

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2020 – 7:00 PM
SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD
COLCHESTER ROOM**

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

Minutes of December 23, 2019

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of December 23, 2019 as written.

III. Public Comment - none

IV. Old Business - none

V. New Business

a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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 Howard Motors – 141 Beach Rd.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; 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 Ryder Vehicle Sales – 74 Main St.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; 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: Cassidy's Auto Body – 29 Locust St., Bob Fuller Truck & Repair – 74 Main St., #2A, and Glen's Auto Repair – 90 Lafayette Rd.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to renew a **Common Victualer** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for: Dairy Queen – 96 Elm St., Invalsa Coffee – 1 Merrill St., Unit 7, Nancy's Marshview – 155 Bridge Rd., Carousel Lounge – 20 Ocean Front So., Vinnie's Beach Side Café – 183 NE Blvd., and Portside Waterfront – 175 Bridge Rd.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to renew an **Entertainment** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for: Carousel Lounge – 20 Ocean Front So., for 2 pool tables, 1 video game, 1 juke box, and live entertainment.

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Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to renew a **Parking Lot** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for Carefree Parking – 14 Central Ave.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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: Ambassador Limousine – 128 Elm St., TFL/USA Canada – 72 Elm St., Unit 3, A Hair Better – 6 Merrill St., JW Salon – 158 Bridge Rd., Unit B, Vaughn Thermal – 26 Old Elm St., Wash N' Wags – 8A & B Beach Rd., Eastern Mass Machined Prod. – 164 Elm St., Salisbury Winnelson – 2 Fanaras Dr./ 2-A, The Salty Paw – 6 Old Elm St., Systems by Miles – 57 Elm St., Sun Fun Tanning – 175 Elm St., Moonlight Limo – 60 Lafayette Rd., Essential Balance Wellness – 141 Bridge Rd., Unit201, Old Time Sports – 10 Fanaras Dr., Rangeway Golf – 167 Elm St., Dog Tails – 15 Main St., Suite 105, Plantwerks – 102 Bridge Rd., Pac-Van – 74 Main St., U-Haul of Salisbury – 6 Merrill St., Anderson Landscaping – 168 Elm St., Stand by Me – 66 Elm St., HA Richard & Son – 54R Elm St., Paws 4 Play – 93 Elm St., Emergency Ice Co. – 168 Bridge Rd., ABF U-Pack Moving – 74 Main St., Seaside Resorts – 3 Liberty St., TintAutos – 2 School St., Kathy's Dog Grooming – 10 Ferry Lots Ln.
Divine Paradigm – 38 Lafayette Rd., KS Therapeutic – 102 Bridge Rd., and Salisbury Carwash, Inc. – 191 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to renew a **Sunday** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for: Portside Waterfront – 175 Bridge Rd., and The Deck – 179 Bridge Rd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** license to the Fire Bull Steakhouse – 135 Bridge rd. (formerly Bull Brazilian).

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license to the Salisbury Village Laundromat – 6E Elm St. (formerly Elm St. Laundromat)

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **Special Event Permit** to LOCO Sports for their annual Loco Palooza 5K on Feb. 23, 2020.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Liquor License Renewals - none

e. New Liquor Licenses - none

f. Committee Appointments - none

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g. Update/Presentations: Police Chief

Chief Fowler reported that compared to 2018 the number of incidents decreased by 69 or 6.2%; arrests decreased by 20 or 1.9%; motor vehicle crashes were up by 23 or 8%; log-in entries, which includes fire calls, were up by 954 or 4.6%; opiate overdoses for 2018 were 48, 7 which were fatal and in 2019 there were 23 and 3 were fatal.

He also reported that from May 1 to October 15 there were 30,635 transactions at the 12 parking kiosks at the beach; 6 additional kiosks are to be ordered. No on-street parking is permitted during snow emergencies but the Cable Ave. parking lot is available for off street parking. Public signs are posted, as well as social media, when the parking ban is in effect. Code Red is also used and anyone wishing to be on the Code Red system should call the police station to register to do so. In closing, the Chief reminded the public that “if you see something, say something”. Crime and any suspicious activity should be reported.

Selectman Ray-Parrott asked the Chief if he had noticed any uptick in criminal activity in the vicinity of the new retail marijuana store at 107 Elm Street since the business opened in September. The Chief replied in the negative and commented that, by and large, the operation was going smoothly. He noted that there has been a small increase in the number of motor vehicle accidents in the area, due largely to the configuration of the entrance/exit to the store, and due to the fact that the business sign is relatively small and is located just past the entrance as drivers are heading eastbound. He noted that he has spoken to the owners of the marijuana store and they are amenable to making some changes in the entrance/exit situation and will probably deal with this issue when they return shortly to the Planning Board for a renewal of their special permit.

h. Lisa Pearson re: FY2020 CDBG Grant Application

Ms. Pearson addressed the Board about the FY20 CDBG application and said she will potentially apply for funding to support the Town’s ongoing housing rehabilitation program; she is also putting out an RFP for social services. She will be coming back to the Board for a follow-up meeting to explain what she will be applying for, so if the Selectman have anything in particular that they would like added to please let her know.

Chairman Condon commended her on her record of achievement in receiving the grants for the Town.

i. Vote to Take Permanent Easements in Driftway by Eminent Domain

Selectman Abdulla left the meeting before the discussion.

Mr. Harrington presented a proposed vote to take a permanent easement for public way purposes on Driftway. This was authorized at the October 2019 Town Meeting. He explained that in order to renovate Driftway for the Complete Streets Program it is necessary to take the easement.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to the authority granted under Article 14 of the October 18, 2019 Special Town Meeting, take by eminent domain a permanent public way easement in Driftway, and, having determined that no damages are due and/or damages have been waived, hereby award no damages for said taking. VOTE: 4 yeas – 1 abstention.

Selectman Abdulla returned to the meeting after the vote was taken.

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VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence

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 Ray Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W20-69 through W20-73.

Selectman McDonald mentioned that she and Selectman Takesian attended the Housing Authority meeting and things seem to be going better.

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 Dec. 23, 2019

Copies of licenses as listed

Town Manager's Report

Infor re: Item i

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: January 13, 2020

Re: January 13th Report to the Board

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

1) Beach Nourishment Efforts

During the week of Jan. 6-10, I attended a meeting with other elected officials at the Army Corps of Engineers regional headquarters in Concord to discuss our regional efforts, through the Merrimack River Beach Alliance, to enhance beach nourishment efforts on Salisbury Beach and Plum Island. There were a few important take-aways from this meeting:

- The Army Corps is planning to return to the southern portion of Salisbury Beach with a project to replace several thousands of cubic yards of sand that was lost following the placement of such sand onshore following the large dredge of the Merrimack River almost a decade ago. From the total of 40,000 cu. yds. of sand placed on the beach, the Corps has determined that about 31,000 yds. were washed away, and their plan is to replace this sand with new sand from an "upland" source not associated with any new proposed dredging project. The permitting and bidding for this new dune nourishment project will take upwards of a year to complete, but the Corps is hopeful that by the winter months of early 2021, new sand may be hauled to Salisbury Beach and placed on the south end where the previous sand washed away.
- The Piscataqua River dredging project has been authorized but not yet funded through the federal budget process. It is competing with several other "navigation" projects around the country for funding, but it is not known at this time whether the project will proceed anytime soon. You may recall that two offshore placement sites for potential sand from this dredge have been permitted off Salisbury Beach and that the Town has set aside \$150,000 in funds for our projected portion of the cost of this sand, which would be share with DCR. We are working with Congressman Moulton's office and the Army Corps to push for this project to receive its final go-ahead this year so that it commences in the winter of 2020-21.

2) Ring's Island Water District Merger/Bridge Road Water Main Replacement

I received the latest re-draft of our Home Rule petition re: the proposed merger between the Town and the Ring's Island Water District this past week, and I am hopeful that a final version of the bill can be reported out of committee for a vote by the Legislature shortly. Meanwhile, the

engineering plans for the replacement of the Bridge Road water main are nearly complete. We are planning to advertise this project later in the winter and to be in the ground with the replacement of the water main later in the summer.

3) Retail Marijuana Excise Revenue

At the end of December, the Town received its first quarterly disbursement of revenue from our 3% excise tax on the sale of recreational marijuana sold at ATG's store at 107 Elm Street. For the 3-month period ending on November 30, the Town received \$86,045.39 in excise tax revenue. It is too early to predict what this new source of revenue will amount to over the course of a full fiscal year, but initial indicators point to health start for this new type of business in Salisbury. The Town will receive three more quarterly disbursements in this fiscal year.

One of the reasons we cannot project, at this point, what this source of revenue will yield for the Town on a yearly basis is that we have not experienced any sales during the summer months. We also do not know what the impact will be of ATG's second retail marijuana store, which is scheduled to open in Amesbury later this year. Nevertheless, this new source of revenue will provide us with financial resources that we did not have before, which will be helpful as we continue to work toward being able to afford our assessments at the Triton Regional School District and to offer an acceptable level of services to Town residents.