

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
EMERGENCY MEETING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 – 11:30 AM  
REMOTE VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Selectmen Michael Colburn, Chuck Takesian, Donna Abdulla and Terry Marengi, Jr.  
**ALSO PRESENT:** James Ryan, Assistant Town Manager

**I. Call to Order**

Chairman Ray-Parrott called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM. She then announced that the purpose of the meeting was to declare a State of Emergency in order to allow property owners to file the necessary applications to receive approval to put sand on their properties at Salisbury Beach to protect these properties from Hurricane Lee

**II. Declaration of Emergency re: Hurricane “Lee”**

Selectmen Takesian moved that the Board declare a State of Emergency due to projections of Hurricane Lee in the area showing risks of heavy surf breaching the dunes at Salisbury Beach, as these dunes remain dangerously vulnerable due to last winter’s storm. Further, that this declaration be sent to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs and that this measure serve as notice under MEPA. Mr. Colburn seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Selectman Takesian – yes; Selectman Marengi – yes; Selectman Colburn – yes; Selectman Abdulla – yes; Selectman Ray-Parrott – yes.

Selectman Abdulla asked if the residents who may want to bring sand to their properties may do so after the coming weekend. Tom Hughes, an environmental consultant working to assist the Town in this matter, responded that the Town will need to assess the condition of the beach after the weekend and will have to reach out to the State for guidance should people want to place sand on their properties after the weekend. He said the current process in place was only good for the next few days until the arrival of the hurricane.

Lance Wisniewski, Executive Director of SCTV, informed that Board that he had been in touch with the Town’s Emergency Management Director, Fire Chief Scott Carrigan, and that the Chief would be sending several updates to SCTV over the next few days, which would be broadcast on the local cable TV station and on SCTV’s website and Facebook page. Mr. Wisniewski also mentioned that he had reached out to State Senator Bruce Tarr, who would be providing updates as well.

Selectman Takesian said he wanted to make it clear that the Board was taking the step of declaring a State of Emergency so that local property owners could make the necessary applications to receive emergency certifications and make their own arrangements to contact contractors to place sand on their own properties. Mr. Hughes added that the Town was helping also by cutting through some of the “red tape” at State regulatory agencies.

Selectman Ray-Parrott thanked Mr. Hughes for stepping up and helping in the absence of the Town’s Conservation Agent, who was away on vacation.

**III. Adjournment**

Selectman Takesian moved that the meeting be adjourned; Selectman Colburn seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Selectman Takesian – yes; Selectman Abdulla – yes; Selectman

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Colburn – yes; Selectman Marengi – yes; Selectman Ray-Parrott – yes. Selectman Ray-Parrott declared the meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen's Office:  
Board of Selectmen's Declaration of Emergency

Respectfully submitted:  
Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager

Approved:   
Donna Abdulla, Clerk