Committee Appointments

Historical Commission – 1 opening for 3 years – 1 applicant: Paul Turner (incumbent)

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to re-appoint Paul Turner to the Historical Commission for a three-year term expiring on June 30, 2019.

e. Update/Presentations: Building Inspector

Scott Vanderwalle, Building Inspector reported this is his third summer and each summer gets busier. Business is up in the “building world” with the beach area being the busiest.

- In the past 6 months there have been 277 building permits issued and 210 electrical, plumbing and gas permits combined. Revenue for these permits was almost \$400,000. New residential structures totaled \$3.1M and commercial construction and renovation is \$1.1M.
- Rebuilding of The Deck was completed, permitted and has re-opened.
- Tom’s Discount put a tower up at the rear of his business.
- 24 permits for solar have been issued with a valuation of over \$1M and they continue to come in on a weekly basis.
- He got involved in the abandoned housing issue with Jack Morris: 15 Shea Street and a couple of other homes were removed and there are others being worked on.
- The last structure of the Tidewater Project is now complete.

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f. COA Director to Discuss Expenditures from the William Hilton Trust Fund for Building Improvements

Ms. Pettis spoke about the improvements needed at the Hilton Center, which was built in 1988, There are several items in need of replacement, the flooring being most in need. There was a COA Board meeting last week and they did vote to replace the flooring. Four quotes were received and she and the DPW Director reviewed them and offered it to the middle bidder in the amount of \$33,000. In checking references she found that the vendor to be reliable and had a favorable reputation.

The William Hilton Trust Fund has a little over \$64,000 in it but there is a stipulation that \$50,000 in principal must always remain in the Fund, so \$14,000 could be used for the flooring. There is also \$22,000 in the revolving funding that could be used.

In order to utilize monies from the Trust Fund Ms. Pettis requested that the Board approve it.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to approve the request for the \$14,000 to be withdrawn from the Trust Fund for the floor at the Hilton Center.

g. Vote to Accept Two Parcels of Land: Map 28, Lot 66 and Map 16, Lot 30

Mr. Harrington stated that the Town was recently approached by Carol Newton about the possibility of accepting a donation of 2 parcels of marsh land off Ferry Lots Lane that have been in tax title. The parcels are jointly owned by Ms. Newton and her late sister's estate. The lots are unbuildable and the taxes have been paid. The owners wish to donate the land to the Town. This was approved by the Conservation Commission but the Selectmen need to also approve accepting the parcels.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to approve the Salisbury Conservation Commission's acceptance of two parcels of land from Carol E. Newton and the Estate of Louise Shaefer, as voted by the Salisbury Conservation Commission at their meeting held on August 3, 2016 and to sign an Approval of Acceptance of Deed to be recorded with the Quitclaim Deed. Said parcels are shown on Assessors Map 16 as Lot 30 and on Assessors Map 28 as Lot 66.

h. Vote to Approve Settlement re: Housing Court Cases Involving 28 Mudnock Road

Mr. Harrington explained that several years ago 28 Mudnock Road had been illegally renovated into a two family home. When the property was put up for sale about 4-5 years ago, the owner and the real estate agent were notified, but the house was sold as a two-family anyway. The Town took the new owner to court, seeking to have the property converted back to a one-family residence. The matter has been in Housing Court for quite some time and the owner has finally decided to settle the matter with the town by making the necessary changes to convert the house back to a single family. Atty. John Goldrosen of Kopelman & Paige has sent the Board of Selectmen a settlement agreement and has recommended that the Board vote to approve the settlement.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the Settlement as presented by Town Counsel.

i. Establish Board Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2016

After a brief discussion regarding the remaining meetings in 2016, the following dates were agreed upon: September 12th and 26th; October 3rd and 17th; November 14th and 28th; and December 12th. If the need arises for a second meeting in December a Special Meeting can be scheduled.

V. Comments by Visitors - none

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VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. Hearings – none scheduled

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:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W17-13 through W17-28.

b. Subcommittee Reports

Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension:

Mr. Richenburg reported that the committee is actively working towards coming to the Fall Town Meeting with a proposal for the Town for the first 3 phases of the project, as well as looking into grants to apply for. Work has also begun on estimating what the betterments will be. The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 25th.

Police Station:

Mr. Richenburg noted that the new station is moving right along and everything seems to be on schedule.

Selectman Takesian reported as follows:

- He attended the "Blue Ribbon" ceremony in the square. This is to support all policemen and sponsored by the wives of the policemen. He feels that law enforcement officers have a hard job and are in need of everybody's support.
- He also passed on a favorable comment from a merchant at the beach who said in the past years they would all get complaints about the bathrooms and this year not one complaint was received. Selectman Takesian wanted to thank the DPW Director, his crew and the Manager.
- He commented that the State roads in town are in deplorable condition, coming from Newburyport, and including Beach Road, Rte. 1A, and North End Blvd. He noted that the sidewalks along No. End Blvd. are in poor condition as well. He said he knows we are on a list of some sort, but asked if there's anything the Town can do to expedite upgrades to these roads and sidewalks. Mr. Harrington said that Senator Ives-O'Connor has earmarked some money in the latest Transportation Bond Bill specifically for No. End Blvd., but it is unknown when that funding will be released. As far as Beach Road goes, nothing has been earmarked for that.

Selectman Richenburg re-iterated Selectman Takesian's comments about the police and said he feels that firefighters also need support.

XI. Executive Session

Contract for Assistant Town Manager

An Executive Session was not held this evening since there was not a full Board present.

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XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

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

Minutes of July 25, 2016

Copies of licenses as listed

Info copies Pertaining to the 2 parcels of Land (Item g)

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:

Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____
Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Clerk