

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017 – 7:00 PM  
SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD  
COLCHESTER ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Wilma McDonald, Chairman; Chuck Takesian, and Ronalee Ray-Parrott

**ABSENT:** Selectmen Condon and Richenburg

**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 27, 2017**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Minutes of February 27, 2017 as written.

**III. Old Business**

**IV. New Business**

**a. License Renewals:**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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: The Green Cocoon – 107 Elm Street Rear, Old Time Sports – 10 Fanaras Dr., Anima Massage – 90 Main St., Seaside Liquors – 1 Broadway and PC Wizard – 50 Elm St., Unit 1

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to renew a **Class III & a Repair** license, with the same conditions/restrictions that may have been on the original licenses and all subsequent renewals for Salisbury Petroleum Auto & Repair – 157 Bridge Rd.

**b. New Licenses**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **General** License to House of Cards – 114 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **General** License to Special Stars Performing Arts – 133B Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **General** License to Olde Yankee Roots – 61 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to approve a **Special Event Permit** to Salisbury Parks & Rec for the Tortoise & the Hare annual road/trail race on April 15, 2017

**c. License Amendments – name change only – same owners/management**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license to The DOJO, LLC – 141 Bridge Rd. (formerly called Tokyo Joe's Studio of Self Defense).

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**d. Committee Appointments - none**

**e. Update/Presentations: Conservation Commission**

Sheila Albertelli, Chairman, reported that in the past 6 months the Commission has approved 16 Notices of Intent, 4 Requests for Determination and 2 enforcement orders. There has been erosion at the beach due to the winter storms and some of the high tides have caused damages, and if there is anyone with damage as a result of the storms and tides, they should contact the Building Inspector immediately. If there is any structural damage they should also contact the Conservation Agent and/or Building Department so an emergency permit can be issued right away. For anyone filing for a permit, she explained that it's important for them to know that any work that would fill or dredge a resource area is within the jurisdiction of the Commission; the entire beach is a resource area and their jurisdiction is the entire beach. Any project in this area will need a permit, whether it be a deck, steps, building, seawall, pavers, or sheds.

**V. Comments by Visitors**

**VI. Sewer/Water**

**VII. Correspondence**

Information from Xfinity re: billing, work order and rate & channel line-up as well as a copy of their policies and procedures

**VIII. Hearings**

**7:30 PM – Ascertainment Hearing on the Comcast License Renewal**

Chairman McDonald read the public hearing notice as it was printed in the Daily News on Feb. 27, 2017 and March 6, 2017 as required.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to open the Hearing at 7:31 PM.

Mr. Harrington announced that this is a required hearing that the Town must hold before beginning negotiations with Comcast to renew their license. Several people spoke on behalf of SCTV and their partnering with Comcast.

Sheila Albertelli, Chairman of the Conservation Commission, spoke on behalf of SCTV in partnering with Comcast. She said that SCTV has been extremely beneficial in filming the erosion at the beach, the rising tides, etc. which helps to get information out to the community. SCTV has her full support and she looks forward to working with them in the future.

Don Beaulieu stated that SCTV provides Salisbury with a vital service that many neighboring communities envy. It is a treasure to have SCTV here. He had the pleasure of serving on the negotiating team to start SCTV. The money received is used wisely and judiciously to purchase start-of-the art equipment and it is the hope to have a studio for SCTV, Channel 12. Comcast receives \$45M in cable fees annually from Salisbury alone and he feels there should be some money available for this purpose.

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Lance Wisniewski, Executive Director of SCTV, stated he is under contract with the Board of Selectmen to provide local cable TV access to the public. He then showed a power point presentation re: Channel 12 covering people's satisfaction, opinions of quality of programs, videos on demand, web usage, town's fiber net, etc. He spoke about the need and value of having a studio for SCTV. He doesn't know where exactly it would be but there is space in the Memorial School which would be ideal. He's trying to get the capital to build a studio and hopes that this request could be included in the renewal of the license with Comcast.

John Housianitis, a member of the SCTV board who also has his own program, spoke in support of the renewal of the license and believes we should get the "best bang for the buck." He said that SCTV has done a remarkable job and this is a wonderful service for the people of Salisbury.

Mark Hatem, Manager of WNBP, said he is very impressed with what the people at SCTV do with what they have to work with and he feels they could do so much more with more money.

Selectman Chuck Takesian disclosed that he is on the Board of Directors for SCTV and served as Chairman. He has seen first-hand what SCTV does and he constantly hears positive comments from people in town. He also clarified that SCTV is a privately funded corporation and doesn't receive any money from the Town. He believes Lance has done an outstanding job and SCTV does need a studio. He feels it behooves Comcast to provide the Town with sufficient funds to build a studio. He also pointed out that Board Directors are all volunteers and do not receive any compensation.

After the public comments, Chairman McDonald announced that the Board will keep the record open and anyone not present tonight may send written comments to the Town no later than the close of business on March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to close the Hearing at 8:20 PM.

**IX. Town Manager's Report**

Mr. Harrington announced that a written report was not available this evening, but that he would provide one to the Board's secretary for the file. He then reported that:

- The Police Station is now open for business, working through the "shake down period" making sure everything is in working order.
- He has been representing the 3 communities in the Triton Regional School District in negotiations with the teachers' union re: a new contract.
- Tonight's ascertainment hearing is a legal requirement that the Town must go through. After the hearing and comment period the new contract will come back to the Board for approval before the expiration date in August.

**X. Selectmen's Report**

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

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W17-136 through W17-143.

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**b. Subcommittee Reports**

**Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension:** The Town Manager reported that there have been no recent meetings of the committee and the Town will be seeking additional grant funding later in the year. Selectman Takesian noted that he had been asked by some residents whether the Town was still committed to the project and he told them the answer is “yes.” The Town Manager noted that Representative Kelcourse and Senator O’Connor-Ives are also working on this and they hope to get the Secretary Jay Ash to visit Salisbury at some point this year.

**Police Station:** Police is up and running and open for business!

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to recess for 5 minutes at 7:25 PM.

**XI. Executive Session - none**

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:21 PM.

Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen’s Office:  
Minutes of Feb. 27, 2017  
Copies of licenses as listed  
Town Manager’s Report

Respectfully submitted:  
Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Clerk