

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 – 7:00 PM
SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD
COLCHESTER ROOM**

PRESENT: Selectmen Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Freeman J. Condon, Chuck Takesian, and Donna Abdulla

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

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Ray-Parrott 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.

**II. Acceptance of Minutes
Minutes of August 13, 2018**

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of August 13, 2018 as written.

III. Old Business

Discussion/Vote re: Request of National Grid Steelworkers Union for Moratorium on Non-Emergency Gas Permits

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to remove this item from the table.

Jeff Hames of the Steelworkers Union addressed the Board once again, requesting Salisbury to join 23 other towns who have vote to declare a moratorium on issuing non-emergency gas permits until the labor dispute with National Grid is settled. He said he is hoping that at the upcoming negotiating meeting on Thursday there will be a resolution. He had provided a power point presentation via e-mail prior to this evening's meeting, which the Board had reviewed, and didn't feel it was necessary to play it again.

Selectman Condon said he had a concern for safety, but also had concern for people in town waiting for permits.

Grace Marchese of 50 Beach Road said she is a concerned resident and urged the Board to vote in favor of the moratorium. She noted that her son works for the union.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; voted to not declare a moratorium on issuing non-emergency gas permits. VOTE: 3 yeas – Chairman Ray-Parrott and Selectman Condon opposed. Motion carried.

Selectman Takesian said he was also concerned about safety and expressed hope that the two sides can reach an agreement and everybody can get back to work.

Selectman McDonald said she has a problem with the Town getting in the middle of the labor dispute between the union and National Grid.

Selectman Abdulla said she also had concerns about safety but did not want to put the Town in the middle of the dispute.

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Chairman Ray-Parrott said she agrees with the safety concerns expressed by the union and came tonight prepared to vote in favor of the moratorium.

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman Takesian, 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: Carla's Cut 'N' Curl – 25 Old Elm St., and Mobil Mini – 77 Bridge Rd.

b. New Licenses

Special Event Permit

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to approve a Special Event Permit to the Parks & Recreation for their annual Brewfest on October 13, 2018 on Broadway from 5PM – 8PM. VOTE: 4 yeas – Chairman Ray-Parrott abstained. Motion carried.

c. License Amendments

d. Liquor License Renewals

e. New Liquor Licenses

One Day Liquor License

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to approve a One-Day Liquor License for the Annual Brewfest scheduled for Oct. 13, 2018 on Broadway from 5PM – 8PM sponsored by the Salisbury Park & Recreation. VOTE: 4 yeas – Chairman Ray-Parrott abstained. Motion carried.

f. Committee Appointments

Harbor Commission: Two openings – 1 for 2 years/1 for 3 years and 2 alternates for 3 years: 1 applicant: Christopher Chapman requesting re-appointment as an alternate.

Prior to voting, Selectman McDonald said she spoke with Mr. Chapman and asked if he would consider being a regular member since he is the Chairman and he agreed that he would.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to appoint Christopher Chapman to the Harbor Commission for a 3-year term, to expire June 30, 2021. The vacant alternate position will be posted.

g. Update/Presentations: Town Clerk and Town Planner (Re: FEMA Grants)

Melinda Morrison, Town Clerk, reported that her office has been quite busy since her last report. The annual election was held in May, with a turn-out of 26% of the registered voters, the State Primary had an 18% turn-out, and there were over 500 voters at the annual Town Meeting. Traffic violations were heavy and 2400 parking tickets were issued. There was also an up-tick in the purchasing of resident parking stickers. She reminded everyone that the Annual Fall Town Meeting is scheduled for October 22nd and the last day for residents to register to vote is October 12, 2018. There will be early voting again this year starting on October 22nd and ending November 2nd. She also encouraged new residents to make sure they are registered and if they are not to please go to the Clerk's office and do

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so. She also announced that absentee ballots can be requested now. In closing, Ms. Morrison thanked the DPW and COA for all their help on election days.

Lisa Pearson, Town Planner, gave an update on a specific type of FEMA grant that may be of interest to town residents, particularly after the severe storms of last winter. The grant program provides funding, on a reimbursable basis, for private residents to elevate their homes if they are in a flood zone. This funding could apply to people who own homes anywhere in town, not just the beach. She said that she plans to announce soon that the Town will hold meetings for residents to attend to learn about the grant program. A fact sheet will be made available to the homeowners at the meeting. She noted that the Town would be the official applicant, but that homeowners would need to fill out the appropriate paperwork and agree to provide the funding up front. She suggested that, in order to justify the amount of time that Town staff would need to devote to coordinating such an effort, she would like to see a minimum of five applicants.

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to support the Town applying for this type of FEMA grant.

h. Vote to Accept Recreational Trail Easement from Seabrook Firemen's Association, Inc.

Mr. Jerry Klima addressed the Board and informed them that he had been working on developing a rail trail system in town since the year 2000. He reported that the newest section of the trail will run from Mudnock Road all the way to the New Hampshire border, crossing Elm Street (Rte. 110), running behind Lions Park and across Lafayette Road (Rte. 1), behind the elementary school and Partridge Brook park, all the way to just short of Route 286. The trail at this time is not slated to run underneath Rte. 286, but to terminate close to the border. The Seabrook Firemen's Association has donated an easement to Salisbury for the continuation of the rail trail, and he requested that the Board vote to accept the easement.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to accept the Recreational Trail Easement from the Seabrook Firemen's Association, Inc.

i. Vote to Approve Sale of Bond Anticipation Notes for Park Land Improvements (Town Common), Lafayette Road Sewer Planning Phases 2 & 3, Wastewater Treatment Facility, and Water Well #8 Construction

Information had been provided to the Selectmen prior to this evening and the Manager explained that the motion before the Board was to roll over the existing BANs that are coming due.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve the sale of Bond Anticipation Notes for Park Land Improvements (Town Common), Lafayette Road Sewer Planning Phases 2 & 3, Wastewater Treatment Facility, and Water Well #8 Construction

j. Vote to Refer to the Planning Board a Zoning Amendment to Article XIII, Inclusionary Housing Requirements

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to refer to the Planning Board a Zoning Amendment to Article XIII, Inclusionary Housing Requirements, as required by law.

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k. Discussion of Triton School Committee Vacancy

Chairman Ray-Parrott announced that there is a vacancy on the Triton School Committee due to the resignation of a member. According to Triton's charter, this vacancy must be filled by a vote of the Board of Selectmen and the remaining two Triton School Committee members from Salisbury. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest to the Board of Selectmen by Friday, September 14th and interviews will be held next Wednesday, Sept. 19th at 6:00 PM. A vote to fill the vacancy will be taken at the next Selectmen's meeting on September 24. This position will be held until May of 2019, at which time the individual will have to campaign for re-election for the remainder of the term, which expires in 2020.

V. Comments by Visitors

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Hearings – none scheduled

IX. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Harrington did not have a written report, but reported on the following:

- The Veterans Director resigned recently for personal reasons so this position is currently vacant. Any veteran with any needs should contact Mr. Kevin Hunt, the Veterans Director in Newburyport. Checks will continue to be processed here and once the position is filled locals veterans will be notified.
- The Agricultural Commission is up and running. Four members met recently with the Manager and Town Clerk and agreed to begin meeting quarterly. He and the Town Clerk briefed the new Commission members re: the Open Meeting Law requirements, the required ethics test and other information that the Commission should know before convening their first meeting. This is an advisory board and they will be reporting to the Board of Selectmen.
- A consultant has been hired to work with the DPW Director to study the flooding issues on Liberty Street and how to remedy the situation.
- Lastly, due to the efforts of Finance Director Karen Snow, the FY2019 budget deficit created by the extraordinary increase in the Town's assessment from Triton has been reduced from \$549,000 to a projected \$200,000. If additional cuts cannot be identified without layoffs of Town employees and reduction of services, the Manager said he may recommend a one-time transfer of funds from the Town's Stabilization Fund to eliminate the remainder of the deficit.

X. Selectmen's Report

a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W19-21 through W19-37.

Selectman Condon said that several weeks ago the Town lost a long-time resident, Howard McDonald, who was once the Building Inspector, and he expressed his condolences to his family and friends. He

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also announced that he attended a great ceremony recently at which Firefighter Kelby Groder was promoted to Lieutenant. Third, he commended Ms. Snow for all her hard work and accomplishments.

Chairman Ray-Parrott, Selectman McDonald, Takesian and Abdulla also congratulated Lt. Groder on his promotion.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:16 PM.

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

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Copies of licenses as listed


Info on the Recreational Trail Easement (item h)

Zoning Amendment to Article XIII

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:

Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: 
Donna Abdulla, Clerk