



# TOWN OF SALISBURY

## BOARD OF HEALTH

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### BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2024

7:00 PM Salisbury Town Hall

#### **Board Members Present:**

Ron Laffely, Jill Tapper, Sue Ring, Denise Petersen, Dan Richard

#### **Board Members Absent:**

None

#### **Staff:**

John Morris-Health Director

*Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM.*

**Minutes** -Approval of meeting minutes from November 7, 2023.

(Ms. Tapper) makes a motion to accept the **November 7, 2023** minutes as written. (Mr. Laffely) seconds that motion. 4 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carries and is passed.

Mr. Richard was absent from November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; did not vote.

**Old Business** - NONE

#### **New Business**

- Public Hearing to determine if a Motel Permit will be issued to Christian Smith, for the premises located at 175 Bridge Road, currently known as the Inn at Rings Island.

(Mr. Christian Smith) approaches the podium and introduces himself as both the owner and manager. (Mr. Morris) states that Mr. Smith will take over the Inn at Rings Island; there will be no name change, renovations or expansions. His review of the file indicates no sanitary code violations in the past (5) years which is when Rings Island took it over. Per Mr. Morris, a public meeting to issue/transfer the permit is mandatory.

**(Mr. Smith)** states the motel will pretty much be run as it was run before. They are only utilizing the downstairs; just the hotel units, no restaurant. Also, most of the managerial staff will stay on.

### **MOTION**

**(Mr. Laffely)** makes a motion to accept the name change of the ownership. **(Ms. Petersen)** seconds that motion. 5 in favor, 0 opposed. Motion carries and is passed. Unanimous.

### **New Business – continued**

- Civil Cases Update – 2023

**(Mr. Morris)** states all the housing cases have been closed and the office is up to date on all cases.

- 2024 Annual Renewals

**(Mr. Morris)** updates the Board on the renewal of all permits.

- COVID-19 and Flu Clinics.

**(Mr. Morris)** states there are no active cases through MAVEN in the last 3 weeks. The (2) flu clinics were very well attended; with approximately 400 people between the two.

**Health Officer Reports –October 2023- December 31, 2023** (General discussion among Board)

**Nurse Report – October 2023- December 31, 2023** (General discussion among Board)

**Correspondence – None**

### **Public Comments**

**(Mr. Laffely)** states he attended a Town board meeting and he brought up the subject spoken about at a prior BOH meeting; that being the word 'shall' which was used in a statement from the state concerning a tobacco fine.

He continues that he was told at that meeting that it doesn't always mean 'shall'. He requested a written understanding/ explanation of when we get something mandated to us from the state that is not part of the Board's regulations and it uses the phrase shall; does the Board have to follow that mandate?

**(Mr. Richard)** asks Mr. Morris if he can look into it and get legal counsel opinion.


(Mr. Morris) responds that he will send the request to Mr. Harrington, Town Manager tomorrow. He will explain that the Board is requesting a written opinion on how 'shall' applies to any regulations that we have. Mr. Morris will explain that the Board had a tobacco violation and the state regulation says 'shall pay, concerning a fine payment'. Mr. Morris explains he has dealt with KP Law in the past and has always been told it's not negotiable; however, if it says 'may' you have options.

**ADJOURN**

(Ms. Ring) motions to adjourn; Ms. Petersen seconds. All vote in favor to adjourn, 0 opposed.

Regular public meeting is adjourned at approximately 7:15 PM

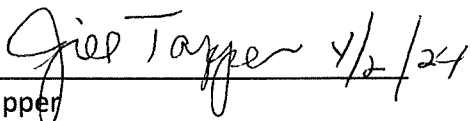
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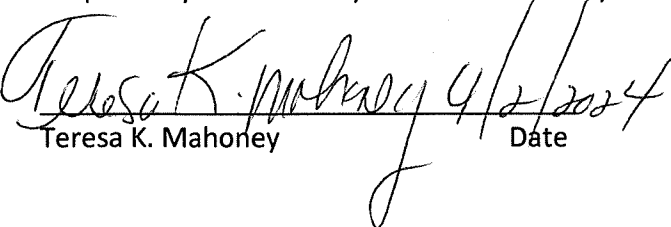
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Respectfully submitted by Teresa K. Mahoney

  
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