

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2015

PRESENT: Selectmen Freeman J. Condon, Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Ed Hunt, Henry Richenburg, Wilma McDonald and Chuck Takesian
ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, Secretary

I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Condon 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 23, 2015

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of November 23, 2015 as written.

III. Old Business - none

IV. New Business

a. License Renewals:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to renew a **Class I** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for: Priority Motor Group – 158 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; 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: Advantage Auto Sales – 137 Lafayette Rd., Congdon Auto Repair & Sales – 50 Elm St., Performance Distributing – 211 Lafayette Rd., Highland Motors – 205 Lafayette Rd., Aran Trading – 74 Main St., and Westside Trucking - 172 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; 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: Congdon Auto Repair & Sales, 50 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; 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: Drew's Cycle – 72 Elm St., Gray's Garage – 35 Elm St., Merry Motors – 124 Lafayette Red., Stan's Place – 205 Lafayette Rd., Black Death Restoration - 25 Atlantic Ave., and Cassidy's Auto Body – 29 Locust St.

Motion by Selectman , Second by Selectman ; 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: Sylvan Street Grille – 195 Elm St., Invalsa Coffee – 1 Merrill St., Mapoutias' – 147 Bridge Rd., Ten's Show Club – 11 No. End Blvd., Fast Freddie's – 66 Main St., Northeast Ice Cream – Mobile Vending Truck, and Hodgie's Too – 136 Rabbit Rd.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; 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 Kitten's – 99 Bridge Rd. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Hunt abstained.

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Motion by Selectman Richenburg, 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: Marte-L Convenience Store – 45 Toll Rd., Real Brazil Services – 50 Elm St., Play All Day – 193 Elm St., A Hair Better – 6 Merrill St., Open Concepts – 107 Elm St., Corbin's Boatyard – 4 Second St., Jocelyn Marine – 159 Bridge Rd., Karen Holmes Physical Therapy-191 Elm St., W. Harrison & Sons – 12 Harrison Ave., Canvas Connection – 129 Bridge Rd., Salon 42°/70° - 165 Bridge Rd., Plantwerks – 102 Bridge Rd., Daisy Disc – 167 Bridge Rd., Dog Tails – 15 Main St., Jilly's Bistro – 8 Broadway, Cinemagic – 6 Merrill St., Hall's Towing - 205 Lafayette Rd., ABF U-Pack Moving – 74 Main St., Fixation Retail Store – 158A Bridge Rd., Jims Phillips Firewood Sales – 57 Main St., Leeward Light – 126 Bridge Rd., RJ Tindle – 118-122 Rabbit Rd., Mattress Depot – 122 Lafayette Rd., Eastern Mass. Machined Products – 164 Elm St., Seacoast Safe & Lock – 124 Lafayette Rd., Salisbury Discount House – 11A Broadway, Sand Dollar Annex – 16 Broadway, Penske U-Haul Truck Rental – 167 Elm St., RB Entertainment – 59 Elm St., Linda's Alpha Omega Salon – 4 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to renew a **General** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for Beach Plum Farms – 88 Elm St. VOTE: 4 yeas – Chairman Condon abstained.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; 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: Cinemagic – 6 Merrill St. – arcade, Sylvan Street Grille – 195 Elm St. – live entertainment/juke box, Ten's Show Club – 11 North End Blvd. – adult entertainment & DJ.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to renew an **Entertainment** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for Kittens – 99 Bridge Rd – adult entertainment & DJ/2 pool tables & 3 video games (2 licenses) VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Hunt abstained.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; 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: Cinemagic – 6 Merrill Street and Tens Show Club - 11 No. End Blvd.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to renew a **Sunday** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for Kittens – 99 Bridge Rd. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Hunt abstained.

b. New Licenses - none

c. License Amendments (renewal with an amendment)

Entertainment – Antonio's Pizzeria – 188 Lafayette Rd. – amend to include Thursday
Chairman Condon addressed a letter that the Building Inspector sent to Antonio's outlining several violations that needed to be taken care of. Mr. Lanzillo said he will follow the direction of the Inspector and as far as the entertainment on Sundays, he will not have it anymore until he gets the proper license.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Hunt; voted to approve the license contingent on meeting the building Inspector's requirements. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Richenburg opposed.

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d. Committee Appointments - none

e. Update/Presentations: COA Director/Fire Chief

Ms. Pettis reported that the Council continues to be challenged with the high participation level and the increase in requests from people's concern about senior parents, and she said they still need more volunteers. Forty-seven seniors were placed in a brown bag food program which offers a monthly bag of free staples. 7,100 Meals on Wheels have been served to date this year and 1,000 people have benefitted from the "Life" program which takes people in need to medical appointments or for their weekly shopping. Other programs include: help in understanding health insurance/Medicare-Medicaid options, bereavement and legal issues, as well as a number of health screenings for sight and diabetes. Fitness programs are offered weekly, which involves various types of movement such as ballet stretch classes that helps improve balance, coordination and flexibility. They also have yoga and strength training classes.

Fire Chief Souliotis reported that the Department received the grant funds for the new SCBA equipment. He also noted that the ladder truck passed the annual inspection again and that all business inspections with the Building Inspector have been completed. The Chief mentioned that the annual Open House was held in October and it was a great success. Finally, he stated that four firefighters completed their fire inspector training through the Massachusetts Fire Academy.

f. Vote to Approve Taxi Cab License for Port Taxi as Issued by the Town Clerk

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve the taxi cab license issued by the Town Clerk.

g. Vote to Approve Finance Director Contract

The Town Manager announced that after several months he has engaged the services of a new Finance Director, Karen Snow, and he introduced her to the Board. Chairman Condon welcomed her and said he was impressed with her resume and with all he has heard about her. Ms. Snow thanked him and said she was looking forward to coming to Salisbury and doing the best job that she can do.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve the contract for the new Finance Director as presented.

V. Comments by Visitors

Walter Sidley said he was recently surprised and pleased with the two articles written by the Newburyport News about the Blackwater River Flood Control Project and the oceanfront boardwalk project and he felt credit should be given certainly to Mr. Harrington, who has been front and center from the very beginning, to the Selectmen, Representative Kelcourse and Senator O'Connor Ives, both of whom worked hard to get the funding for the projects.

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence

- Letter from Ann Champagne expressing her thanks for the medical assistance provided to her husband in September, for without their efforts he is still with us.
- Letter from the Mass. Commission Against Discrimination (MCAD) to Rev. Robert Gallagher affirming the "Lack of Jurisdiction" finding and informing him that no further action will be considered.

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VIII. Hearings

7:30 PM – Tax Classification Hearing

Chairman Condon stated that this is a Public Hearing for Tax Classification.

Motion by Selectman Richenbourg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to open the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM.

Ms. Gorniewicz, Chief Assessor, provided a Tax Rate Classification Hearing summary for FY2016 to the Selectmen. Ms. Gorniewicz gave a PowerPoint presentation on the four issues which the Board would be required to vote on as part of the requirements for setting the tax rate for this fiscal year; namely, whether to adopt an Open Space Discount, a Residential Exemption, and the Small Commercial Exemption, and to vote to set the Tax Rate Factor. She said this is the standard process and nothing has changed from last year. A copy of this presentation is on file in the Selectmen's office.

Following Ms. Gorniewicz's presentation, Chairman Condon asked for comments from the public and there were none.

Motion by Selectman Richenbourg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to close the Public Hearing at 7:50 PM.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted NOT to adopt an Open Space Discount for FY2016.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Richenbourg; unanimously voted NOT to adopt a Residential Exemption for FY2016.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Richenbourg; unanimously voted NOT to adopt the Small Commercial Exemption for FY2016.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Richenbourg; unanimously voted to set a single Tax Rate Factor of 1.00 for FY2016.

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 Richenbourg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W16-84 through W16-98.

Chairman Condon and Selectman Richenbourg commended the Manager for all his work and efforts on the Blackwater River Project. Selectman Hunt also pointed that former Senator Baddour and former Rep. Costello played an important role also. Selectman Takesian said former Senator Jajuga and former Rep. Finnegan were involved in the project. The Manager agreed and thanked the Board for bringing forward the names of all elected officials who helped on the project over the years.

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b. Subcommittee Reports

Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension: Selectman Richenburg reported that there was a meeting with the engineers and everything is going in a positive fashion. The committee will be looking at specifications and drawings in March.

Police Station: Selectman Richenburg said the residents should start seeing the “vertical rise” of the new station soon, weather permitting. Cement was scheduled last week to be poured for the foundation and the steel girders and I-beams should start to be set in place soon.

Selectman Takesian mentioned the Boardwalk Project, which has been a long standing project. He knows there have been several people involved in the project and he wanted to mention Lisa Pearson for the work she did on the grant application, as well as Selectman McDonald. He then wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:10 PM.

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

Minutes of Nov. 23, 2015
Copies of licenses as listed
Tax Classification Info
Town Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted:
Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____
Chuck Takesian, Clerk