

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 1, 2020 – 7:00 PM  
MEETING HELD REMOTELY VIA ZOOM**

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

**Call to Order/Salute to the Flag**

Chairman Condon called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. He noted that, pursuant to the Governor's emergency order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, the meeting was being held remotely, and is also being recorded and televised by SCTV Channel 12.

**I. Acceptance of Minutes: May 11, 2020**

The Town Manager informed the Board that the minutes were not finalized.

**II. Public Comment**

**III. Old Business**

**IV. New Business**

- a. License Renewals: None
- b. New Licenses:

**Transient Food Vendor:** Fiesta Shows – 45 Bridge Road

Selectman McDonald moved that the license be approved. Mr. Takesian seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

- c. License Amendments: None
- d. Liquor License Renewals: None
- e. New Liquor Licenses: None
- f. Committee Appointments:

**Board of Registrars:** 1 Vacancy, 1 applicant for re-appointment, for a term to expire March 31, 2023 – Walter Sidley

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that Walter Sidley be reappointed to the Board of Registrars. Selectman McDonald seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

**Ring's Island Neighborhood Preservation District Committee:** 5 openings – 2 for 1 year, 2 for 2 years, 1 for 3 years; 2 alternate openings – 1 for 1 year, 1 for 2 years; terms to begin in July 1, 2020; 6 applicants (all initial appointments) – Bobbi Klima, Stephen C. Roth, Eleanor Bailey, Stephen Spaulding, Diane Dondero, Linda Tremblay

Selectman Takesian moved that the names of all applicants be placed in nomination. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Selectman Abdulla moved that Bobbi Klima be appointed to the three-year position. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Selectman Takesian moved that Diane Dondero be appointed to one of the two-year positions. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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Selectman Abdulla moved that Eleanor Bailey be appointed to the other two-year position. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Selectman Abdulla moved that Stephen Roth be appointed to one of the two one-year positions. Selectman Takesian seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Selectman Takesian moved that Stephen Spaulding be appointed to the other one-year position. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Selectman McDonald moved that Linda Tremblay be appointed to two-year alternate position. She noted that Ms. Tremblay already serves on the ZBA and that it was a pleasure to see so many people at Ring's Island volunteering to serve on the Neighborhood Preservation Committee. Ms. Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and concurred, as did Mr. Takesian. A vote was then taken on the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

g. Update/Presentation: None

h. Vote to Approve Refinancing Application for 58 Lighthouse Circle, Unit B-2

The Town Manager noted that under the terms of the LIP agreement for the housing development that includes Lighthouse Circle, the Board needs to approve all re-financing application of people living in such units. Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that the Board approve the refinancing application for 58 Lighthouse Circle, Unit B-2. Selectman Abdulla seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

i. Vote to Approve New Contract for the Confidential Administrative Assistant to the Chief of Police

The Chairman noted that the several contracts slated to be voted upon had all been discussed in a previous executive session of the Board. Selectman Takesian moved that the Board approval of the contract. Selectman Abdulla seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

j. Vote to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town and Teamsters Local #170 (Department Heads) for FY2020-2022

Selectman McDonald moved that the contract be approved. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

k. Vote to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town and AFSCME Local #939 (Professional/Technical and Administrative Staff) for FY2020-2022

Selectman Abdulla moved that the contract be approved. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

l. Vote to Approve Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Town and Salisbury Firefighters Local #4694, IAFF/PFFM for FY2020-2022

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that the contract be approved. Selectman Takesian seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**m. Vote to Approve Renewal Contract Between the Town and SCTV**

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved approval of the contract be approved. Selectman Abdula seconded the motion. Mr. Harrington noted that the proposed contract had been approved by SCTV's Board of Directors, and the Chairman thanked him and Lance Wisniewski, SCTV's Executive Director, for their work on the contract. A vote was then taken on the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Before taking up the next agenda item, the Chairman stated that the entire Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager were committed to bending over backward to do everything they can to assist businesses in re-opening that have been adversely affected in this very difficult time, and that if any outdoor seating plans were to be approved, the restaurants approved would need to have their plans approved by the Director of Public Health and to follow all guidelines issued by the State.

**n. Approval of Outdoor Seating Plan for Hungry Traveler Restaurant**

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that the Board approve the plan for outdoor seating submitted by the Hungry Traveler Restaurant. Selectmen Takesian seconded the motion. Discussion followed.

Mr. Takesian noted that this approval would only be for outside service of food only, that a separate application would need to be made for the service of alcohol, and that no such approval could take place until the Governor allowed the outside service of alcohol. He further stated that he had spoken to the Executive Director of the State's Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission who had told him that an announcement re: the service of alcohol outside would be made soon.

Selectman Ray-Parrott also noted that the normal process for restaurants seeking to allow new service of alcohol outdoors is for them to submit a request to the local liquor licensing authority to alter their premises and, if approved, then submit such request to the ABCC for its approval, which normally takes 6-8 weeks. He mentioned that she had been speaking with State Senator Diana DiZoglio, who is a sponsor of a bill whose goal is to waive the need to get approval from the ABCC and to leave the decision solely to the local liquor licensing authority, which in this case is the Board of Selectmen.

Before voting, the Board agreed that any and all approvals would be contingent on the applicant receiving approval for their outdoor seating plan from the Health Dept. and also following any applicable guidance put forth by the State. A vote was then taken on the motion, and it was adopted unanimously.

**o. Approval of Outdoor Seating Plan for The Deck Restaurant**

The Chairman noted that the outdoor seating plan for the Deck has already been approved by the Health Director. Selectman McDonald moved that the outdoor seating plan submitted by the Deck Restaurant be approved, subject to the contingencies that were placed on the previous motion. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

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**VI. Sewer/Water**

- a. Vote to Approve Memorandum of Agreement Between the Town and Ring's Island Water District

The Town Manager noted that he had provided the Board with a memo explaining the process by which the Home Rule bill submitted by the Town to merge the Ring's Island Water District with the Town's water district eventually passed the Legislature and was signed by the Governor, and that the merger is slated to take place on June 1. He noted that the RIWD Board of Directors had met recently and had approved the Memorandum of Agreement, which was before the Selectmen this evening, which outlines several details of the transfer of assets of the District to the Town. He reminded the Selectmen that one of the primary purposes of the merger was to enable residents of Ring's Island and the other water customers of the Town to share equitably in the replacement of the aged water main running underneath Bridge Road.

Selectman McDonald moved that the Memorandum of Agreement be approved as presented. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Chairman Condon commended everyone involved in the process and urged the Board of support the Agreement. He, Selectman Takesian and the Town Manager all thanked Dave Tremblay and Jim Dondero for all their hard work over the years in helping to bring this merger to fruition.

**VII. Correspondence**

**VIII. Hearings – none scheduled**

**IX. Town Manager's Report**

The Town Manager noted that there is a Community Forum scheduled for Thursday, June 4, to solicit input from residents, renters and visitors on ways in which the Town can put procedures in place to address issues related to the current health crisis in the context of preparing for another summer season at the beach. He urged everyone to join the meeting, which will be held remotely via Zoom, and to offer their comments, or to go to a special email address that has been set up for this purpose, which is [communityforum@salisburyma.gov](mailto:communityforum@salisburyma.gov). He noted that the Town is seeking to make the experience of coming to Salisbury this summer as positive as possible.

Mr. Harrington also commented that he was appalled and saddened by the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis recently. This tragedy, he said, should cause everyone to pause and reflect on how this type of senseless brutality can still continues to happen in this country 55 years after the passage of the Civil Rights Act. He urged everyone, whether a private citizen or a public official, to respond in the way that they feel is most appropriate in order to make changes to that these types of incidents to not continue to happen. He also noted that the Floyd death has not been an isolated case; there have been others such as the black man who was killed near Atlanta a few months ago while jogging by an act of a vigilanteism. It is difficult to express to African Americans, who feel that their voice is not being heard, that we care and that we will not let these continue. He said that he wanted to assure the community that he cares and that now it

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is up to those in local government officials to join with others to demand that those who are in a position of power do something to prevent these incidents from continuing

**X. Selectmen's Report**

a. Ratify Signing of Weekly Warrants: W20-113 through W20-118

Selectman McDonald moved that the Board of Selectmen ratify the signing of warrants W20-113 through W20-118. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously.

Selectman Abdulla thanked the Town Manager and the various unions whose contracts were approved for acting professionally during negotiations and agreeing to the contracts that were approved earlier. She also wanted to remind everyone that the Town Election will be on June 16 and Town Meeting will be on June 22.

Selectman McDonald congratulated the Salisbury Elementary School PTA from earning an "outstanding advocacy" award from the Mass. PTA Association. She also mentioned election day and the fact that, because Town Hall is closed to the public, there will be no early voting in the building and voters will be not able to pick up absentee ballots. However, absentee ballots can be mailed to voters upon written request, or citizens can download a request form from the Town's website. Ballots can be mailed back or dropped in the drop box outside Town Hall.

Selectman Ray-Parrott commended all those who participated in the beach clean up last Sunday morning. She was sorry she could not attend. There is another cleanup this coming weekend. She also noted that there was some graffiti that occurred at Lion's Park during the past week, and she wanted to thank the DPW crew who cleaned up the site very quickly. Finally, she wanted to mention that the Triton High School graduation would be held in the Town parking lot at Salisbury Beach on Saturday, June 13, and she thanked Town and Triton officials for their efforts to make this important event a reality.

Mr. Takesian also thanked those who organized the recent beach clean-up, as well as the one that is coming up on Sunday at 10:00 AM. He noted that there have been several complaints about not enough barrels being put out near the beach, and it is about time that DCR steps up to provide barrels. He would like the Selectmen to send a letter to the DCR Commissioner asking for assistance in helping to keep the beach clean.

Chairman Condon said that Salisbury is honored to be hosting the Triton graduation. He is excited about it and thinks he will be a great event. He also thanked the Town Manager for hosting the upcoming community forum, which should be a great opportunity for citizens to voice their opinions on what the Town should do to help prepare for summer at the beach. Finally, in addressing the recent tragedy in Minneapolis, he said that, speaking as an individual, 99.9% of all the police officers he knows are good, decent, hard-working people that risk their lives every day. To the other .1%, their behavior should not be tolerated, and the rampant racism and economic disparities that threaten our nation must end. As a town, we should go on the record as stating that we will never condone or tolerate this type of behavior.

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**XI. Executive Session**

**XII. Adjournment**

Selectman Takesian moved that the meeting be adjourned. Selectman McDonald seconded the motion and it was adopted unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM.

Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen's Office:  
Copies of memos presented to the Board by the Town Manager

Respectfully submitted:  
Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager

Approved:   
Chuck Takesian, Clerk