

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES OF MAY 9, 2016

PRESENT: Selectmen Freeman J. Condon, Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Ed Hunt, Henry Richenburg, 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 April 25, 2016

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of April 25, 2016 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 **General** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original license and all subsequent renewals for: 5 Dragons Martial Arts – 1 Merrill St., T&A Small Engine Repair – 156 Bridge Rd., Jake's Used Goods – 78 Lafayette Rd., and Junk in the Trunk – 156 Bridge Rd.

b. New Licenses

Motion by Selectman Hunt, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to approve a **Common Victualer** for Connie's Stagecoach – 95 Elm St. (new ownership).

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve a **Special Event Permit** to the Salisbury Beach Partnership for their annual Seacoast Running Festival on June 10th, 11th, and 12th.

c. License Amendments - none

d. Committee Appointments - none

e. Update/Presentations: Fire Chief/Planning Board

Chief Souliotis reported that the Mass. Fire Academy and National Grid recently came to the station and gave a demonstration re: dealing with fires on high tension wires. Also, the fire boat is being prepared to go in the water shortly. Since January there have been 4 building fires, some questionable, and already a brush fire and a fire at High Rocks at which the fire boat would have been helpful if it had been in the water. Hazmat will be the next training during the summer months and this is an eight hour session and is mandatory.

Don Egan, Planning Board Chairman, reported that there is a full Board plus an alternate. Since their last report in January, the following has taken place:

- Site Plan Reviews were approved for 105 Rabbit Rd., 208 and 28 Elm Street, and 179 Bridge Road. One SPR application for 20 Ferry Road was withdrawn.

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- 4 ANRs were endorsed for 15 Second St., 60 Rabbit Rd., 37 & 41 Cable Ave., and 208 Elm St./23 Old Elm St.
- The corrected street acceptance plan for Ocean Front South was signed and the Planning Board recommended the discontinuance of Old Locust Street.
- A partial Certificate of Completion for 179 Beach Road was approved.
- The Board provided comments to the ZBA regarding 29 Elm St./18 Maple St., approved the request to adjust the maximum housing contribution payment for inclusionary zoning to \$18,858.91, and recommended the Complete Streets Policy to the Board of Selectmen.
- The Planning Board has started to look into examples from other communities regarding tree bylaws since the concept of tree cutting/clearing came up during the re-zoning of Lafayette-Main Street.
- The official zoning map was amended by modifying the boundary of the commercial district as shown on a map entitled “Proposed Commercial District Zoning” and recommended to Town Meeting.

f. Town Manager Evaluation

Chairman Condon read the Summary of the Town Manager’s evaluation that encompassed the period from May 2015 through April 2016, in which all Selectmen participated. This was a 10-point rating scale with 10 being excellent. The Manager’s performance was evaluated on 25 responsibilities in 3 different categories: In General Administration he received 8.84 out of 10; External Relationships 9.4 out of 10, and Personal Characteristics 9.04, with an overall rating of 9.09. which was higher than last year. The Chairman said that he feels this is an extremely favorable evaluation and he indicated that the Manager’s strongest points continue to be the fiscal condition of the Town, his hiring of strong key staff people, and his impressive relationships with State and Local Officials. In closing, Chairman Condon congratulated the Manager on the impressive evaluation and he personally thanked him for his help and support during the last year that he served as Chairman.

V. Comments by Visitors

Chuck Colburn thanked Selectman Hunt for his service. He said he has known him since 1991 and there has never been a Selectman so dedicated to the Town as Mr. Hunt is. Every time Ed speaks of the town it’s “our Town” and he’s always looking out for the people. He is proud to call him his friend.

Fred Bishop had a complaint that the Manager had not returned his call from last week. The Manager explained that he checked into the matter that Fred was calling about and it had been resolved so he didn’t think it was necessary to call him back.

Gilbert Medeiros thanked Selectman Hunt for his service to the Town.

Mr. Makerawicz – 92 Cable Ave. asked if the State’s electronic sign at the entrance to the State Reservation could include a notice stating that no dogs are allowed on the beach. He also spoke about a concern he had about drones flying over private property. He doesn’t want drones too close to his property and he would like the Selectmen to see if the Town can require residents who own drones to register them.

VI. Sewer/Water

VII. Correspondence

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VIII. Hearings

7:30 PM – Verizon – Pole Re-location at 54 Beach Rd.

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

Right of Way Agent Everett Bryan requested permission to relocate an existing pole #25 approximately 15 feet in an easterly direction to clear an entrance to a new subdivision at 54 Beach Rd. No abutters were present.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to close the Hearing at 7:33 PM.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to approve the re-location of Pole #25 at 54 Beach Rd.

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 Richenburg, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W16-182 through W16-188.

b. Subcommittee Reports

Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension: Mr. Richenburg reported that the committee is waiting for Town Meeting to approve a \$675,000 bonding request for funds to complete the construction drawings for phases 2 and 3.

Police Station: Mr. Richenburg report that progress is ongoing. Everything is on schedule.

Comments from the Board to outgoing Selectman Hunt:

Selectman Richenburg stated that he had served with Mr. Hunt on several committees as well as on the Board of Selectmen, and found him to be very helpful and knowledgeable. He will miss his input and wishes him the best.

Selectman McDonald seconded that and wished him the best.

Selectman Takesian said he only served with Mr. Hunt for the past year and it's been a pleasure. He has known him to be trustworthy and honest and wished him the best.

Chairman Condon said that Mr. Hunt has been a positive addition to the Town and to the Board. They didn't always agree but could always agree to disagree and he wished him good luck.

Selectman Hunt then mentioned some issues that he would like to see addressed, specifically:

- At one time there was talk of an office park on Elm Street that never materialized. He would like to see the opportunity to move forward with this idea explored again.

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- Management Review – He said the biggest complaints he gets are about water and sewer; maybe DOR should do a review at no cost to the Town.
- Maintenance of the Town's buildings is very important.
- He then thanked everyone for their comments and he asked if he could address his town.

Selectman Hunt then took the podium to address the Town. He thanked the Chamber of Commerce, Beach Betterment Association, Salisbury Beach Partnership, Citizens for Change, the Town Manager, Fire Department, DPW Director and his crew, Council on Aging, and the Parks & Recreation, the Selectmen's secretaries and all Boards and Committees that provide services. He said he has enjoyed being a Selectman and that he's a "people person" who enjoys talking to people. He urged residents to get out and vote and for them to know who they are voting for. He thanked the Town Manager and said they've had some good times and bad. He respects the Manager for the way he handles himself and believes he's a good family man.

XI. Executive Session - none

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Hunt; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

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

Minutes of April 25, 2016

Copies of licenses as listed

Pole Re-location information

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:

Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: _____
Chuck Takesian, Clerk