

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2020 – 7:00 PM
SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD
COLCHESTER ROOM**

PRESENT: Selectmen Donna Abdulla, Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Chuck Takesian,
Freeman J. Condon
ABSENT: Ronalee Ray-Parrott
ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, Secretary

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Abdulla 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 - none

III. Public Comment - none

IV. Old Business - none

V. New Business

a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to renew a **Class I** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for Wall's Ford – 2 Merrill St.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to renew a **Class II** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for: Bill's Auto – 60 Main St., Causeway Enterprises – 77 Bridge Rd., Jim's Auto Body - 128 -130 Bridge Rd., Chris Auto Body - 100 Elm St., Performance Distributing – 211 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury Auto Salvage – 16 Main St., and Car's of Yesteryear's – 44 Bridge Rd.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to renew a **Class III** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for: Causeway Enterprises – 77 Bridge Rd., Jim's Auto Body – 128-130 Bridge Rd., Salisbury Auto Salvage – 16 Main St., and Salisbury Petroleum & Auto Repair – 157 Bridge Rd.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to renew a **Repair License** with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for: Bill's Auto – 60 Main St., Jim's Auto Body – 128-130 Bridge Rd., Black Death Restoration – 25 Atlantic Ave., Merry Motors – 124 Lafayette Rd., Buddy's – 79 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury Petroleum & Auto Repair – 157 Bridge Rd., Coastal Collision & Accessories – 191 Elm St., Vinnie's Garage – 29 Bridge Rd., Rob Roy Auto – 49 Main Street, Great Bay Autobody-Marine – 162 Bridge Rd., and Claxton Powersport Repair – 142 Lafayette Rd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** license for Moe's Italian Sandwiches – 192 Elm St. (previously Subway's)

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c. License Amendments - none

d. Liquor License Renewals

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve the 2021 liquor licenses for: Connie's Stagecoach, Mapow, Hideaway Pub, Mobil Mart, Dolphin Bar & Grille, Seaside Liquors, Gulf Express, Stateline Liquors, and Uncle Eddie's.

e. New Liquor Licenses - none

f. Committee Appointments - none

g. Update/Presentations – Health Director

Mr. Morris, Director of Public Health, gave an overall briefing on COVID-19 and reported that there have been 147 total cases in Salisbury and 6 deaths, and presently there are 32 cases. There have not been any serious cases of clusters. The Health Dept. is now in the process of planning for the vaccine which will consist of 2 doses, the second dose being given 3 weeks after the first. When it does become available, he is hoping to set up drive-through stations which are currently being planned. Also, Massachusetts has declared New Hampshire to be a high-risk state. Therefore, if a Mass. resident goes to NH, he/she will need to quarantine when returning to MA; however, people coming from NH to Mass. do not need to quarantine.

In other updates, Mr. Morris noted the following: Housing court cases have been delayed due to COVID. Title V inspections are still on-going. In speaking to Triton Supt. Forget he said he was informed that the school system will be possibly going to an all-remote format after the holidays, which the Board of Health endorses. Selectman Condon asked the Director in his best guess when he thinks a vaccine will be available and Mr. Morris said it is the hope to have it available early next year and the emergency responders, health care workers and the elderly will be the first to get it. He also said we can expect to have another spike in Covid-19 cases, and people are urged to follow all health guidelines and exercise personal responsibility.

h. Vote to Approve Presentation Schedule for 2021

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to table until the next meeting.

i. Vote to Set Public Hearing for The Deck Re: Request for Alteration of Premises

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on December 14, 2020 at 7:15 PM.

g. Discussion/Vote on CDBG Appeal re: Property at 194 Lafayette Rd. Unit 15W

Mr. Harrington noted he had provided material to the Board relative to this case, including a letter from Ms. Carlino outlining her reasons for the appeal. He also provided a record of a hearing he conducted on this matter, which was held on Oct. 7, 2020. Under CDBG regulations, any appeal is heard by the Town Manager and if it is denied, the applicant can appeal to the Selectmen for a final decision. Selectman McDonald said in looking at the information it appears that the cause of Ms. Carlino's concerns appeared to take place after her initial rehab project was closed out, and according to the plumbing and building inspectors everything was done correct. She said she did not see how the

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Board can approve the appeal. Selectman Takesian stated that the case boils down to the issue of Ms. Carlino first saying to the inspector she cut the drain and then she denied it. He said that the Board has to trust our inspectors who saw the work when it was done and everything was fine and the work was done according to code. Chairman Abdulla agreed and feels that legally the Board can nothing else but deny the appeal.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to deny Ms. Carlino's appeal and uphold the Town Manager's decision.

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence – There was a notification from Comcast regarding an upcoming increase in rates for certain cable packages. Mr. Harrington was asked to find out if there is going to be a hearing about this matter at the State level. He said he would check with the Dept. of Telecommunications and Energy and if there is a hearing, the Town can voice its displeasure with the increases. Selectman Condon stated that the Town definitely should express its displeasure; his concern is the Town doesn't have any control over unreasonable increases by Comcast. Mr. Harrington said he will write a letter to Comcast on behalf of the Board expressing their displeasure, but that rate increases are out of the control of local communities.

VIII. Hearings

7:15 PM – Verizon Request to place a new 4-inch PVC Conduit on the westerly side of Atlantic Ave. at the Junction of Murray Street.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to open the Public Hearing at 7:15 PM.

Mr. Wallace, representing Verizon, explained that this request is to upgrade the existing service. There were no questions and no abutters were present.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to close the hearing at 7:20 PM.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve the request from Verizon.

7:30 PM – Alcohol License Transfer from RPD – Sals Corp. d/b/a R&L Liquors to Armegha Sales Corp., d/b/a R and L Liquors

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM.

Atty. John Moroodian, representing R&L Liquors on behalf of Amegha Corp., stated that this proposal is to transfer ownership of the liquor license, which includes the transfer of real estate. There has not been any issues or problems with the ABCC. There were no questions and abutters were not notified because it was just a transfer.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to close the hearing at 7:35 PM.

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Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the request.

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 Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W21-36 through W21-39.

Selectman McDonald wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving. She also announced that Santa will be coming to Town on the fire truck as in past years.

Chairman Abdulla also wished everyone a happy Thanksgiving, and urged everyone to stay safe and wear their masks.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:05 P.M.

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

Copies of licenses as listed

Information for the Hearings

Presentation Schedule

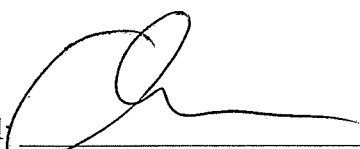
Info re: the Appeal at 194 Lafayette Rd.

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: November 23, 2020

Re: November 23rd Report to the Board

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

1) Liquor Licensing Regulations

Selectmen Donna Abdulla and Wilma McDonald and I met last week to discuss the first draft of new regulations which we hope to present to the Selectmen for discussion at a workshop next week, with the goal of adopting a final version of the regulations prior to the end of the calendar year. Such regulations would then be distributed to all holders of liquor licenses in town and would go into effect in calendar year 2021.

2) SBBA Meeting

On Nov. 16, I attended a remote meeting of the Board of Directors of the Salisbury Beach Betterment Association and updated the group on various Town projects and items affecting beach residents. Among the items discussed was the Town's newly-announced commitment to dedicate more funds to street re-paving. I made it clear to those in attendance that the Town recognizes we have much work to do to catch up on this area, but that the Board and I have adopted this issue as a high priority moving forward. I also discussed the abnormally high cost of rehabilitating several streets on the south end of the beach that need significant upgrades to water and sewer infrastructure in addition to street paving.

3) North End Boulevard Project Meeting

Last Thursday, I hosted a remote Zoom meeting regarding our joint attempt with the State to put together a plan for the eventual upgrade of North End Boulevard. Officials from MassDOT and their consulting firm, Jacobs Engineering Group, put together a Power Point presentation focusing on the main features and differences between two options for upgrading the roadway, improving drainage, enhancing public safety and providing multi-modal improvements along the 2-mile stretch of NE Blvd. from Beach Road to the New Hampshire border. A third option, which was presented at an initial meeting in August of 2019 has been dropped by MassDOT. About 100 residents and property owners joined last week's meeting, along with DPW Director Lisa DeMeo and Planner Lisa Pearson. As you know, members of the BOS participated as well.

As expected, major concerns about impacts on existing parking, particularly on the eastern side of NE Blvd., were raised. Although MassDOT explained that technically there is no legal parking on either side of NE Blvd., they understand the reality "on the ground" and both Options

A and B provide a 7-foot shoulder on the west side of NE Blvd. where some of the existing parking is likely to remain when the road is reconstructed. The major issue of concern was how close the northbound travel lane might be to existing parking on the east side of the roadway. Since the two options presented at the meeting focused on other issues, parking concerns were left to a later discussion, while the Town and the State attempted to get participants to let us know whether they preferred the features of Options A or B.

Since the meeting, the Power Point presentation has been uploaded onto the Town's website, so that the public can continue to view the two options. At some point, the Town will take a poll of property owners in the area to get input on which option they prefer. The Town has also received a commitment from MassDOT to provide us with a full-length draft "roll-out" plan of the entire length of NE Blvd. so that homeowners can look to see how much room there might be between their property and current parking and the travel lanes being proposed in the two options. As was explained at last week's and last summer's meeting, there will be some loss of on-street parking no matter which option is chosen.

Finally, the sooner one of the options is chosen, the sooner MassDOT can have its consultants work toward a 25% design hearing and moving the project forward in terms of identifying potential sources of funding.

4) Status of DPW Vehicle Fleet

On Nov. 18, I met with DPW Director Lisa DeMeo, DPW Foreman Ray Cote, and my Chief Aide, James Ryan, to go over in depth the number and condition of vehicles owned and insured by the Town and dedicated to the DPW's highway and sewer departments. The good news is that, due to replacement of older vehicles over the past several years, the fleet is largely in very good shape, with the need to replace only a very small number of vehicles in the next few years. Considering that the number and condition of vehicles in the Fire Department is up to speed, and given our commitment to replacing Police Dept. vehicles as needed on a regular basis, I am pleased to report that, overall, the status of the Town's vehicle fleet is very good.