

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 – 7:00 PM
SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD
COLCHESTER ROOM**

PRESENT: Selectmen Donna Abdulla, Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Chuck Takesian,
Freeman J. Condon and 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 on SCTV.

II. Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of Special Meeting of Sept. 2, 2020

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Sept. 2, 2020 as written.

III. Public Comment - none

IV. Old Business

Vote to Approve New Contract for Chief Aide/Human Resources Director

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to postpone action on this matter until after the Executive Session.

V. New Business

a. License Renewals - none

b. New Licenses

Entertainment – Dolphin Bar & Grille – 28 Ocean Front So. For a DJ

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to approve an amendment to the Entertainment License for the Dolphin Bar & Grille by adding a DJ - 28 Ocean Front So. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Condon opposed. Motion carried.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Liquor License Renewals - none

e. New Liquor Licenses - none

f. Committee Appointments

Council on Aging: 3 2-year vacancies; 3 3-year vacancies; and 1 alternate – 2 applicants: Shirley Joubert presently an alternate to fill 1 3-year vacancy to replace John Haggerty, and Warren Worth (incumbent)

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to appoint Shirley Joubert to fill the opening from John Haggerty to expire 6/30/23 and to re-appoint Warren Worth for a 3-year term to expire 6/20/23.

g. Update/Presentations: none

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VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence - none

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 Condon, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrot; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W21-13 through W21-19.

Selectman Ray-Parrott commented on Mr. Harrington's announcement about the Town being awarded a \$1M grant from the State Seaport Economic Council to support the construction of the new Welcome Center and public restroom facility at the beach, and commended Town Planner Lisa Pearson for her work on the successful grant.

XI. Executive Session

Chairman Abdulla announced that the Board will go into Executive Session to discuss its negotiating position relative to a contract renewal for the Chief Aide to the Town Manager, as having such a meeting in open session would be detrimental to the bargaining position of the Board.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss its negotiating position relative to a contract renewal for the Chief Aide to the Town Manager, as having such a meeting in open session would be detrimental to the bargaining position of the Board. Those present will be the full Board, Town Manager Neil Harrington, and Janet Flannery, Secretary to the Board, and the Board will then reconvene in open session and vote on this matter. Roll call vote: Selectman McDonald – yes; Selectman Condon – yea; Selectman Ray-Parrott – yes; Selectman Takesian – yes; Chairman Abdulla – yes.

IV. Old Business

Vote to Approve New Contract for Chief Aide/Human Resources Director

Chairman Abdulla announced that the Board was back in open session at 7:40 PM to vote on the contract.

Motion by Selectman Condon, Seconded by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the new contract for the Chief Aide/Human Resources Director, as presented by the Town Manager.

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

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

Minutes of Special Meeting of Sept. 2, 2020

Copy of license as listed

Appointment Request Letters

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:


Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____


Chuck Takesian, Clerk

MEMORANUDM

To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager 

Date: September 14, 2020

Re: September 14th Report to the Board

Outlined below is a summary of activities over the past 4 weeks. Let me know if you have questions about any of these items.

1) Welcome Center Grant

I am very pleased to report that the Town has been awarded a \$1 million grant from the State Seaport Economic Council to support the construction of the new Welcome Center and public restroom facility at Salisbury Beach, contingent on the project receiving approval from MEPA and the Town's Conservation Commission. The first approval has been received and the project is scheduled to be on the agenda for the Sept. 16 meeting of the Conservation Commission. Many thanks to Town Planner Lisa Pearson for putting together his successful grant application. This new funding will help offset a portion of the estimated \$5.2 million cost of the project, and we will continue to pursue the release of separate earmarks in bond authorization bills which were approved by the Legislature a few years ago. The project is currently out to bid and is scheduled to begin construction in October.

2) Ring's Island Property

On August 27, I hosted a remote meeting on Zoom for several dozen residents of Ring's Island to discuss options for the future of two town-owned properties: the so-called Community House and the former fire station building, which sit side-by-side on a single lot on 4th Street. Both buildings were constructed in the 19th century and the former fire station building, in particular, has sustained significant damage over the years. The meeting was held so that I could solicit input from Ring's Island residents on what they would like to see the Town do with the property and the two buildings. Several suggestions were made, and at the end of the meeting the consensus was that the Town should give residents some time to come up with a more formal proposal. It was also suggested that a local historic preservation expert who lives in the area should examine the buildings and give the Town a status report from which we might be able to make some threshold decisions. I agreed to give the residents up to a year to study potential uses, with the understanding that I would consult with the Selectmen before any final decisions are made.

3) Broadway Mall

On Sept. 3, several staff members and I met with merchants from the Beach Center area to discuss a potential re-opening of the Broadway Mall for the off-season. It was the consensus of

the group that the Mall should be open to vehicular traffic starting after Labor Day, providing that it could be done in such a way as not to disrupt the restaurants with outside seating on the Mall. It was also understood the reconstruction of Driftway and the construction of the new Welcome Center would be starting sometime in October and adjustments to traffic patterns may need to be made to accommodate these projects. The Town made it clear to the merchants that we want to assist them in any way possible, especially considering the disruption caused by the Coronavirus during this past summer.

4) Lafayette Road Sewer and Bridge Road Water Main Projects

Preparations for the beginning of both projects are underway. The laydown area for the sewer project was approved by the Planning Board and construction should begin shortly. With regard to the water main project, a Notice to Proceed was issued recently and a pre-construction meeting was held last week. Construction will commence shortly. Updates on both projects will be posted as necessary on the Town's website and sent out via social media. The public should be aware that one-lane traffic on Bridge Road, in particular, is likely to cause traffic delays throughout the 6-month anticipated scope of work. Both projects should be finished in time to take advantage of State DOT plans to re-pave Bridge Road (2021) and re-construct Lafayette Road (2023).