

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021 – 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 live.

**II. Acceptance of Minutes
Minutes of**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of December 28, 2020 as written.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of January 11, 2021 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 **Repair** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for: JB Restoration & Collision – 105 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: Bucciarelli's – 147 Bridge Rd., Carousel Lounge – 20 Ocean Front So., Dairy Queen – 96 Elm St., Mobil Mart – 66 Main St., Nick's Place – 111 Lafayette Rd., Surfside – 25 Broadway, Capri – 3 Central Ave., Seaglass/Blue Ocean – 4 Ocean Front So., Ten's Show Club – 11 No. End Blvd., Vinnie's Beach Side Café – 183 No. End Blvd. Swell Willey's – 4 Broadway, and Invalsa Coffee – 1 Merrill St., Unit 7

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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: Blue Ocean Music Hall – 4 Ocean Front No. – Live entertainment/DJ, Seaglass – 4 Ocean Front No. – Live entertainment, Capri – 3 Central Ave. – Live entertainment/trivia/soloists, Surfside – 25 Broadway – Live entertainment/DJ, Ten's Show Club – 11 No. End Blvd. – Live adult entertainment & DJ, Portside Waterfront – 175 Bridge Rd. – Live Entertainment/DJ, Rusnik Campground – 115 Lafayette Rd. – 5 video games/1 air hockey game/1 pool table, Carousel Lounge – 20 Ocean Front So. – Band & Karaoke/2 pool tables/1 video game/1 juke box

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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: The Ten's Show Club – 11 Broadway

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: Driftway Parking – 6 Central Ave., and Carefree Parking Lot – 14 Central Ave.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to waive the reading of the General Licenses.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; 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: By the Sea – 4 Ocean Front No. Cinemagic – 6 Merrill St., Divine Paradigm Center – 38 Lafayette Rd., Jay's Tire & Battery – 29 Bridge Rd., OC Stone & Marble – 102 Bridge Rd., Pac-Van – 74 Main St., Paws 4 Play – 93 Bridge Rd., Pines Camping Area – 28 CCC Rd., Play All Day – 191 Elm St., Port City Glass – 141 Bridge Rd. Unit 100W, PV Engineering & Mfg. – 88 Rabbit Rd., Ralph Tatro – 15 Folly Mill Rd., RB Entertainment – 59 Elm St., Red Ridge Farm – 35 Bayberry Lane, R&L Liquors – 105 Elm St., Ring's Island Marina – 14 1st St., Riverfront Marine – 33 Old Elm St., Royal Blendz Barber Shop – 183 No. End Blvd., Rusnik Campground – 115 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury Discount House – 11A Broadway, Salisbury Mini Mart – 192 Elm St., Salisbury Village Laundromat – 6E Elm St., Salon NV – 129 Bridge Rd., The Salty Paw – 6 Old Elm St., Sanborn Co. – 11 Cushing St., Shorts Foundations – 82 Bridge Rd., Special Stars Performing Arts – 133B Elm St., Stand By Me – 66 Elm St., Stateline Liquors – 45 Toll Rd., Sun Fun Tanning – 175 Elm St., Super Self Storage – 82 Lafayette Rd., Systems By Miles – 57 Elm St., TCS Communications – 85 Lafayette Rd., TH Glennon – 25 Fanaras Dr., Thomas Bracken School of Dance – 102 Bridge Rd., TintAutos – 2 School Street, Trelfa Labs – 6 Merrill St. Unit 4, and Slick's Cuts and Shaves-213 Lafayette Rd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for Stand by Me – 166 Elm St. (Formerly Chance to Run Daycare)

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for Moriarty's Driving School – 1 Merrill St., Suite 6

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** license for Fire Bull Steakhouse – 135 Bridge Rd.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Liquor License Renewals - none

e. New Liquor Licenses - none

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f. Committee Appointments

Council on Aging – 2 vacancies: 2 incumbent applicants for a term to expire 6/30/24: Patricia Beevers and William Aiden

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously vote to re-appoint Patricia Beevers and William Aiden to the Council on Aging with terms to expire 6/30/24.

g. Update/Presentations: none

h. Schedule Public Hearing for National Grid – Installation of Underground Conduits on Driftway

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on February 8, 2021 at 7:15 PM regarding the petition of National Grid for the installation of underground conduits on Driftway.

i. Schedule Public Hearing for National Grid & Verizon to Install 2 poles on Driftway

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing on February 8, 2021 at 7:30 PM regarding the petition of National grid and Verizon to install 2 poles on Driftway.

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence - none

VIII. Hearings – none scheduled

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-Parrott; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W21-50 through W21-52.

Selectman Condon said he was disturbed to read today that Massachusetts is the worst of all the states in distributing the Covid-19 vaccine statewide. Mr. Harrington said that all communities are bound by the State vaccine rollout plan and that Salisbury is well-positioned to distribute vaccines as soon as they become available from the State. There is a coalition of eight communities preparing to host a regional vaccination clinic that is being organized by local fire chiefs and health officials. The plan is in place for whenever the vaccine becomes available.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray Parrott; unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:35 PM.

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Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen's Office:
Minutes of December 28, 2020, and January 11, 2021
Copies of licenses as listed
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: January 25, 2021

Re: January 25th Report to the Board

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

1) Sewage Notification Law

In early January, Governor Baker signed into law a bill that will require sewage treatment plants to quickly inform the public whenever they release untreated sewage into a river. This legislation was sponsored by Sen. DiZoglio and Rep. Kelcourse, among others, and is a major step forward in tackling the issue of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the Merrimack River. This long-awaited public alert system is expected to be in place by the summer of 2021, when thousands of people will be boating, fishing and swimming in the Merrimack. The Merrimack River Watershed Council has made this legislation a major priority and will be involved in the implementation of the public alert system.

Within two hours of detecting a CSO, a sewage plant operator must issue a public alert that reports where the discharge is occurring, when it began, an estimate of how much sewage was released, the areas that are expected to be affected, and precautions that the public should take. The public alert must be updated every 8 hours during an ongoing discharge, and once the discharge ends the public must be alerted within 2 hours. The State will be required to establish universal standards for reporting on CSO events, and must annually by May 15 release public reports that provide details of the prior year's CSO events.

When the alert system is up and running, the public will be able to sign up for an email or text message alert. The CSO report also must be sent to the region's 2 largest newspapers and posted on the sewer plant's website. When information becomes available as to how the public can sign up to receive alerts, the Town will help to get the word out to residents of Salisbury. In the long term, the goal of all communities along the Merrimack River is to end the practice of releasing untreated sewage into the river, but this will be a long-term effort that will require several millions of dollars of State and Federal funding. In the meantime, this new bill is good news for Salisbury and our region.

2) Promotion of Code Red System

The Town has begun a more aggressive approach to getting people to sign up for Code Red in order to receive general and neighborhood-specific alerts about important information that everyone should know. When the system was implemented, every home with a land line was

automatically included; however, individuals who only have cell phones and who wish to receive Town alerts need to proactively sign up for this service. It is simple to do – just go to the home page of the Town’s website (www.salisburyma.gov) and click on “HOW TO...”, then proceed to “Subscribe to Emergency Alerts,” create a user name and password, and enter what type of alerts you would like to receive and your cell phone number. With several construction projects set to resume in the spring, the Town urges as many people as possible to participate in the Code Red system, so that they can receive appropriate alerts.

3) Beach Nourishment

According to an article in last Friday’s Newburyport News, \$19 million in federal funding will be made available for dredging sand from the Merrimack and Piscataqua Rivers, with tens of thousands of cubic yards of this sand potentially becoming available for beach nourishment projects on Salisbury Beach and Plum Island. For the past several years, the Army Corps of Engineers has been working with the Merrimack River Beach Alliance and our congressional delegation to ensure that this funding would be available for these two projects. While it is too early to tell how much of this sand may become available for beneficial reuse on Salisbury Beach, the Town is prepared to enter into a cost-sharing agreement with the State, via DCR, in order to benefit from this dredged material. Off-shore sites have been permitted and the Town has \$150,000 set aside so far to help pay for the transport and placement of dredged material. Once details of the availability of sand are worked out, the Town may need to appropriate additional funding in order to be able to share the cost of securing an amount of sand that will be truly beneficial to Salisbury Beach. The next MRBA meeting is on Jan. 29, and I will share more information with the Board and the public as it becomes available.