

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 27 – 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

Vice-Chairman Abdulla called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, as Chairman Condon was attempting to access the meeting remotely. She noted that, pursuant to the Governor's emergency order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law, the meet was being held remotely and could be viewed by the public on SCTV Channel 12. The Town Manager was also late, as he was attempting to access the meeting remotely.

**I. Acceptance of Minutes
Minutes of April 13, 2020**

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that the Minutes of April 13, 2020, be approved as presented. Selectman Takesian seconded the motion, and the Board voted to approve the minutes, 4-0 (Chairman Condon had not yet joined the meeting).

II. Public Comment - none

III. Old Business none

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals: none

b. New Licenses: none

c. License Amendments - none

d. Liquor License Renewals - none

e. New Liquor Licenses - none

f. Committee Appointments - none

g. Update/Presentations: none

h. Vote to Refer to the Planning Board a Zoning Amendment re: the Medical Marijuana Overlay District (§300-151)

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to refer to the Planning Board. In accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 40A §5, a zoning amendment regarding the Medical Marijuana Overlay District (§300-151). Selectman McDonald seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0 (Chairman Condon had not yet joined the meeting).

i. Vote to Refer to the Planning Board a Zoning Amendment re: the Appointment of Members of the Zoning Board of Appeals (§300-30)

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that the Board of Selectmen vote to refer to the Planning Board. In accordance with Mass. General Laws Chapter 40A §5, a zoning amendment regarding the appointment of members of the Zoning Board of Appeals (§300-30). Selectman McDonald seconded the motion and it was approved, 4-0 (Chairman Condon had not yet joined the meeting)

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j. Vote to Approve Amended Agreement for Triton Regional School District

Selectman Ray-Parrott informed the Board that this vote was being proposed as one of the final steps of a long-standing process to amend the Triton regional agreement. She noted that the document provided to the Board was reviewed several times by the Triton District Communications Committee and had been reviewed by the attorney for the District. She also noted that the proposed agreement did not include any language regarding the so-called “landlord-tenant” issue, but include an amendment proposed by Rowley regarding the incurring of debt by the District. Finally, she informed the Board that the final steps for approval of the document included a vote at each of the respective Town Meetings and approval by the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

Selectman McDonald moved that the Board approve the amended Triton Regional School District Agreement, as presented. Selectman Ray-Parrott seconded the motion. Selectman Takesian asked a question regarding a reference to the term “popular vote” in Section XVI of the Agreement. At this point, Chairman Condon and Town Manager Harrington joined the meeting. He answered Selectman Takesian’s question by stating that there are two ways in which a Town can vote to incur debt. One is a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting and the other involves the passage of an override, which also requires a ballot question. A vote was then taken on the motion, and it was approved unanimously, 5-0.

k. Vote to Amend Selectmen’s Meeting Schedule for 2020

The Town Manager noted that he had provided the Board with a memo suggesting that the Board considering moving the Selectmen’s regular meetings for June to the first and third Mondays, rather than the second and fourth Mondays because the Board had already voted to re-schedule the Annual Town Meeting to June 22, which is the fourth Monday in June. He also noted that due to the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, May 25, the Board is only scheduled to meet once in May, so he recommended that the Board move its June meetings to Monday, June 1, and Monday, June 15.

Selectman Ray-Parrott moved that the Board of Selectmen amend its regular meeting schedule for June by moving its meetings to be the first and third Monday of the month. Selectman McDonald seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. Hearings – none scheduled

IX. Town Manager’s Report

Mr. Harrington informed the Board that, in the interest of brevity, he would have no report, but that if he has information to share with the Board he will put it in their mail slots at Town Hall.

X. Selectmen’s Report

a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:

Selectman McDonald moved that the Board ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants W20-107 through W20-110. Selectman Takesian seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

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Selectman McDonald thanked Selectmen Donna Abdulla and Ronalee Ray-Parrott, along with her next-door neighbor, Leah Williams, and friend Margaret Golden for making her feeling comfortable with using Zoom.

Selectman Ray-Parrott thanked everyone for doing the best they can in coping with all the adjustments to their lives they have had to make due to the Coronavirus outbreak, as there is no handbook for how to deal with such an unprecedented situation, and she asked everyone to stay safe. Selectman Takesian echoed these remarks, asking people to practice social distancing and stay at home if possible.

Chairman Condon noted that the Institution for Savings gave the Town 15 trees to plant, in celebration of the bank's 200th anniversary, and he commended the bank for its generosity. He also thanked the members of the Board and the Town Manager for continuing to get the Town's business done under unusual circumstances. Mr. Harrington noted that the trees had been delivered and he asked Board members if they wanted to make any suggestions as to where the trees could be planted. Chairman Condon noted that at least five of the trees were flowering cherry trees, and he suggested that these could be planted on the Town Common.

Selectman Abdulla reported that she had the opportunity, along with Selectman McDonald, to participate in the past week in the food delivery program set up by Council on Aging Director Liz Pettis, which is focused on serving a very vulnerable segment of our community. She noted that the program has very devoted volunteers and that she has a renewed appreciation for how much is being done to make people feel safe and cared for during these difficult times. She wanted everyone to know that this effort, along with other volunteer efforts in town, should remind everyone that there is a "we" involved in helping others, and it was very nice to see. Selectman Takesian remarked that he had also joined Selectmen McDonald in volunteering for the COA program and he wanted to make sure that the company that donated the food was recognized and thanked. Selectmen Abdulla noted that the company was Olympic Roofing and that their generosity was greatly appreciated.

XI. Executive Session -none

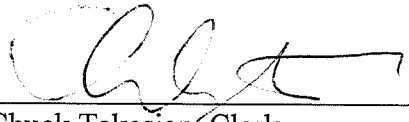
XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:23 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
Minutes of April 13, 2020

Respectfully submitted:
Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager

Approved: _____


Chuck Takesian, Clerk