

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2022 – 7:00 PM
SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD
COLCHESTER ROOM**

PRESENT: Selectmen Chairman Chuck Takesian, Donna Abdulla, Wilma McDonald,
Ronalee Ray-Parrott, and Michael Colburn

ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, Secretary

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Takesian 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 November 14, 2022

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of November 14, 2022 as written.

III. Public Comment - none

IV. Old Business

Class II – Coastal Collision and Accessories – 191 Elm Street

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to remove this item from the table.

Selectman McDonald asked the applicant if he was going to be selling vehicles in addition to his Class III license and he said he would not be, but he needed the Class II license to enable him to sell any abandoned vehicles and to sell at auctions. He will not be advertising and he will be parking the vehicles in the back of the building.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the Class II license.

V. New Business

a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; 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: Causeway Enterprises, Inc. – 77 Bridge Road and Westside Trucking – 172 Elm Street.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to renew a **Class III** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for: Causeway Enterprises, Inc. – 77 Bridge Road

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; 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: Blackdeath Restoration – 25 Atlantic Avenue and Great Bay Autobody-Marine Co, - 162 Bridge Rd.

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Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to waive the reading of the **Common Victualer** licenses and to vote on Lee's Seafood separately.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; 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: Connie's Stagecoach – 95 Elm Street, Dunkin Donuts – 15 Lafayette Road, Dunkin Donuts – 192 Elm Street, Good Fortune Restaurant – 2 Elm Street, Hideaway Pub – 183 No. End Boulevard, Hungry Traveler – 96 Beach Road, Lena's Seafood – 131 Rabbit Road, Mapow Restaurant – 147 Bridge Road, The Deck – 179 Bridge Road and The Winner's Circle – 211 Elm Street

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; 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 Lee's Seafood – 5 Oceanfront. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Abdulla abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to waive the reading of the Entertainment Licenses and to vote on Joe's Playland separately.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; 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: Captain's Corner – 73 – 75 Main Street – Amusement Center and Arcade, Hideaway Pub – 183 No. End Blvd. – Juke box, Hideaway Pub – 183 No. End Blvd – Live Entertainment/Trivia, Kitten's – 99 Bridge Road – Live Adult Entertainment & Jukebox, Kitten's – 99 Bridge Road – 2 Pool Tables & 3 video games, and The Deck – 179 Bridge Road – Karaoke/Live Entertainment/DJ

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; voted to renew an **Entertainment** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals, for: Joe's Playland – 10-12 Broadway and Joe's Playland – 15 Broadway both for an amusement center and arcade. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Abdulla abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; 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: Flying Horses Parking @ Joe's Playland. VOTE: 4 yeas; Selectman Abdulla abstained – motion carried.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman McDonald; 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: Flying Horses Parking @ Joe's Playland and Joseph Wekelo – 207 No. End Blvd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license to the CF Elite Sports Club – 191 Elm Street.

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Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Colburn; voted to approve a **Special Event/One Day Liquor Permit** to the Parks & Recreation for a Makers Market – Sip & Stroll at the Boys & Girls Club on Dec. 10, 2022. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Ray-Parrott abstained. Motion carried.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Liquor License Renewals

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to waive the reading of the Liquor Licenses.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; unanimously voted to renew the 2023 liquor licenses for:

All American Tavern – 34 Bridge Road
Bucciarellis Butcher Shop – 147 Bridge Road
Capri – 4 Ocean Front North

Carousel Lounge – 20 Ocean Front
Connie's Stagecoach – 95 Elm Street
Dolphin at Salisbury Beach – 28 Ocean Front So.
Express Food Mart – 183 No. End Boulevard
Famillys Chinese restaurant and Bar – 139 Elm St.
Good Fortune – 2 Elm Street

The Gourmet Pantry – 160 Beach Road
Gulf Express – 5 Bridge Road
Harbor Pizza Restaurant & Pub – 188 Lafayette Rd.
Hideaway Pub – 183 No. End. Boulevard
Kitten's Gentlemen's Club – 99 Bridge Rd.

Mapow – 147 Bridge Road
Mobil Mart – 66 Main Street
Play Ball – 6 Old Elm
R & L Liquors – 105 Elm Street
Salisbury Minimart Inc. – 192 Elm Street
Seaglass – 4 Ocean Front North
Seaside Liquors – 1 Broadway
Hungry Traveler – 98 Beach Road
Stateline Liquors – 45 Toll Road
Sylvan Street Grille – 195 Elm Street
Tens Show Club – 11 No. End Blvd.
Uncle Eddie's – 8 Ocean Front South
The Winners Circle – 211 Elm Street

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Colburn; voted to renew the 2023 liquor license for: Sin A Loa – 3 Broadway. VOTE: 4 yea's – Selectman Abdulla abstained.

e. New Liquor Licenses - none

f. Committee Appointments - none

g. Update/Presentations: COA Director/Library Director/Health Agent

Liz Pettis, COA Director reported on the following:

- The seniors have been making wreaths and decorating a tree for the Sea Festival of Trees, as well as sprucing up and maintaining the exterior of the building. Knitters and quilters are always making items to be donated.
- The Friends of the COA, under the direction of Pat McBride has assisted with social events, meals, entertainment, postage for newsletter and holiday bags for homebound seniors.
- Triton students are very involved with the COA, making pies for the seniors, holiday cards, pen pal program and Snow Angels' program.

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- The food pantry has distributed over 1,300 pounds of food each week. 45 turkeys and 11 chickens for Our Neighbors Table went out last week from the pantry. 20 turkeys were donated by the Garcia family of Salisbury and were delivered to those in need. 10 turkey dinners with all the fixings were donated by our local Lions Club.
- The van driver continues to deliver groceries to the homebound every other Wednesday and picks up hot lunches from St. Basil's each Monday. He also transports clients to medical appointments and shopping. Meals on Wheels delivers meals on weekdays and brown bag groceries from the Greater Boston Food Bank are delivered monthly.
- Over the last 6 months the Center has had boat cruises, corn hole tournaments, Elvis performances, birthday parties, Halloween, Octoberfest and Thanksgiving luncheons, State House Tour, seminars on Elder Law, General Patton and Medicare/Open enrollment forums, monthly book, art classes and fitness programs.
- 40 Fuel Assistance applications have been completed. Fuel assistance income limits are \$42,411 for an individual and \$55,461 for a family of two.
- The Elder Mental Health Outreach Team is funded through MCOA and is offered through our community. They offer free confidential assessment and counseling services with a clinical Social Worker either in the clients' home or at the COA and is available to those 60 years of age and older who are suffering with a mental health issue.
- Former State Rep. Jim Kelcourse stopped in with a generous donation. Although he is no longer a State Rep his generosity continues.
- ARP Funding Update: 1) the side handicapped door hydraulics has been repaired. 2) the carpet tiles have been replaced in the offices and 3) the main building has been completed.

Terry Kyrios, Library Director reported:

- The new Assistant Director, Janina Majeran started in August and she will be working on programming and focusing on the young adults. Jim Dondero and Larry Cuddire are two new Trustees.
- Besides the summer reading program, Joan Cox brought story telling to the beach on Tuesdays.
- "Story Hour in the Bag" continues to be strong. She handed out 1,650 in FY22 and in person story hours with Maple the therapy dog finally returned to normal. Joan brought the library to the Fairy Walk, Farmers' Markets, Salisbury Days, Scarecrow Contest and Trunk or Treat and she has activities planned for the tree lighting and a Polar Express event December 6th.
- For adults, there are meditation Mondays, 2 weekly yoga classes, 2 monthly Tarot classes and 4 monthly book clubs. In conjunction with Tewksbury Public Library there are two upcoming virtual events: an evening with mystery writers Hank Phillippi Ryan, Sulari Gentill and Eva Jurczyk on December 8th and 7th and a virtual presentation on December 6th at 11AM on winter pruning.
- Paintings by Jeannette Lazarus and Diane Masiello are on display with proceeds to benefit the library's Art Fund and Our Neighbors' Table.
- Circulation for FY22 was 103,385 vs. 71,075 in FY21.

Jack Morris, Health Director first acknowledged all those who helped him at the vaccine clinics and said he could not have done it without them. He also thanked Conley's Pharmacy in Ipswich for providing the vaccines.

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- He then reported that his Department is finishing up 7 problem properties and one has finally been demolished successfully.
- 193 Atlantic Avenue is being cleaned up to make it buildable.
- He and the Building Inspector work very closely together; there are about 11 other properties they will be working on in the Spring.
- Annual food inspections are on-going. His Department is looking at the possibility of waiving the requirement of permitting non-perishable food. In order to qualify the food has to be commercial pre-packaged food.
- There are currently 9 active COVID cases.
- The Coalition Program with the Merrimack Valley group has been very successful and everything seems to be under control at this time.

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence

VIII. Hearings

7:15 PM – Tax Classification Hearing

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to open the Hearing at 7:15 PM.

Jonathan Greeno, Director of Assessing, gave a Power Point presentation outlining the four options that the Selectman would be required to vote on, specifically the Open Space Discount, Residential Exemption, Small Business Exemption, and the Tax Rate Factor. He then informed the Selectmen that the Board of Assessors had voted not to recommend adoption of any of the first three options. A copy of the presentation is on file in the Selectmen's Office.

No one from the public was in attendance.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to close the Hearing at 7:35 PM.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to not adopt the Open Space Discount.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to not adopt the Residential Exemption.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to not adopt the Small Business Exemption.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted adopt a Tax Rate Factor of 1.

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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 Abdulla unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W23-58 through W23-62.

At this time there was a moment of silence in remembrance of Lou Masiello, who passed away last week. Chairman McDonald said that Mr. Masiello personified community involvement. He was presently serving on the Planning Board, had previously served on the Board of Health, and had served on other boards and commissions over the years. Selectman Ray-Parrott noted he also served for many years on the Democrat Committee for the Town.

Chairman Takesian said he hoped to see everyone at the annual tree lighting ceremony on Tuesday, November 29, as it had been postponed due to rain from Nov. 27.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

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

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Copies of licenses as listed

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:

Janet E. Flannery, Secretary


Approved: _____



Michael Colburn, Clerk

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager 

Date: November 28, 2022

Re: November 28th 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) Whittier Regional Vocational School

On Friday, Nov. 18, I attended a meeting at Whittier Regional Vocational/Technical School with several other local officials to get an update on Whittier's proposed plan to renovate its existing facility or to build a new building. As is the case with the aging facility at Triton Junior/Senior High School, the main building at Whittier no longer meets modern building codes and has several years of deferred maintenance.

Similar to Triton, Whittier has submitted a Statement of Interest to the Mass. School Building Authority and hopes to be accepted into the program, so that the cost of any renovation/new construction would be partially paid for by the MSBA. Currently, Whittier is at the early stages of planning for the type of project they want to submit, and the purpose of the meeting was to update stakeholders from throughout the Whittier District about potential costs. Based on the most current estimates, a new project at Whittier is estimated to cost between \$237 million and \$296 million. Since Salisbury currently constitutes about 4% of Whittier's enrollment, this translates into a cost of between \$9.5 and \$11.8 million.

The importance of this issue lies in the fact that, when added to Salisbury's likely assessment for the proposed project at Triton Regional, the taxpayers could be looking at about \$35 million in debt exclusion override costs just to support the renovation/reconstruction of these two schools. This number exceeds the Town's current General Fund annual operating budget. One strategy for dealing with the magnitude of this problem is to work with our legislative delegation to make a push to have the State commit a significant portion of whatever additional revenue is raised following the passage of Question 1 to funding the MSBA. In that manner, districts such as our may have an opportunity to secure more State funding for school building projects. We will need to have ongoing conversations about this issue in the months ahead.

2) Rep-Elect Shande Meeting

On November 21, I met with Representative-Elect Dawne Shande to discuss Salisbury issues and the importance of keeping the lines of communication open between her office and Town Hall. We talked about the Whittier and Triton projects, the importance of re-establishing a good relationship with DCR as it relates to coastal erosion issues, support of Town grant applications

to the State, and a variety of other issues. I look forward to continuing to maintain strong ties with her and our new State Senator, Bruce Tarr.

3) North End Boulevard Project

MassDOT will hold its next meeting on the North End Boulevard Improvement Project on Wednesday night, Nov. 30 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held remotely and is accessible via MassDOT's website at www.mass.gov/massdot-highway-design-public-hearings. This info is also posted on the Town's website. This will be an important meeting, as MassDOT will be unveiling a new plan designed to address many of the concerns raised at the 3 public meetings that were held this past May. The Town and MassDOT would like to build consensus around a final design plan so that we can get the project in line for regional TIP funding and eventual construction.

4) Lafayette Road Sewer Project

I met recently with John Sykora from Weston & Sampson, the Town's consulting engineers on the Lafayette Road/Main Street sewer project. Due to delays in getting power from National Grid to the new pump stations, it is now likely that the project will not be finished until early in the spring of 2023. Frankly, this delay is on National Grid's end, as work orders for connecting electricity to the pump stations were filed several months ago. Until the pump stations have power, the Town cannot activate the Lafayette Road portion of the project, which will delay the time frame for homeowners to begin receiving new sewer service. By contrast, the Main Street portion of the project is complete and those who have hooked up are currently receiving sewer service, as this line is connected to the existing sewer line on Rabbit Road. When electric service is provided to the new pump station at the corner of Lafayette and True Road, the old pump station at the Elementary School will be disconnected and demolished, and a new tie-in to SES, Allen Drive and Kendall Lane will be established.