

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING**  
**MONDAY, April 10, 2023, 2023 – 7:00 PM**  
**SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD**  
**COLCHESTER ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Chairman Chuck Takesian, Donna Abdulla, Wilma McDonald,  
Ronalee Ray-Parrott, and Michael Colburn

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

**I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag**

Chairman Takesian 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 March 27, 2023**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to Table the Minutes of March 27, 2023.

**III. Public Comment**

Tom Saab, 190 North End Blvd. said he wished to discuss the beach erosion problem. He said he has been getting the “run around” from the State and then cited several storms from March 2013 up to 2018 that had caused major erosion at the beach. He noted that Governor Baker had declared a “State of Emergency” for some of the storms but the State still didn’t provide any help. All restoration to the dunes were at the expense of the property owners. At the present time, the beach needs \$600,000 worth of sand plus the cost of spreading it for an additional \$300,000 to \$450,000. He asked if the Board could go to the State House and meet with the Governor herself. He was told the Town Manager has been to all the meetings and they are aware of our needs. Mr. Kady of 260 North End Blvd. stated that in January residents had requested a Declaration of Emergency for the storm that occurred on December 23, 2022, and it still has not been done. He also stated that he is the person who flew a drone over Salisbury to help gather information relative to the damage caused by the storm for submittal to DCR in support of State funding for dune re-nourishment and he did not understand why Newburyport and Plum Island had previous received aid from the State, but Salisbury has not.

**IV. Old Business**

**Discussion/Vote on Policy re: Use of Town-Owned Land**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to leave this item on the table.

**V. New Business**

**a. License Renewals:**

**Common Victualer – Burger King – 66 Main Street**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; 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: Burger King – 66 Main Street.

**Repair – Harry’s Auto Repair – 27 Elm Street**

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to renew a **Repair** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for: Harry’s Auto Repair – 27 Elm Street

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**Special Event Permits**

**The Stage – DJ & Live Bands from 6/23/23 through 9/2/23 Sponsored by the Beach Partnership**

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve.

**Bands on the Beach – Live Entertainment from 6/23/23 through 9/2/23 Sponsored by the Beach Partnership**

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve.

**Salisbury Farmers Markets & Picnic Concerts – Town Common – Thursday evenings from 5:00 – 8:00, June through September**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to approve.

**b. New Licenses**

**Common Victualer – Hungry Traveler Ice Cream Truck – 96 Beach Road**

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve.

**c. License Amendments - none**

**d. Liquor License Renewals - none**

**e. New Liquor Licenses**

**One Day Special Liquor License Permit – Rock n’ Roll Trivia – Salisbury Senior Center – May 6, 2023 from 5:30 – 10:00 PM, sponsored by the Lions Club**

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve.

**f. Committee Appointments**

**Agricultural Commission – 1 re-appointment to expire 6/30/24 – 1 applicant Fred Bishop requesting re-appointment**

Motion by Selectman Abdulla, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to re-appoint Fred Bishop for a term to expire 6/30/24.

**g. Update/Presentations: COA Director/Library Director**

Liz Pettis, COA Director, reported on activities over the past six months:

- Meals on Wheels delivered over 5,500 times to 70 different individuals.
- The monthly brown bags go out to twenty-four residents each month.
- The van driver delivers groceries each week from our food pantry to twelve homes. These are for the people who cannot get out to the pantry.
- The food pantry located in the senior center, averages over 50 guests weekly. In the last ten months close to 2,000 people were served, averaging 1,200 lbs. of food each week. The pantry is stocked weekly by Our Neighbors Table. The van driver also delivers about fifteen homemade dinners from St. Basil’s to Salisbury homebound each week.
- 1,200 rides were provided to 120 individuals, mostly to medical appointments, shopping, errands and social events.

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- Medical equipment is available for loan to anyone needing a walker, wheelchair, commodes, shower seats, and canes.
- Some of the activities held in the last 12 months include seminars on elder law, Medicare options, fraud prevention and money management, technology and painting classes.
- There is a monthly book club, corn hole competition, movie day and weekly balance, line dancing, yoga and senior fitness.
- The weekly walking group just started for the season: “Walking with Warren” on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9:00 AM leaving from the Senior Center and on to the rail trails.
- AARP volunteers have been doing tax preparation for low income individuals on Wednesdays and have processed over 100 returns this year.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> is the rescheduled St. Patrick’s luncheon with Whittier at the Senior Center.
- May is Older Americans month, with the theme of “Aging Unbound.” There will be a week of free classes, seminars on vintage cars, floral arranging, and adult day health. There will be a trip to Whittier High School for lunch at the Poets’ Inn and the annual skeeball tournament is scheduled for May 12 at Joe’s Playland.
- Another “stuff the bus” day will be held to get seniors comfortable with the routes, boarding and disembarking.
- The outreach coordinator has been busy assisting clients with fuel assistance, Medicare and Mass. Health.
- Ms. Pettis reminded MassHealth members who are 65+ or older that MassHealth coverage is no longer automatically renewed – members have to update your personal information so if you receive a blue envelope in the mail from MassHealth action has to be taken. If you need help call the senior center.
- The Center will be working with the Health Director to schedule vaccine clinics for the Fall.

Terry Kyrios, Library Director, reported:

- Beyond the regular activities, four book groups meet monthly, there are five Tarot classes monthly and three yoga classes a week; there is also a Forensic Science Roadshow, watercolor class, and a mushroom foraging walk scheduled.
- Regular activities for the kids include Monday’s Drop-In Story time at 10:30, and Wednesdays with Maple the therapy dog at 1:00 PM.
- Story Hour bags can be picked up any time, and a new one is available every two weeks. 1800 bags have been prepared and distributed since July.
- During school vacation week the kids can meet Maple the therapy dog Wednesdays from 1:00 to 2:00 PM.
- The Fairy Walk is scheduled for April 29-30. May 4 is a special Star Wars day and kids can take a selfie with Darth Vader or Baby Yoda.
- The summer program is still in its planning stage but will include Curious Creatures, Lindsay and her puppets, Theater in the Open, Ed the Wizard.
- Beach Story Hours are held Tuesdays during the summer. This activity is being coordinated with Parks & Recreation.
- In most cases, funding for all these activities is provided by the Friends of the Library so they can be offered to the public at no charge.
- There are brochures at the front desk that outline all the services offered by the Library.

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- Ms. Kyrios reminded everyone that there are museum passes available for school vacation that can be ordered on line or by calling the library. They are for the NH Children's Museum, Museum of Fine Arts, Museum of Science, NE Aquarium, Peabody Essex Museum, and the Seacoast Science Center.

**h. Vote re: Right of First Refusal for Property at 135 Beach Road, Unit 313**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted that the Board not exercise their right of first refusal for this property.

**i. Vote re: Right of First Refusal for Property at 135 Beach Road, Unit B317**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted that the Board not exercise their right of first refusal for this property

**j. Vote Refer to the Planning Board a Zoning Amendment re: Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (Chapter 300, Article XX), pursuant to MGL. Ch. 40A, Section 5**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman McDonald; Voted to Refer to the Planning Board a Zoning Amendment re: Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (Chapter 300, Article XX) for a public hearing, pursuant to MGL. Ch. 40A, Section 5

**k. Vote to Send Letter to DCR re: Access Points 8, 9, and 10 at Salisbury Beach**

At this point of the meeting, Senator Bruce Tarr made an impromptu visit. The Board explained the damage done to Access points 8, 9, and 10 and the need for the public to access the beach. Members noted that it is critical to ensure that people can access the beach in the upcoming summer season and if proper access isn't provided they will find the means to get on the beach, causing damage to the dunes, etc. Senator Tarr said information had been forwarded to DCR Acting Commissioner Rice, who is no longer there and that Governor Healy was expected to announce the choice of a new Commissioner shortly. He also said it is important to continue communicating with DCR and to stress the importance of repairing the access points, but he cautioned the Town to not damage the relationship that it has with DCR. He also said he would reach out to the Governor's office.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to send a letter to DCR expressing their concern about repairing damage: Access Points 8, 9, and 10.

Selectman Colburn asked that the letter include a reference to the negative environmental impact that will be the result of people trying to access the beach by means other than the access points.

**VI. Sewer/Water**

**VII. Correspondence – Notification from Comcast re: a cancellation of a program.**

**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.

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**X. Selectmen's Report**

**a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W23-116 through W23-123.

**XI. Executive Session - none**

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen's Office:  
Minutes of March 27, 2027

Copies of licenses as listed  
Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:  
Janet E. Flannery, Secretary


Approved: \_\_\_\_\_



Michael Colburn, Clerk

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager 

Date: April 10, 2023

Re: April 10<sup>th</sup> Report to the Board

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Outlined below is a summary of activities over the past two weeks. Please let me know if you have questions about any of these items.

1) Electricity Aggregation Program

I received a report today from Colonial Power, the Town's electricity aggregation consultant, showing that Salisbury electricity customers saved \$1,087,783 in the most recent quarter over the National Grid basic service rate for electricity. Of the total, residential customers saved \$827,153, or 76% of the total savings. Obviously, this underscores the great benefit that enrollment in this program has meant to the Town.

2) Comcast Upgrade

I am pleased to report that, pursuant to a request made by the Board of Selectmen and the SCTV Board of Directors, Comcast will be providing upgraded High Definition service to our local cable TV stations as of May 2.

3) Street Paving

After receiving input from all members of the Board, and after consulting with DPW Director Jamie Tuccolo, I am pleased to announce the list of streets for the spring 2023 street upgrade and paving program. Using the most recent roadway management study and taking into consideration of the ratings of each street in town, I am happy to report that this year's plan includes the upgrading and repaving of five of the lowest-rated streets in the community. The list of streets to be done is as follows:

Congress Street, Central Avenue, Daniel Court, Brooks Street, Allen Drive and Lynne Street.

In addition, sewer work will be done on Cable Avenue in the spring, and then Cable Avenue will be re-paved in the fall of 2023. The total cost of these upgrades is slightly more than \$1 million.