

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

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

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

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

Chairman McDonald 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 February 14, 2022**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of February 14, 2022, 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; voted to renew a **Sunday** 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 15 Broadway. VOTE: 4 yea's – Selectman Abdulla abstained. Motion carried.

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: 15 Broadway and The Dolphin at Salisbury Beach – 28 Ocean Front

**b. New Licenses**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** license for The Dolphin at Salisbury Beach – 28 Ocean Front

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve an **Entertainment** license for The Dolphin at Salisbury Beach – 28 Ocean Front for Live Entertainment/Video Games/Juke Box (3 licenses)

**c. License Amendments - none**

**d. Liquor License Renewals (Seasonal)**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to approve the renewal of the Seasonal Liquor Licenses for: The Deck, Surfside, and Gracie's Bar & Grille

**e. New Liquor Licenses - none**

**f. Committee Appointments - none**

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**g. Update/Presentations: School Committee/Police Chief**

**Linda Litkofsky, School Committee Chair**, reported that the Committee's business over the last year focused on 3 main points: mental health, finance, and continued work on pandemic related issues.

- Grant funding was used by the District to bring on a wellness coordinator last summer. New mental health programming has been created, a District trauma team was formed, and the Home for Little Wanderers was brought in to provide therapy directly in the schools. The proposed budget for next year would include hiring a social emotional learning teacher and a licensed clinical social worker to supplement the existing elementary school staff.
- In addition to the mental health investments, the proposed budget would phase in the final year of full day kindergarten tuition so that next year would be free to families. At the high school level, it was decided to add a career counseling position to support students, especially those who may not want to go on to college.
- Separately, town and district representatives have been considering both a landlord/tenant agreement to detail how maintenance and capital work happens, and a potential alternative assessment for the regional agreement, which would give an additional option in determining how the assessments to the towns are calculated.
- On March 9, the School Committee intends to vote on submitting a warrant article for the three annual town meetings to create a stabilization account. It has been agreed that the District will send a Statement of Interest to the State's school building authority in support of a major renovation project for the Byfield campus.
- As of February 28, the State has relaxed its masking mandate for schools and the School Committee voted 2 weeks ago to relax its local masking policy as well, meaning that masking will now be optional in schools and on school buses. However, masks will still be required in the school nurses' offices.

In closing, she thanked the Board and Town Manager for their support of the school system.

**Police Chief Thomas Fowler** gave statistical comparisons for years 2020 and 2021 showing that in 2021 log entries increased by 22.9%; calls for service by 21.4%; arrests by 21.1%; and motor vehicle crashes by 3.4%.

- Personnel changes: The first full-time female officer, Adrienne Costa, has been hired. She previously had worked for five years in Danvers full time, and part-time in Georgetown and Manchester-by-the-Sea.
- Training: Officer Szymkowski completed the training as a Firearms Instructor, and Officer Lischinsky as a Defensive Tactics Instructor. Dispatcher Johnson completed the CPR First Aid training, Officer Guillermo completed the NEMLEC Response Team training and Sergeant Goodrich joined the NEMLEC CISM Team.
- Body worn cameras were implemented for the first time in February. There are 10 cameras currently being used and the Department is seeking to get additional cameras. He then showed a "mock" vehicle stop, illustrating the use of a body worn camera.
- Liquor License compliance checks were conducted in May through September: 2 unannounced checks per establishment each month, for a total of 190 checks. The basic compliance is for license display, manager on duty, overserving and underage serving. No violations or arrests were found for unrelated disturbances.

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In closing, Chief Fowler reminded everyone that “If you see something, say something” and report crime and suspicious activity.

Selectman Condon said he is in favor of the body worn cameras, saying he believes they protect the public as well as the police officers.

**h. Schedule Public Hearing for a Transfer of Liquor License for Hungry Traveler, Inc. – 98 Beach Road**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to schedule a Public Hearing for the Transfer of the Liquor License for Hungry Traveler, Inc. on March 14, 2022, at 7:15 PM.

**i. Vote to Approve New Employment Contract for Chief of Police**

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a new employment contract for the Chief of Police, as submitted by the Town Manager.

**j. Vote re: Right of First Refusal for Sale of 135 Beach Road, Unit 312**

Mr. Harrington was informed last this afternoon that the person intending to sell this unit had requested that no action be taken tonight.

Motion by Selectman Condon, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to table this item.

**k. Vote to Amend Employee Parking Fees at Salisbury Beach**

Mr. Harrington stated that there is a working group that meets at the end of each beach season to go over all the parking issues from the previous summer. The group this past year found that there were a significant amount of problems with the parking kiosks, which they hope to correct for the coming summer. They also discussed the various parking rates at the beach and it was decided to recommend that only one fee be raised for 2022, which is the \$20.00 yearly fee for employees at businesses located at the beach. The group asks the Board to increase the fee to \$25.00 effective May 1.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to approve the amended parking fee.

**VI. Sewer/Water**

**VII. Correspondence**

Notification from Xfinity that Fox Life will cease operations effective March 31, 2022.

**VIII. Hearings**

**7:15 PM – Vote to Approve Liquor License for Sin A Loa – 3 Broadway**

Selectman Abdulla recused herself and left the room.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to open the Hearing at 7:28 PM.

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Mr. Rehamani explained that the general concept of his restaurant is going to be an authentic taco tequila bar. He said he grew up in the restaurant business and he presently has three other restaurants. There were no abutters present and no questions.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to close the Hearing at 7:32 PM.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the New Liquor License for Sin A Loa.

Selectman Abdulla returned to the meeting room after the vote was taken.

**IX. Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Harrington announced that the Town has been awarded an \$800,000 CDBG Grant to complete the next phase of the ongoing program to upgrade the infrastructure in the Sandy Lane area. This project is similar to the one that was recently completed in the "presidential streets" neighborhood. The current project is being done in multiple phases and should be complete within three years.

The Manager reported that over the course of the winter a significant amount of studying was done regarding the conditions of the Town's streets, with an eye toward putting forth a major road paving and reconstruction plan for 2022. He reminded the Board that a consultant hired a few years ago produced a report which rated the condition of each street in town from the worst to the best and he used this report to guide his decision-making process regarding road upgrades for this year. He also noted that he had solicited recommendations from the Selectmen.

In short, he announced that his plan was to spend a significant amount of money upgrading the streets in the worst condition. Noting that some of the streets in the worse condition were those of considerable length, and looking at the amount of money available, he announced a goal of spending about \$1 million to improve the condition of six of the worst streets in town in 2022 -- three in the Spring and three in the Fall -- as follows: Re-paving and/or reconstruction of Pike Street (from Toll Road to Lafayette Road), Collins Street (from Lafayette Road to the NH state line) and Blacksnake Road in the Spring and repaving and/or reconstruction of Longmeadow Drive, Ferry Road (from Beach Road to Grover Street) and Glenwood Road after July 1.

Finally, Mr. Harrington announced that over the winter a conclusion was reaching to the never-ending saga of the status of the property at 115 No. End Boulevard. After almost 20 years of legal battles, an eviction of the previous owners was executed, and they were allowed to access the site to remove some of their personal belongings. An auction of the property is scheduled for April 14 and contact information for the auctioneer will be on the Town's website. He said he was hopeful that the sale of this property would help recoup most of what was spent on legal fees and the back taxes owed.

**X. Selectmen's Report**

**a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W22-68 through W22-72.

The Board thanked the Manager for the street improvement plan announced earlier.

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**XI. Executive Session**

**a. Discussion of Negotiating Strategy re: New Employment Contract for Police Chief**

No executive session was held.

**XII. Adjournment**

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

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

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Copies of licenses as listed

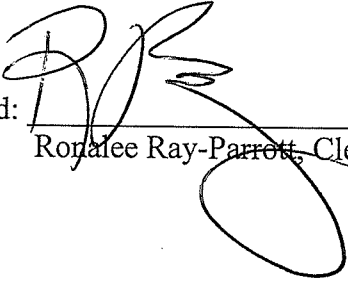
Town Manager's Report

Info re: Sale of 135 Beach Road, Unit 312

Respectfully submitted:

Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Clerk