

**MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2019 – 7:00 PM  
SALISBURY TOWN HALL, 5 BEACH ROAD  
COLCHESTER ROOM**

**PRESENT:** Selectmen Donna Abdulla, Vice-Chair, Chuck Takesian, Wilma McDonald, and  
Ronalee Ray-Parrott  
**ABSENT:** Chairman Freeman Condon  
**ALSO PRESENT:** Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, Secretary

**I. Call to Order/Salute to the Flag**

Vice Chairman Abdulla 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 - none**

**III. Public Comment**

**IV. Old Business**

**a. Appeal of Richard Shaheen re: Sewer Charges at 201 Atlantic Avenue**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to remove this item from the table.

Mr. Shaheen requested an adjustment on his sewer user charges because his home at 201 Atlantic Avenue was declared uninhabitable by the Building Inspector in May 2018 due to severe flooding during the previous winter. The DPW Director denied his request due to the fact that the building was not demolished and sewer use was still available. In August 2019 the DPW signed off on a demolition permit for the building, at which time the sewer account was suspended so that the owner would not be billed going forward. Once a new home is built and the water is turned back on, sewer billing will resume. This was a year-round home and the owner did not think it was fair that he was being billed for both water and sewer while the property was unoccupied. Selectman Takesian pointed out that if the Board granted him an abatement back to 2018 and if he does not rebuild by 2020 he would be in the two-year abandonment time frame and would have to then pay an access fee to restore his sewer service. Hearing that, Mr. Shaheen withdrew his request for an adjustment.

**V. 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 Slick's Cuts and Shaves - 213 Lafayette Rd

**b. New Licenses**

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve a **General** license for Saloon NV, LLC – 129 Bridge Road

**c. License Amendments**

**d. Liquor License Renewals**

**e. New Liquor Licenses**

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**f. Committee Appointments**

**Salisbury Council on Aging:** 3 terms expiring/3 years – 1 applicant: Wayne David (incumbent)  
Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to re-appoint Wayne David to the Council on Aging for a 3-year term to expire June 30, 2022.

**g. Update/Presentations: Assessor/Town Clerk**

The Assessor was not present due to illness.

**Mindy Morrison, Town Clerk,** reported:

- To date 791 dog licenses have been issued, plus 9 personal kennels (2 large, 4 medium and 3 small) and 3 commercial kennels
- Parking ticket revenue to date is \$46,896 which is up by \$3,866.00 from last year.
- Ticket writing is down by 127 from last year.
- 803 resident beach parking passes were sold, 82 of them being employee passes for beach business employees at \$20.00 each.
- The codifying of the bylaws is up to date with the exception of the bylaws that were recently accepted by the AG's office from the May 2019 Town Meeting.
- The Annual Fall Town Meeting is scheduled for October 28<sup>th</sup>: the warrant opened Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> and will close Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The posting date is October 11<sup>th</sup>. The last day to register to vote is Friday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>.
- In closing, Ms. Morrison requested all residents to make sure they check their voter status to insure they are in fact registered for the 2020 voting season and make sure they are registered how they want to be listed.

**h. Vote to Vacate Foreclosure Decree for 156 Lafayette Road**

Treasurer/Collector Christine Caron explained that the Town had foreclosed on this property in June but the owners came forward and requested that they be allowed to pay the back taxes to redeem their property. Ms. Caron recommended that the Selectmen allow them to do so.

Motion by Selectman, Second by Selectman; unanimously voted to allow Jaycee Traindafilou to redeem the property at 156 Lafayette Road in the amount of \$23,835.34 that was foreclosed on 6/28/19 by the Town for unpaid taxes.

**i. Vote to Approve Contract with AFSCME Local #939 (Dispatchers), FY2020-2022.**

Mr. Harrington had provided a copy of the proposed contract to the Selectmen and he outlined the changes. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 7 contracts to be approved if done so tonight.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the Contract with AFSCME Local #939 (Dispatchers), FY2020-2022.

**j. Vote to Approve Contract with NEPBA Local #35 (Police Superior Officers), FY2020-2022.**

Mr. Harrington noted that this will be the 4<sup>th</sup> out of 7 contracts and he urged the Board to approve this contract as submitted.

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Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Contact with NEPBA Local #35 (Police Superior Officers), FY2020 – FY2022.

**VI. Sewer/Water**

**VII. Correspondence**

A letter from Alana Gilbert to the Board was read in which she tendered her resignation from the Rent Control Board because she has moved to New Hampshire.

**VIII. Hearings**

**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 – no warrants available.**

Selectman Abdulla congratulated Lisa Pearson publicly for writing the Town's successful CDBG grant application, and also thanked her for all the work she does for the Town.

Selectman Ray-Parrott spoke about "Salisbury Days" and outlined the events that were going to take place during the weekend of September 28-29. She also reported that the Town Manager has agreed to allow free parking in the municipal lot for anyone attending the events taking place at the beach center.

Selectman Takesian mentioned that the Coast Sweep clean-up was held last Saturday and he was pleased to represent the Board. He then thanked CZM and the many young people who helped.

**XI. Executive Session - none**

**XII. Adjournment**

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

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

Copies of licenses as listed

Request letter for Re-appointment


Info re: Richard Shaheen's Appeal

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:


Janet E. Flannery, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Chuck Takesian, Clerk

## MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager 

Date: September 23, 2019

Re: September 23<sup>rd</sup> Report to the Board

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Outlined below is a summary of activities over the past two weeks. Please let me know if you have questions about any of these items.

1) Ring's Island Water District

On September 11, Chairman Condon and I met with representatives of the Ring's Island Water District to review potential amendments to our Home Rule bill that had been drafted by Town Counsel. We agreed that the amendments were satisfactory, and I have forwarded them to our legislative delegation in the hopes that the amendments will be acceptable and will facilitate final action by the Legislature on our proposed legislation. Should the Home Rule bill become law this fall, the proposed merger with the Ring's Island Water District would take effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year.

2) Conservation Commission Vacancy

Unfortunately, the two finalists for the position of Conservation Agent both withdrew before their second interviews, so we have had to re-advertise the position. This will delay the appointment of a permanent Conservation Agent, probably until November.

3) Union Negotiations

I have been spending a considerable amount of time trying to reach agreement on new labor contracts with the several unions representing Town employees. As you know, there are two such contracts on your agenda this evening, and I hope to have two more ready for approval by the Board at the first meeting in October.

4) Meeting with Congressman Moulton's Staff

On September 18, I met with Kelly Bovio, the new Regional Director for Congressman Seth Moulton. I discussed several issues of concern to the Town, including the need for federal funding of dredging projects that will yield sand for the nourishment of Salisbury Beach and for help in securing FEMA funding, when available, for flooding and sea level rise-related projects that the Town may be applying for in the months and years ahead. It was a positive meeting and Ms. Bovio pledged the Congressman's support and assistance to the Town when needed.