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

PRESENT:

Selectmen Chuck Takesian Chairman; Wilma McDonald, Henry Richenburg,

Freeman J. Condon, and Ronalee Ray-Parrott

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

# I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag

Chairman Takesian 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 none
- III. Old Business none

#### IV. New Business

## a. License Renewals for 2018:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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 - 158-160 Elm Street and Wall's Ford - 2 Merrill Street

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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: Bill's Auto Sales – 60 Main Street and Jim's Auto Body – 128-130 Bridge Road

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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: Hotrods Vintage Auto Recycling – 137 Lafayette Road and Jim's Auto Body – 128-130 Bridge Road

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; 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: Buddy's – 70 Lafayette Rd., Jim's Auto Body – 128-130 Bridge Rd., Coastal Collision & Accessories – 193 Elm St., Hatheway Auto Service – 66 Bridge Rd., Valvoline Instant Oil Change – 193 Elm St., and Bill's Auto Service – 32 Pike St.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Condon; 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: Connie's Stagecoach – 95 Elm St., Hungry Traveler – 96 Beach Rd., Tripoli Pizza – 15 Broadway, Salisbury Mini Mart d/b/a Subway – 192 Elm St., Cristy's Pizza – 11B Broadway, Invalsa Coffee – 1 Merrill St., The Winner's Circle – 211 Elm St., and Marie's Restaurant – 85 Beach Rd.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; 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: Salisbury Mini Mart -192 Elm St.

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Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman McDonald; 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: The Winner's Circle – 211 Elm St. – arcade/comedy/juke box (3 licenses)

#### b. New Licenses - none

#### c. License Amendments - none

## d. Committee Appointments

Cultural Council – 2 openings for 2 years – 2 applicants" Jane Purinton and Susan Kaplan Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to appoint Jane Purinton and Susan Kaplan to the Cultural Council for a two-year term expiring on June 30, 2019.

**Agricultural Commission** - 5 openings: 3 for 3 years and 2 for 2 years: 7 applicants: Fred Bishop, Mark Warcewicz, Thomas Tatro, Rob Roy, Jason Meade, Chris Chapman and MaryAnne Cyr Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Richenburg; unanimously voted to place all names in nomination.

Chairman Takesian then explained that there will be 3 members appointed for 3-year terms and 2 for 2-year terms.

Nominations for the first 3-year appointment:

Selectman Richenburg – Thomas Tatro; Selectman Condon – Thomas Tatro; Selectman McDonald – Thomas Tatro; Selectman Ray-Parrott – Thomas Tatro; Chairman Takesian – Thomas Tatro. By a unanimous vote Thomas Tatro was appointed for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2020.

#### Nominations for the second 3-year appointment:

Selectman Ray-Parrott – MaryAnn Cyr; Selectman Richenburg – MaryAnn Cyr; Selectman Condon – MaryAnn Cyr; Selectman McDonald – MaryAnn Cyr; Chairman Takesian – MaryAnn Cyr. By a unanimous vote MaryAnn Cyr was appointed for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2020.

## Nominations for the third 3-year appointment:

Selectman Condon – Chris Chapman; Selectman McDonald – Chris Chapman; Selectman Ray-Parrott – Chris Chapman; Selectman Richenburg – Chris Chapman; Chairman Takesian – Chris Chapman. By a unanimous vote Chris Chapman was appointed for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2020.

## Nominations for the first 2-year appointment:

Selectman McDonald – Jason Meade; Selectman Richenburg – Jason Meade; Selectman Condon – Jason Meade; Selectman Ray-Parrott – Jason Meade; Chairman Takesian – Jason Meade. By a unanimous vote Jason Meade was appointed for a 2-year term expiring June 30, 2019.

## Nominations for the second 2-year appointment:

Selectman Richenburg – Fred Bishop; Selectman Condon – Fred Bishop; Selectman McDonald – Fred Bishop; Selectman Ray-Parrott – Mark Warcewicz; Chairman Takesian – Fred Bishop. By a unanimous vote Fred Bishop was appointed for a 2-year term expiring June 30, 2019.

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# e. Update/Presentations: COA Director/Library Director

COA Director Liz Pettis reported that all events are well attended and going well. Some of the continued programs include fitness, crafts, knitting classes, health and educational seminars, trivia, and a men's weekly discussion group. The Holiday luncheon is scheduled for December 6<sup>th</sup> and she invited the Selectmen to attend. She further explained that the COA continues to offer transportation to medical appointments, shopping, the congregate meals, and Meals-on-Wheels delivers to the shutins. The outreach coordinator connects the seniors to the right resources, such as heating programs and health insurance, etc.

Selectmen Condon and Richenburg commended Ms. Pettis for all the work she does and that her job is about the most important one in Town.

Library Director Terry Kyrios announced that the new library just had its second anniversary in October. Since her last report, circulation is up 20%, inter-library loans are up 26%, and use of the meeting rooms is up another 12%. Some upcoming planned activities include: an Art Show, doll making classes, writing classes, children's programs and a therapy dog on site at different times. Other classes include ancestry & genealogy, and computer classes for adults. An Art Show will be opening on Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>, a new cookbook group is beginning in January. The children's librarian was responsible for creating a children's Facebook page, and she works with Lisa Pearson on the summer program; she deserves a lot of credit for all she does. In closing, Terry said that if anyone is getting new electronic equipment, they can call the Library and someone will be available to show them how to use it.

#### f. Petition Re: Making Pleasant Street a One-Way Street

Chairman Takesian thanked everyone who showed up for attending. He mentioned that a notice was mailed to all residents of Pleasant Streets, Ferry Road and abutting streets, but he had heard that some people didn't get the notice. He explained that the decision to have this item placed on the agenda was made by himself and the Town Manager when the agenda was set last Wednesday, and that notices were sent out on Thursday. He then asked for comments from the Selectmen.

Selectman Richenburg said he wished to hold his comments until the residents had been heard.

Selectman Ray-Parrott mentioned that this issue was discussed at their last meeting and it was mentioned at that time that it would be taken up tonight.

**Chairman Takesian** clarified that they are addressing the petition and he would start with anyone who is in favor of making Pleasant Street a one-way street.

Mr. Weickert, a resident at the corner of Pleasant St. and Ferry Road, stated that he is in favor of making Pleasant St. a one way for safety reasons and he feels the speed limit should be reconsidered.

A resident of 15 Pleasant St. stated that people come off Route 1 on to Pleasant St. and they do speed, especially at night. When it was a sub-standard road that did keep the speed down; in the summer people cut through at all times and they do speed. He is in favor of the one way.

Mike Gilbert of 4 Pleasant Street said he is in favor of the one way for safety reasons because of the new pavement and sidewalks on both sides of the street, which made the street narrower.

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Jerry Bryant of Pleasant Street said he has lived there a decade and a half and that he grew up in the neighborhood. He noted that the street has always been dangerous and now with the new pavement it is a speedway. He would like to see it made one way.

Brendan Burke of 10 Ferry Road stated that the beach traffic in the summer is incredible and he would love to see a greater police presence on the street. He's not sure if he is for or against the one way.

Mark Webster of 5 Pleasant Street said he believes that Pleasant Street should definitely be one way for the safety of the people who live on Pleasant St.

A resident of 9 Pleasant Street said that she agrees with everything that has been said and that Pleasant Street should be one way.

Brud Janvrin of Ferry Road wondered if it was taken into consideration as to how this would affect the people on Ferry Road and on the side streets. He said he is sympathetic with the people who live on Pleasant Street but this issue was brought up before and there was a trial period of having Pleasant Street a one way; it didn't work and the Selectmen reversed the street back to a two-way.

The following individuals were all opposed to making Pleasant Street a one way: one from Sweet Apple Tree Lane, 8 Samantha Way, Martha Tatro from Longmeadow Drive, D. Jansen, 73 Ferry Road, a resident of 65 Ferry Road, and Marshall Maguire. They all understood the concerns, etc. but if speed is the main issue maybe the Town could look into having speed bumps or rumble strips installed which would cut the speeding down. There were also two e-mails of opposition.

Selectman Richenburg said he heard the two main issues: one concerning safety and speed and the other regarding the need for more police involvement. He is in favor of keeping Pleasant a two way and having the Town re-address the issue in six months; in the meantime, the Police Dept. should be requested to be more visible.

Selectman Ray-Parrott asked what needs to be done to get rumble strips installed. She also said she would like to get some feedback from the DPW Director and find out what some options are. She suggested re-addressing this issue at the end of next summer rather, than in six months.

Selectman Condon said he believes there are multiple issues and he agrees with Selectman Richenburg that there should be a trial period and nothing etched in stone.

Chairman Takesian stated that he agrees with the trial period and would like to look at the possibility of rumble strips and also having the speed set at 20 mph and have it enforced.

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Condon; unanimously voted to leave Pleasant Street a two way, to re-visit this issue again in September 2018, and ask the Police to have a greater presence with the hope of keeping the speed down.

# g. Discussion of Triton Landlord-Tenant Issue

The Town Manager had provided the Selectmen with a memorandum relative to discussions that the Town has been having with Triton Regional School District pertaining to this issue. Newbury and

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Rowley own their elementary schools and are responsible for major capital repairs to these facilities, but Triton owns the Salisbury Elementary School (and will until the end of FY2019) and the District is responsible for major capital improvements. The District is asking for all 3 towns to agree to be on an equal footing as it relates to capital improvements in their elementary school. One way to address the issue is to amend the Regional Agreement and the other is for each town to sign a lease agreement with the District. No action is required tonight, but the District is looking for input before the next meeting of the Triton Communications Committee, which is scheduled for January 25, 2018.

# h. Fred Bishop Re: Drainage Issue – Mr. Bishop was not in attendance.

# V. Comments by Visitors

Ray Champagne said he was present as a citizen to address the recent power outage, stating that he felt the Town was very slow in notifying residents about the outage. He said there was never a robo call made and when people started to inquire about how long the power would be out nobody from the Town knew anything. He thought it was odd that the whole town was out of power and no Town official knew anything as to when the power would be back on. He asked if the Town is really prepared for an emergency and is hoping that the Town can notify people faster if this should happen again.

Chairman Takesian clarified that the problem was that National Grid didn't know when the power was going to be restored, and therefore did not relay such info to the Town. Also, a Code Red call was sent out, but most land line phones which were registered to receive such calls also were out. Mr. Harrington said that the Town did what it could, under the circumstances, to notify residents. The Police Department utilized its social media and disseminated whatever information had been provided by Bob Cook, the Town's Emergency Management Director. The problem was that Nation Grid was not providing Mr. Cook with the answer to the question everyone wanted answered, which was when power was going to be restored.

- VI. Sewer/Water
- VII. Correspondence
- VIII. Hearings none scheduled

#### IX. Town Manager's Report

Mr. Harrington highlighted some issues/problems that were brought up at the recent Triton District Communications Committee meeting relating to the FY2019 budget. Attendees at the meeting were informed that the District is anticipating an increase of about \$2.2M in certain budget areas, and it looks like putting next year's budget together will be challenging. The District said that they will continue to keep the towns informed as they move forward in the budget preparation process.

# X. Selectmen's Report

## a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W18-63 through W18-69.

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# b. Subcommittee Reports

Lafayette Corridor Sewer Extension: No change.

Selectman Ray-Parrott announced that the Rail Trail clean-up is scheduled for this Saturday at 9AM.

## XI. Executive Session - none

## XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Richenburg, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to adjourn at 9:10 PM.

Documents provided at the meeting and on file in the Selectmen's Office: Copies of licenses as listed Appointment Request Letters Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted: Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved:

Ronalee Ray-Parrott, Clerk