

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF OCTOBER 5, 2015

PRESENT: Selectmen Freeman J. Condon, Chairman; Ed Hunt, Henry Richenbourg, Wilma McDonald and Chuck Takesian

ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Agnes Donovan, Secretary

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Condon 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 -- none

III. Old Business

a. Taxi License – Phat Cabbie Transportation – 21 No. End Blvd.

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Richenbourg unanimously voted to remove the license application for **Phat Cabbie Transportation** from the table.

Crystal Harvey and David Cross appeared before the Board. Ms. Harvey said they currently have one car and hope to grow. Chairman Condon asked if they were familiar with the Town of Salisbury Bylaw and Ms. Harvey said they are. Selectman McDonald asked if they had taxi plates and if they were aware that the Selectmen set the rates and Ms. Harvey said they are aware.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Richenbourg; unanimously voted to approve a **Taxi** license for **Phat Cabbie Transportation – 21 North End Blvd.** contingent of their acquiring insurance and having all paperwork submitted to the Town Clerk.

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals – none

b. New Licenses – none

c. License Amendments- none

d. Committee Appointments – none

e. Update/Presentations: DPW Director/Planning Director

Don Levesque, DPW Director, reported that:

- Work is almost complete on the Lincoln Ave./Howard George Court project. He noted that the entrance to Lincoln Ave. is narrower than it once was, but the street is the same width.
- The Salisbury square water line replacement project is a unique project that had to be done in the summer because of the funding requirements of the State grant that the Town received. He said that there would be grinding of the streets during the week of October 19th, weather permitting, and then the paving would be done one to two weeks later. This does not include Pleasant Street, which is a separate project to be done in the future.
- The beach parking lot generated \$200,000 in revenues during this past summer season.
- 700 catch basins have been cleaned.
- The drop-off box for water and sewer payments has been relocated from the Beach Road water facility to the DPW building.
- The cell tower project is moving ahead and is expected to be activated by the end of the month.
- Due to the low rain volume in recent months, the Town needs to have the water restrictions remain in place for a while longer.
- The Town's Household Hazardous Waste Day will be on November 7th from 9A.M. to 12P.M. and the Fall Festival will be held on October 24th, from 1 to 4 P.M.

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In response to a question from Selectman Richenburg, Mr. Levesque confirmed that the Seabrook well in the same aquifer as Salisbury's well #7 is deeper.

In response to a question from Selectman Richenburg about the likelihood of desalination becoming a popular idea in the years ahead, Mr. Levesque said that it takes about ten gallons of salt water to produce one gallon of drinking water. He also expressed concerns about the plumbing in people's homes and the potential cost to retrofit infrastructure to accommodate desalinated water.

Selectman Hunt said he received complaints from residents on Mudnock Rd. about water in their cellar. Don Levesque said he had not heard any complaints but that he will look into this.

In response to a question from Selectman Takesian about the pavement and lining of the square, Mr. Levesque said it hopefully (weather permitting) would be done by the end of the month.

In response to a question from Selectman Takesian about the historic building at Minister's Corner, Mr. Levesque stated that he would be checking the furnace and that there is a plan to paint the house next year.

Lisa Pearson, Planning Director, provided the following project updates:

- Salisbury Square water line – Ms. Pearson echoed Mr. Levesque's comments about the State grant having determined the timeline for construction this past summer. She stated she knew it was difficult for the businesses in the square during construction, but that we were coming to the end of the project, which should be the end of November. She stated that the next step would be pavement and that she is working to make it as less inconvenient as possible and that she will be sure to communicate the information to the local businesses.

- Lincoln Ave/Howard George Project – should be complete by the end of October or the beginning of November.

- Stevens Trail – Ms. Pearson said we received a grant for the trail off the Eastern Marsh Trail. She said it was a mile loop. She thanked local contractors for their donations as the project was more difficult than originally thought. She said it was a cooperative effort and was almost done.

- Library – Ms. Pearson stated the library project was a great success and was now open to the public. She stated they were still working on some punch list items.

- Police Station – She stated that the site work is underway.

- Park – Construction finalized in June/July. They are working to having the grass grow. She stated they are working with the Lions Club who is spearheading efforts for a handicap tot lot. She is looking for corporate sponsor to donate amenities.

- Lafayette/Main Street zoning – Ms. Pearson stated that this will be on the Fall Town warrant.

- Community Development Block Grant – Ms. Pearson said they have started to receive applications for Salisbury and Amesbury. In response to a question from Selectman McDonald, Ms. Pearson explained that if the Town is classified as CDF1 then we can apply every year but that last year Salisbury was moved to a CDF2 category which only allows the Town to apply

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every other year. She stated we are partnering with Amesbury as the State is encouraging regional agreements. She is hoping for a change in the formula which would return the Town to CDF1 status.

•Veteran's Memorial – In response to a question from Selectman Hunt, Ms. Pearson said they need to buy monuments, do a survey and do the site work. They are at the decision making stage and have to decide what to do first.

f. Vote to Vote to Approve Inter-Local Agreement with Amesbury for Regional Participation in Mass. FY15 CDBG Program

Selectman McDonald recused herself and left the room.

Town Manager Harrington reminded the Board that the Town had successfully submitted a joint application with the City of Amesbury for a CDBG grant several months ago. He advised the Board that they had copies of the Agreement, and he asked the Board to approve the Agreement and authorize the BOS Chairman to sign the document.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Hunt, unanimously Voted: to approve the Inter-Local Agreement with Amesbury for Regional Participation in the Mass. FY15 CDBG Program and to authorize the Board of Selectman Chairman to sign the document.

V. Comments by Visitors – none

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence

Selectman Takesian advised the Board that the Town received correspondence from Xfinity providing Municipal Emergency Reporting Procedures.

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 Takesian, unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W16-53 thru W16-54.

b. Subcommittee Reports

Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension: Mr. Richenburg reported that engineering for the project was ongoing.

Selectman Hunt complained about the high cost of cable service in the Town. He also asked how much local meals tax revenue the town had received in the past fiscal year, and Mr. Harrington said noted that it was approximately \$225,000.

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Selectmen Condon and Takesian commented favorably on the library and thanked the Library Building Committee for their hard work.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman MacDonald; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted:
Agnes Donovan, Secretary

Approved: _____
Chuck Takesian, Clerk