

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MAY 13, 2013

PRESENT: Selectmen Henry Richenburg, Chairman; Ed Hunt, Fred Knowles, Donald Beaulieu and Freeman Condon

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

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Richenburg 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 22, 2013 and Special Meeting of April 29, 2013

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Beaulieu; voted to approve the Minutes of April 22, 2013 and the Special Meeting of April 29, 2013. VOTE: 3 yeas – Selectmen Condon and Knowles abstained.

III. Old Business - none

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Knowles; 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 Pushcart Caterers – State Reservation

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Beaulieu; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** license for Stripers Grille – 175 Bridge Rd. subject to the Board of Health approvals.

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Knowles; unanimously voted to approve a license for **Live Entertainment** (piano during dinner hours on week-ends) to Stripers Grille – 175 Bridge Rd. subject to the Board of Health approvals

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Knowles; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license to: Creative Cuts Hair Design & Spa – 167 Elm St., and Bob's Mobile RV Service – 78 Ferry Rd.

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Knowles; unanimously voted to approve a **Special Event Permit** to the Winners Circle Running Club for their 24th Evelyn's Run for the Roses Road Race and to the Salisbury Fire Association for the annual "Timmy Trot 5K" for Lt. Tim Oliveira.

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve a **Special Event Permit** to the Amesbury Youth Football/Cheerleading for tag days to be held Aug. 22, 23, and 24, 2013

c. License Amendments - none

d. Committee Appointments - none

e. Update/Presentations: Fire Chief

Chief Souliotis reported:

- The new software for the new computer system has just been installed and his staff is being trained now. This new system enables an inspector to now go out on an inspection with an ipad, make his notes, print out the report and give it to the business owner immediately.
- The fire boat has one more repair and once that is done it will be ready to go back in the water for the summer.
- All firefighters have completed their CPR and defibrillator training for the year.
- In closing he thanked the citizens in town who shoveled out their hydrants and kept them open this past winter.

f. Lisa Pearson re: National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

Ms. Pearson stated that residents have been asking the Town to participate in the rating system program through FEMA in order to get discounts on their flood insurance. The Planning Dept., Assessors, Selectmen and ConComm have been working toward getting all the information gathered to apply and everything is ready to move forward, but a letter signed by the Chairman has to be included.

Motion by Selectman Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to have the Chairman sign the letter as requested.

V. Comments by Visitors

Bob White – 11 Atlantic Ave. – spoke about the Sidewalk Café and the safety hazard it presents in its present condition; there are holes in the roof, kids go up there drinking, playing ball and Frisbee and someone is going to get hurt. He made some suggestions as to what could be done with the property once the building is demolished and he asked the Selectmen to make sure there are no problems and that permits are not held up.

Paula Moore – No. End Blvd. – said that she had mentioned a month ago about the possibility of the Town adopting the local meals tax option and stated that Salisbury is leaving about \$200,000 on the table by not having the additional tax. She feels Salisbury could benefit by it and would like the Town to take advantage of it instead of raising taxes.

Chuck Colburn, representing the Lions Club, announced that a blood drive will take place this Friday at the COA from 1 – 6 PM.

Lou Masiello – No. End Blvd., representing the Democratic Committee, announced that they have had a food drive at the Town Meeting for the past 6 years to help the Pettengill House and they will be doing so again this year, and urged everyone to bring perishable items with them to the Town Meeting.

Tom Saab – Citizens for a Change said he is sure everyone is aware of what the State did last week bringing the sand to the center and then on No. End Blvd., but then ran out of sand and the residents from 170 – 260 No. End Blvd. didn't receive any. He believes the Town "dropped the ball" and nobody took the initiative from the Town to check and see what was going on and he feels the Town has to be more active. Chairman Richenburg said the Board of Selectmen and Town have been very active in the whole process. Mr. Harrington said the last time the Conservation Agent and Chairperson of ConComm talked about the restoration project proposed by DCR, several people objected to the Plan DCR put forward and he pointed out that Ms. Rowden explained that the Town cannot tell DCR where to put the sand, but can tell them where not to put it. Mr. Harrington said nobody is happy about the situation, including Rep. Costello, but that the Town has not dropped the ball – DCR did not have a good plan and they didn't apply for an adequate amount of sand. The Town cannot tell them how to harvest the sand or how much to harvest. Mr. Saab asked where one goes from here for the areas that are in danger and need sand, and he asked if there is another mechanism to get sand. Mr. Harrington said Salisbury Beach is the State's

property and it up to DCR to get more sand. Selectman Hunt said he attended a meeting where the State talked about how to get more sand. He suggested scraping sand that is up against the jetty. Another area would be west of Atlantic Ave., where there is a lot of sand and he suggested the State take that sand and fill in areas of need on the beach. He said that the State knows we need more sand and he hopes that Rep. Costello will be able to secure the funds. Selectman Knowles urged Mr. White's group to continue to push DCR to get the Sidewalk Café torn down.

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence

- Notice of the official opening of the Rail Trail Connector on Friday, May 17th at 2PM.
- Letter from Kirsten O'Malley resigning from the Liquor Commission due to personal commitments. Motion by Selectman Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to accept the resignation, to send a letter of thanks and to post the vacancy.
- Comcast information re: price adjustment effective July 1, 2013.
- Notice of a Pipeline Safety program.

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 Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W13-152 thru W13-166.

Selectman Knowles announced that the Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for May 27th starting at 10AM from the Fire Station and urged everyone to take part. He also mentioned an e-mail sent from a production company about the making of a movie and they have selected Salisbury as one of the locations. Selectman Knowles asked how the Town can make it happen. Mr. Harrington said that he expected that individual would be seeking to come to the next Board meeting.

Selectman Condon thanked everyone who voted for him and he looks forward to serving the Town once again. Selectman Hunt welcomed him to the Board and said he believes he will be a great asset to the Town.

Chairman Richenburg reminded everyone that Town Meeting is a week from tonight and encouraged everyone to attend.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Beaulieu, Second by Selectman Knowles; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

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

Minutes of April 22, 2013 and Special Meeting of April 29, 2013

Copies of licenses as listed

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:
Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____
Fred Knowles, Clerk