

MINUTES OF THE SALISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
MONDAY — NOVEMBER 4, 2019 - 7:00 PM
TOWN HALL – 5 BEACH RD., SALISBURY, MA
COLCHESTER ROOM

PRESENT: Selectmen, Freeman J. Condon, Chairman; Donna Abdulla, Chuck Takesian, Wilma McDonald, and Ronalee Ray-Parrott

ALSO PRESENT: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager and Janet Flannery, and Agnes Donovan, Secretaries

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 - None

III. Public Comment - None

IV. Old Business - None

V. New Business

a. License Renewals:

b. **Class III:**

Paul's Auto Salvage – 71 Seabrook Road

Motion by Selectman MacDonald, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the Class III License for Paul's Auto Salvage – 71 Seabrook Road.

General – Seasonal renewal to Bradley McAllister for the sale of Christmas Trees at 136 Rabbit Rd.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the seasonal license renewal to Bradley McAllister for the sale of Christmas Trees at 136 Rabbit Road.

c. New Licenses:

General – Damascus Road LLC d/b/a Original Bob's Shooting Range

Carl Tietze, current manager, appeared for the applicant. At the request of the Chairman, Chief Fowler addressed the Board. The Chief, as the chief Public Safety Officer, expressed his concern and stated that although the applicant is within the law, he would like the shooting range to change its policy and require applicants to have FID cards or a License to Carry (LTC) before renting weapons to customers, or allowing customers to shoot firearms. The Chief stated that allowing customers to rent guns without firearm safety training; experience; a Federal FID card, or LTC can create dangerous situations. The Chief stated that there was an accidental shooting and other safety incidences in the past at the range in question. The Chief asked the applicant if the business would consider altering their policy so that only individuals with a License to Carry or an FFL would be allowed to rent guns and to shoot at the range. Mr. Tietze stated his company is all about safety and he will discuss this with his management.

Chairman Condon and other Selectmen stated that they felt that this license request is premature and that they would be more comfortable if the applicant had a Federal Firearms License (FFL), which is issued from the ATF, and a State license before they requested a local license from this Board. Chairman Condon stated he felt the Federal and State licenses, which require background checks and

other information, should be obtained in advance of the applicant requesting a local license. Chairman Condon asked several additional questions, including whether Mr. Tietze's license to carry a firearm in Massachusetts was ever suspended. Mr. explained that he had, indeed, has his license to carry suspended following an incident in which he accidentally shot himself.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to Table the License request from Damascus Road LLC d/b/a Original Bob's Shooting Range until the Board receives more information.

Sheila's Psychic Gifts – 50 Elm St.

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the General License for Sheila's Psychic Gifts – 50 Elm Street.

d. License Amendments – None

e. Liquor License Renewals for 2020

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectmen Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the renewal of the following Liquor Licenses for 2020: All American Tavern, Antonio's Pizzeria, Bucciarelli Butchery, Capri, Carousel, Cinemagic, Dolphin Grille, Express Food Mart, Family's Chinese, Gulf Express, Hungry Traveler, Kittens, Mobil Mart, Portside Waterfront, R&L Liquors, Salisbury Mini Mart, Seaglass, Seaside Liquors, Sylvan Street Grill, Ten's, Uncle Eddie's, and Winner's Circle.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; voted to approve the renewal of the 2020 Liquor License for Salisbury Sports Pub. VOTE: 4 yeas – Selectman Abdulla abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Selectman Ray Parrott, Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to table the remaining licenses until the next meeting: Connie's Stagecoach, Good Fortune, Gourmet Pantry, Hideaway Pub, Mapow, Mike's Package, and Stateline Liquors due to their not appearing this evening.

f. New Liquor Licenses – None

g. Committee Appointments – None

h. Update/Presentation: Council on Aging/Library Director

COA – Elizabeth Pettis and Emily Thompson

Ms. Pettis, COA director, advised the Board that she and her staff continually plan new services and seek out partnerships for the COA activities. She stated they take pride in their programs and offer diverse activities. She then offered a few highlights from this past year.

- Over 10,000 meals were served to seniors, both via delivery and in house.
- The COA schedules holiday socials, lunches, ice cream socials, spring frolics, Octoberfest, a veterans' appreciation event and many other event related activities.
- COA programs offer diversity of activities, such as Balance classes; Zumba; Cardio Heart Health; sports activities; a dementia program; ballroom dancing; nutrition; cooking; arthritis program; depression information; home safety; hoarding; fall prevention, and driver safety.
- The COA also offers educational programs, which include estate planning, asset protection, preventing identity theft, and senior driver safety.

- The COA provides tax preparation assistance from AARP volunteers to over one hundred seniors and this service will be available again next February.
- The COA provides transportation to medical appointments, shopping, and to the Senior Center.
- The COA coordinated tax work-off programs for twenty seniors and thirteen veterans.
- The COA provides a wide range of resources to reduce isolation for seniors and the programs are designed to encourage seniors to get up and get out.

Ms. Thompson, Outreach Coordinator, advised the Board that the Resource Program provides a wide range of resources and services including Medicare information, Fuel Assistance and SNAP (food stamps), which may help seniors save money. Her office also handles housing emergencies. She wanted citizens to know that if they see someone who may be in trouble or need assistance to call her office or the Fire department.

Library Director – Terry Kyrios addressed the Board of Selectmen

- Ms. Kyrios advised the Selectmen that library circulation was up in Salisbury 7.25% from 47,771 items to 63,513 items.
- Electronic collection usage is up by 28%.
- The Book-A-Librarian program, which allows customers to work one-one with a librarian on the device of your choice, had over 200 sessions.
- Patron PC usage is up about to approximately 120 uses per week and this service helps job seekers because so many companies now require on-line applications.
- There have been 775 meeting room bookings and the study room has been used 1,500 times.
- The Library now has the *kanopy* program which allows people with a Salisbury library card to download movies to their phone, tablet or PC.
- The existing varied programming includes yoga for kids, therapy dog sessions, Tarot classes, family cook book, and monthly book club.
- Upcoming programs will include the Polar Express, Tarot classes, and a Valentine program with local romance writers.
- Ms. Kyrios thanked her great staff and the Trustees of the Library.

i. Vote to Approve the 2020 Presentation/Meeting Schedule

Neil Harrington, Town Manager, advised the Board that the October 10th date should be October 19, 2020, and he reminded the Board that this document is subject to change.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to approve the 2020 Presentation/Meeting Schedule.

j. Vote to Approve and Sign Purchase and Sale Agreement for Property at 63 Lafayette Road

Cheryl Gorniewicz, Chief Assessor, addressed the Board and explained that Anne Jones, a former Salisbury resident, is pleased that this land purchase is going to a municipal use.

Motion by Selectman Abdulla, Second by Selectman Mahoney; unanimously voted to move, pursuant to the votes taken under Article 5 of the May 20, 2019 Annual Town Meeting and Article 13 of the October 28, 2019 Annual Fall town Meeting, to purchase from Anne G. Jones Trustee, Anne G Jones Living Trust, for sewer purposes, the parcel of land located at 63 Lafayette Road for consideration of \$160,000.00, and to execute any and all documents pertaining thereto, including, without limitations, purchase and sale agreements, acceptances and affidavits.

VI. Sewer/Water - None

VII. Correspondence - None

VIII. Hearings

7:15 PM – National Grid – Request to install underground cable on 137 Atlantic Avenue

Motion by Selectman Ronna Lee Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to open the Public Hearing.

David Boucher, National Grid, appeared before the Board. He gave a brief description of this petition which will place two 3-foot pipes across Atlantic Avenue onto private property at 137 and 139 Atlantic Ave. in order to provide electricity to new homes. Current Pole 16 will be removed and National Grid will work from Pole 24, which is an existing pole.

Mr. Boucher answered concerns regarding noise and the timeline from an abutter from 131 Atlantic Avenue. Mr. Boucher said the National Grid work would be at least a day's work but the exact timing is dependent on the customer being ready.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Selectman McDonald, Second by Selectman Ray-Parrott; unanimously voted to approve the National Grid request to install underground cable on 137 Atlantic Avenue.

7:30 PM – National Grid – Request to install underground cable on Railroad Avenue.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to open the Public Hearing.

David Boucher, National Grid, appeared before the Board. Mr. Boucher stated that this project will provide electricity to a new home at 57 Railroad Ave. However, he stated that the work has to be done in conjunction with a pending telephone petition. He stated that National Grid could not start the work until the telephone pole petition is approved. He confirmed that the telephone pole petition is not yet before the Board.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman Takesian; unanimously voted to close the Public Hearing.

Motion by Selectman Ray-Parrott, Second by Selectman McDonald; unanimously voted to Table this request until the Board receives the telephone pole petition.

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

Selectman Ray-Parrott spoke to clarify misinformation recently stated at a Newbury Board of Selectmen's meeting. She noted that at that meeting it was stated that Salisbury wants Newbury to pay for one-third of the Triton school budget. Selectman Ray-Parrott said the Salisbury Board of Selectmen never stated this. She stated that Salisbury has actually paid for more than just Salisbury students. Selectman Ray-Parrott stated there is a problem with the current State funding formula and that the Salisbury Board has always stated that Salisbury wants to pay for its share of the Triton budget based on actual student enrollment (not one-third of the budget) and wants a more predictable and earlier state funding formula so that the Town can budget more accurately.

a. Ratification of Signing of Weekly Warrants:

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to ratify the signing of the following weekly warrants: W20-48 through W20-50.

XI. Executive Session – None

XII. Adjournment

Motion by Selectman Takesian, Second by Selectman Abdulla; unanimously voted to adjourn at 8:40 P.M.

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

Copies of license(s) as listed

Town Manager's Report

Respectfully submitted:

Agnes Donovan, Secretary


Approved: _____



Chuck Takesian, Clerk

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Selectmen

From: Neil J. Harrington, Town Manager 

Date: November 4, 2019

Re: November 4th Report to the Board

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) Town Meeting

As you know, a very successful Fall Town Meeting was held on October 28. All articles on the warrant were adopted by those present. Among the highlights were adding \$200,000 to the Town's stabilization account, appropriating funds for new vehicles for the Police Department and DPW, the acceptance of Driftway as a public way, the funding of four new collective bargaining agreements, upgrades to staffing in the Fire Dept. and Building Inspector's office, and the adoption of a revised Charter for the Town.

2) Cemetery Commission

The newly-formed Commission, which has been meeting regularly over the past several months, recently adopted its first set of regulations for all Town-owned cemeteries, including the newly-acquired Long Hill Cemetery. The regulations will soon be published on the Town's website and pertinent provisions will be posted at Long Hill. The DPW has contracted with a consultant to map out the boundaries of Long Hill, do a complete inventory of all gravesites, delineate wetlands and identify possible land within the cemetery for future burials. Going forward, the Commission will be looking to develop a capital improvement plan for Long Hill, so that much-needed physical upgrades to the cemetery can be planned and funded. At the same time, the Commission, as you know, has asked the Selectmen and Town Manager to begin the process of identifying potential sites for future cemetery expansion.

3) Hotel/Motel Room Occupancy Tax Revenue

Over the past few months, Finance Director Karen Snow and I have been working to rectify an error made by the State Dept. of Revenue re: the distribution of the Town's share of local hotel/motel occupancy room excise tax for FY2019. At the Annual Town Meeting of May 2018, the Town adopted an increase in this tax from 4% to 6%, effective for July 1, 2018. We notified the DOR of this action, but the State inadvertently forgot to distribute the extra 2% excise tax to the Town in FY19. However, thanks to great help that the Town received from the office of Rep. Kelcourse, the mistake was corrected and DOR recently transmitted an additional \$27,479 to Salisbury last week.