

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 14, 2013

PRESENT: Selectmen Fred Knowles, Acting Chairman; Donald Beaulieu and Jerry Klima
ABSENT: Chairman Richenburg and Selectman Hunt
ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, Secretary

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Acting Chairman Knowles called the meeting to order at 5:00 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. New Business**a. Town Clerk re: Vote to Set Town Election**

Ms. Mahoney explained that with the resignation of Senator Kerry and the Primary Election being scheduled for April 30th, she requested that the Town combine the annual election which would save approximately \$2,500 to \$3,000 and also give an extra two hours for voting. A copy of the revised deadlines and schedule is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Motion by Selectman Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Klima; unanimously voted to adopt the amended schedule of elections for the Spring Election.

b. License Renewal – Class III – Paul's Auto Salvage – 72 Seabrook Rd.

Motion by Selectman Klima, Second by Selectman Beaulieu; unanimously voted to approve the Class III renewal for Paul's Auto Salvage – 72 Seabrook Road with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals.

c. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Klima; unanimously voted to approve a **Repair** license for Gear Heads – 137 Lafayette Rd., Unit B.

Motion by Selectman Klima, Second by Selectman Beaulieu; unanimously voted to approve a **General** to Merrimack Valley Massage – 191 Elm St. subject to changing the insurance information to read sole proprietor.

Motion by Selectman Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Klima; unanimously voted to approve a **General** to Tek City, LLC – 191 Elm St. subject to providing a corrected worker's compensation affidavit indicating that he is exempt from having the worker's comp.

Motion by Selectman Klima, Second by Selectman Beaulieu; unanimously voted to approve a **Taxicab** license to Port Taxi, Inc. as issued by the Town Clerk subject to insuring that Port Taxi is named as an additional insured on the policy insuring Carsport Taxi.

c. Approve Refinancing of Unit 209 at 135 Beach Rd.

Selectman Klima explained that this was on the agenda because this is an affordable unit and any changes that take place must be approved by the Selectmen.

Motion by Selectman Klima, Second by Selectman Beaulieu; unanimously voted to approve the refinancing of Unit 209 at 135 Beach Rd.

II. Comments by Visitors - none

III. Selectmen's Report

Motion by Selectman Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Klima; unanimously voted to ratify the following Warrants: W13-115 thru W13-129.

Selectman Klima said he walked a large part of Salisbury Beach after the blizzard and spoke about the large sections of dunes that were destroyed. Mr. Harrington said he will be contacting the State to see what action is going to be taken to replace them. In addition, Mr. Harrington commended Bob Cook, EOC Director in the way he handled the recent storm. In addition to his efforts, he also thanked Kristine Harrison, the Fire Chief, Police Chief, DPW Director, and Building Inspector for all their help and input and a special thanks to all the volunteers who managed the shelter at the COA, did the cooking, etc.

The Town Manager also announced that the Police Chief just received a grant from the US Dept. of Justice and a permanent Med Return Drug Collection Unit was purchased and is in the lobby of the Police Station. This information will be posted on the website.

Mr. Harrington also made a statement regarding the Fox News report which was highly misleading because a tremendous amount of misinformation was given to Fox News. He clarified that the people who complained and went to Fox News are people who neglected their own animals and even though they claimed to have paid \$1,000 they did not pay a dime. As for the fees, kennel fees do not come to the Town and the violation fees collected are lower because Mr. Congdon has made it his practice to give warnings for first offenses rather than fining the people. Mr. Congdon operates 3 or 4 businesses on the same large lot and the picture taken of the junk cars is not where the kennel is located. Several facts were left out of the story and the source was not credible. He wanted to set the record straight so people will know and understand that the operation is well run and that Mr. Congdon has a lot of compassion for the animals and does his best to find homes for abandoned animals rather than putting them down.

IV. Adjournment

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

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

Copies of licenses as listed
Town Manager's Report
Revised Election Schedule

Respectfully submitted:
Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____
Fred Knowles, Clerk