

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2019 – 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.

RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

At this time Chairman Ray-Parrott asked for nominations for Chairman.

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to place all names in nomination for Chairman.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, seconded by Selectman McDonald to nominate Selectman Condon as Chairman. Roll vote: Chairman Ray-Parrott – yes; Selectman Condon – present; Selectman Abdulla – yes; Selectman McDonald – yes; Selectman Takesian – yes. VOTE: 4 yeas – 1 abstention.

By a vote of 4-0-1, Selectman Condon was elected as the new Chairman of the Board.

Chairman Condon then asked for nominations for the Vice Chair and Clerk positions.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, seconded by Selectman Takesian, to elect Selectman Abdulla as Vice Chair. All members voting in favor, Chairman Condon declared that Selectman Abdulla was elected as the new Vice-Chairman of the Board.

Motion by Selectman Abdulla, second by Selectman McDonald to elect Selectman Takesian as Clerk. All members voting in favor, Chairman Condon declared that Selectman Takesian was elected as Clerk of the Board.

II. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of May 13, 2019 and Special Meeting of May 23, 2019

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2019 and the Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 23, 2019 as written.

III. Old Business - none

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: Bonnie's Firewood – 76 Beach Rd., Raja's Smoke Shack – 158A Bridge Rd., Rangeway Golf – 167 Elm St., and Salisbury Fuel – 157 Bridge Rd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for Crossroads Bait and Tackle - 61 Elm St.

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Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for Boston Sports Club – 191 Elm St. (previously Latitudes)

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for Gunamuna – 6 Merrill St. This is predominantly on-line sales for baby sleepwear and clothing, but customers may make purchases on site.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Liquor License Renewals
New Liquor Licenses

One Day Liquor License

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve a **One Day Liquor** license for Beer and Spiked Seltzer to Weston & Sampson for their annual summer outing at the State Reservation on July 13, 2019 from 10AM – 7PM

e. Committee Appointments - none

f. Update/Presentations - none

g. Vote to Renew Contract with Cataldo Ambulance Service

Mr. Harrington had provided a copy of the 3-year renewal contract for ambulance service from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022. He informed the Board that Mr. Cataldo had met with Fire Chief Carrigan to review performance over the past year and to suggest any changes to the current contract. He noted that there are a few minor changes, which have been endorsed by the Chief., and he recommended that the Selectmen approve the new contract.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to renew the Contract with Cataldo Ambulance Service for FY2020-2022.

h. Discussion/Vote re: Triton Landlord/Tenant Agreement with Triton Regional School District

Chairman Condon stated that he and Selectman Ray-Parrott have consistently attended several Triton District Communications Committee (DCC) meetings regarding the proposal to have Salisbury sign a landlord/tenant agreement re: Salisbury Elementary School, and he pointed out that Newbury refuses to “come to the table” and discuss related issues important to Salisbury, such as a review of the Triton Regional Agreement relative to apportionment of the towns’ annual assessments. Selectman Ray-Parrott stated that, in her opinion, it would be best for the entire Board to be on the same page re: the landlord/tenant issue if the Selectmen decide not to sign the agreement. Chairman Condon said this issue has been discussed at length at several DCC meetings, but the Board has never taken a stand publicly. Selectman Takesian said he understands that it is Newbury’s intention to refuse to discuss alternative assessments and Selectman Ray-Parrott said there is a small working group trying to establish alternatives to the current method of assessment. Salisbury has been hurt with the current assessment methodology and Newbury has made it clear that they are not willing to come to the table to examine alternative assessment methods, as they believe any change would harm Newbury.

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Selectman Takesian said he is not willing to make a decision until Newbury decides to “come to the table.” He said he would not be in favor of forcing Newbury to accept a change in the assessment methodology, but he wants them to at least come to the table, noting that at least Rowley has been very willing to listen to Salisbury’s concerns.

Mr. Harington suggested that it be made clear that the Board isn’t “asking for the moon,” but asking for equity. Unless something changes, Salisbury will be bearing the brunt of the current assessment methodology and will likely run into the same difficulty it has had in the past two budget cycles trying to afford Triton’s budget increases. He said that a review is long overdue and it’s time to take a look at the Regional Agreement.

V. Comments by Visitors

John Housianitis, Chairman of a 13-member sub-committee appointed to study parking alternatives for the south end of the beach, presented a plan which had also been sent to the Town Manager, Planning Director, Police Chief and DPW Director. He read the proposed plan, which is attached and made a part of these Minutes, into the record. In summary, the sub-committee is recommending that the Town implement a resident-only placard system, with a fee involved, for all streets on the south end of the beach that are not subject to the Town’s parking kiosk system, on a one-year trial basis. Any resident of Salisbury could purchase a placard and park on these streets, but out-of-town residents would be prohibited from parking there. He said he believed the plan was workable, although he had met with the Police Chief, who believes it will be virtually unenforceable.

Comments were made by several Selectmen, but no action was taken. It was the consensus of the Board that the matter be placed on the agenda for the next meeting for a vote to be taken.

VI. Sewer/Water

Request for Sewer Extension to 39 Ferry Road – Millennium Engineering on behalf of Michael Goodridge

Eric Botterman of Millennium Engineering spoke on behalf of Mr. Goodridge, who wishes to extend the existing sewer line on Ferry Road to a property he owns at #39. A plan had been submitted to the Selectmen, and Mr. Botterman answered several questions raised by Board members. DPW Director Lisa DeMeo also provided the Board with written comments, although this communication arrived earlier on the same day as the meeting.

Chairman Condon said he would like to help but he has some concerns about what approval of Mr. Goodridge’s proposal might mean if the Town decided to extend sewer service further down Ferry Road in the future. He stated that he would like to hear personally from the DPW Director and did not feel comfortable voting on the matter tonight. Selectman Takesian agreed and said that before the Board votes, he would like to get the DPW Director’s input re: any impact that this project might have on future sewer extensions by the Town on Ferry Road.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to table this matter until the next meeting and to request that the DPW Director appear at said meeting.

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VII. Correspondence

A letter was received from the State Office of Consumer Affairs regarding a recent audit of automobile dealerships pertaining to “Lemon Law” notices being affixed to the windows of used vehicles displayed for sale in town. The letter noted that there were two dealerships in Salisbury not in 100% compliance with the law and requested that the Board, as the Town’s licensing authority, take appropriate action.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to send a letter to the businesses cited by the State, advising them that there were in violation of the law and must show proof of compliance as soon as possible.

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 Abdulla, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W19-197 through W19-216.

b. South End of Beach Parking

This item was placed on the Agenda to get a report from Selectmen Abdulla and Takesian. Selectman Abdulla said the sub-committee met on several occasions and many different opinions and suggestions for improving the parking situation on the south end of the beach were offered. She stated that she understood that the Police Chief is not on board at this time. She suggested that the Town Manager speak with the Chief about the possibility of including additional money in his budget in FY2021 to help with the enforcement of the parking issues.

Selectman Takesian thanked the committee and said that in going through the whole process, he found that the parking situation on the south end of the beach has become a “quality of life” issue for many residents. If the sub-committee’s recommended plan is not voted in for this year, he suggested that there could possibly be a budget increase in FY2021 for parking enforcement along with implementing the pilot program for one year that Mr. Housianitis spoke of tonight.

c. Other Selectmen’s Report Items

Selectman Ray-Parrott thanked the firefighters for their annual Memorial Breakfast held on June 10. It was a huge success with a great turnout. She noted that she also attended the Triton High School graduation during the past weekend, which was another success.

She announced that Senator Bruce Tarr will be holding a meeting at Triton High School on June 19th at 7:00 PM re: the various current Ch. 70 reform bills that are currently being debated by the Legislature. She noted that several stakeholders from the Triton district have been invited, along with other area senators and representatives.

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XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

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

Minutes of May 13, 2019 and Spec. Meeting of May 23, 2019

Info re: Sewer Extension Request on Ferry Rd.

Copies of licenses as listed

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:


Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved:


CHUCK TAKESIAN, CLERK

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager 

Date: June 10, 2019

Re: June 20th Report to the Board

Outlined below is a summary of activities over the past four weeks. Please let me know if you have questions about any of these items.

1) Town Meeting

As you know, a very successful Special and Annual Town Meeting were held on May 20. All warrant articles with the exception of one new proposed bylaw were approved by the voters, including adoption of the Town's FY20 budget, funding for a new firefighters' contract, the approval of matching funds for two grant proposals, the purchase of six new parking kiosks for the beach, funding for the engineering for the replacement of the Bridge Road water main, authorization for borrowing to fund the installation of a new drainage system on Liberty Street and the extension of sewer service along the Lafayette Road corridor, the adoption of a Historic Preservation District for Ring's Island, and the approval of several zoning changes.

2) New Beach Season Starts

Over the past several weeks, new parking kiosks were installed at the beach and several new signs were erected to assist visitors to Salisbury Beach in learning our new parking system. One of the features of this system is a re-programming of the kiosks so that parkers can pay at any kiosk, regardless of where they park, and also the elimination of paid staffing from the large Town-owned parking lot. Cash is no longer accepted at this lot; parking must utilize the kiosk system. Resident beach parking stickers are also selling at a brisk pace.

3) Community Meeting for New Recreational Marijuana Retail Facility

On May 23, representatives from Ganesh Wellness, Inc. held a public community outreach meeting at the library re: their proposed new recreational marijuana retail business, to be located at 238 Lafayette Road. Several abutters and residents attended the meeting and asked questions about the proposed facility and how the owners intended to run this business. Some of those in attendance were clearly opposed to the facility altogether and others asked specific questions relating to providing protections for the residents living nearby. It was pointed out that Ganesh still must go through the Special Permit process with the Planning Board. Some members of the BOS and I also attended the meeting.

4) Cemetery Commission

The first three members of the new Cemetery Commission have been sworn in and have held their organizational meeting. The next meeting will be a site visit to Longhill Cemetery with the

DPW Director. Two new individuals have also expressed interest in serving on the Commission. Things are off to a good start.

5) Charter Commission

I attended the first meeting of the Charter Commission on June 3. The Commission voted to establish a meeting schedule for the summer and began consideration of potential changes to the Town Charter. I was invited to share any changes that either I or any of the Town's department heads might recommend. The Commission will proceed section by section through the Charter until the Fall and will make its final report in time for any recommended changes to be reviewed by Town Counsel and presented to the Fall Town Meeting. If changes are adopted, they must also be accepted by the voters at the next annual town election in the spring of 2019.

6) Proposed Marijuana Cultivation Facility

As you know, two local businessmen, who are proposing to open a new marijuana cultivation facility at 187 Lafayette Road, met with the Board in a workshop a few weeks ago to present their plans for this venture and to propose a Host Community Agreement to the Board. They are seeking approval of their proposed HCA at the next Selectmen's meeting on June 24. The draft HCA has been circulated to the Board, and I ask that you relay your comments to me as soon as possible, so that I can convey to the proponents whether the Board intends to vote on their proposal in two weeks.

7) Merrimack River Task Force

On June 7, I attended the first of what will be a series of meetings of government officials and interested stakeholders from throughout the Merrimack Valley to assess the serious problem of sewer pollution in the Merrimack River, and specifically the issue of combined sewer overflows (CSOs), where untreated sewage effluent and stormwater are discharged into the river from as far north as Nashua and Manchester, New Hampshire, and pollute the river all the way down to Salisbury and Newburyport. The chief operators of the major sewage treatment facilities in Haverhill, Lawrence and Lowell reported on the progress they have made in reducing CSOs in their communities, but the magnitude of the problem will still cost several millions of dollars to correct. Several State legislators, local officials and representatives of the two Congressmen representing the Merrimack Valley were in attendance and pledged to work together to address this serious issue.