**PRESENT**: Selectmen Chuck Takesian Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Henry Richenburg,

Freeman J. Condon, and Ronalee Ray-Parrott

**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. She then announced, per the Open Meeting Law, that this meeting is being recorded and broadcast live.

He then introduced the new DPW Director, Lisa DeMeo. She then thanked the Town Manager and Board for giving her the opportunity of being our new DPW Director.

## II. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of Special Meeting of May 17, 2017, May 22, 2017 Regular & Executive Session Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the special Meeting of May 17, 2017, May 22, 2017 Regular & Executive Session as written.

#### III. Old Business

## Parking Lot License for Broadway Parking Lot – 12 Broadway

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to remove from the table.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the Parking Lot License at 12 Broadway.

#### IV. New Business

## a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; 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: Bonnie Roberge – 76 Beach Road and Richard Surette – 218 Lafayette Rd.

## **b.** New Licenses

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for Stateline Liquors – 45 Toll Road (Formerly Marte-L)

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for John Joseph Kelley – 74 Beach Road contingent on his obtaining his FFL Permit. If he is not successful in doing so this General License will be null and void.

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for D.S. Weymouth Corp. – 4R Main St.

#### c. License Amendments - none

## d. Committee Appointments - none

## e. Update/Presentations: Police Chief/Planning Director

Chief Fowler reported that the past six months have been very busy and continue to get busier and busier. He compared activity in the most recent 6-month period to the same period last year: calls for service were up by 1,356 incidents or 20%; arrests up by 38 or 12%; and motor vehicle crashes increased by 13 or 13%. He stated that the sharp rise doesn't relate solely to an increase in calls to the station but rather to officers being proactive in law enforcement. His department is working closely with Pettengill House as a way to combat Salisbury's problem with opiate addiction. Although figures were down a bit for the first six months of 2016 compared to 2016 the police responded to 25 drug overdoses since January, 5 being fatal. He credits the use of Narcan, which is an opiate inhibitor, for saving lives. His department received grants to allow investigative work this summer which will allow them to conduct "stings" to ensure establishments are following the laws and not overserving or serving underage patrons. The goal is to curb drunken driving and keeping the roads safe.

He announced that Sgt. Scione will be retiring in August and an assessment center exercise is being planned to help with his replacement instead of just relying on results of the sergeant exam.

The old police station parking lot is being restored for motorcycle parking and the feel will be paid at the kiosk in the municipal lot.

Regarding the traffic problem this weekend he found out that DCR had changed the exiting pattern from the reservation. He did speak to the Director to see if something could be done to alleviate the problem.

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to take item "h" out of order.

**Lisa Pearson, Planning Director** reported that the most active project at the present time is the Broadway Mall which is hopefully to be completed next week with a grand opening "kick-off" event scheduled for June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Working on the Brewfest Event sponsored by Parks & Rec. as well as with the library. They are hoping to have movie nights on Tuesdays for the kids with the help of Tom Saab as to how that can be done.

She also spoke about the Town Common project which is going out to bid, the Police Station is finished as well as the punch list, Seabrook Road is under construction and Pleasant Street is about to begin. The CDBG for FY17 was submitted and she is waiting to hear if Salisbury will receive it this year; under the FY16 grant there are scholarships available for the Boys & Girls Club Summer Program and the last of the Amesbury/Salisbury projects are finishing up.

She will be applying for the MassWorks Grant for the Lafayette Road sewer project and Jay Ashe will be visiting Salisbury on June 21<sup>st</sup> touring the town and Lafayette Road will be one of his stops.

There will be a community housing needs workshop held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 6PM in the Town hall. This will be to determine Salisbury's housing needs and Salisbury residents are invited to take part in the workshop. The results will become part of the MVPC's regional housing plan for the Merrimack Valley.

#### f. Vote to Approve and Sign the Brownfield Grant Anticipation Note

Mr. Harrington explained that this is the 29 Elm Street affordable housing project and the only action the Board has to take is to approve the Note and vote to sign it.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve and sign the Brownfield Grant Anticipation Note

## g. Vote to Approve Police Superiors Contract for FY17 – FY19

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve the Police Superiors Contract for FY17 – FY19.

## h. Vote to Approve Fire Chief Contract

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the Fire Chief Contract. Scott Carrigan was then introduced as the new Fire Chief who will replace Chief Souliotis upon his retirement on June 30, 2017. Scott then addressed the Board stating he greatly appreciate the time spend with everyone and with the questions asked, etc. He plans on spending time with everyone and individually to find out what he can do to make the transition as smoothly as possible and he is looking forward to coming to Salisbury. Selectman Condon spoke on behalf of the Board and he welcomed him to Salisbury. He said he was very impressed when he was interviewed, with his technical knowledge of firefighting and he was the only one who talked about the "open window" and the way he talked sincerely about family and that means a great deal to him. Board then returned to item "e".

## V. Comments by Visitors

#### VI. Sewer/Water

**VII.** Correspondence – MBTA Announcement Re: the Beverly Commuter Rail Bridge and Positive Train Control Projects.

### 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:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W17-184 through W17-191.

#### **b.** Subcommittee Reports

**Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension**: Will be applying for a grant to make this project affordable to have sewer – still in a holding pattern.

### **XI.** Executive Session

Motion by Selectmen Condon, Second by Selectmen Richenburg; unanimously voted to move into Executive Session at 8:20 PM to discuss strategy Re: the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Firefighters Contract, FY16-FY17, to do so in open session may compromise the bargaining position of the Town. The Board will not return to open session and those present will be the Selectmen, Town Manager, and Secretary Janet Flannery. Roll Vote: Selectman Richenburg – yes; Selectman Condon – yes; Selectman Ray-Parrott – yes; Selectman McDonald – yes; Chairman Takesian – yes.

## XII. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned following Executive Session at 8:50 PM.

Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen's Office: Minutes of May 17, 2017, and May 22, 2017 Regular & Executive Session. Copies of licenses as listed Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:		
Janet E. Flannery, Secretary		
	Approved:	
		Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Clerk