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## **BOS – Minutes – 1.4.2021**

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of January 4, 2021. (Remote Meeting)

Present: Curtis Rand, First Selectman; Christian Williams, Selectman; Donald Mayland, Selectman; Emily Egan, Secretary; Joseph Cleaveland, Comptroller; members of the press and public.

### **The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm.**

C. Williams made a motion to approve the agenda. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

D. Mayland made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2020, with a comment to mention in the current minutes that the Executive Session at the 12/7/2020 regular meeting was specifically for the *John Doe* lawsuit, not simply pending litigation. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **First Selectman Report**

C. Rand mentioned that he recently signed award certificates for Salisbury Volunteer Ambulance Service active members' length of service and he was very impressed with the extraordinary time that volunteers had devoted to this, including several individuals with more than 30 years.

C. Rand also mentioned the recent spike in COVID cases in town and asked members of the community to stay safe.

### **Old Business:**

#### **a. Pope Land Committee Report**

Tom Callahan, Chairman of Pope Committee, thanked the members of the committee for their work on creating the Pope Land Committee Report. Members included, Lisa McAuliffe, Sally Spillane, Mat Kiefer, Marty Whalen, Jim Dresser and also Georgia Petry, Recording Secretary. J. Dresser requested a modification to the report before the Board of Selectmen accepted it. He stated that he would regretfully request that he dissociates himself from page 12 (p.12 of 92) in its entirety because it was never discussed, modified, or voted on by the full committee. J. Dresser also stated that he does not think the report is ready for submission because the Committee has not been able to meet for over a year, and he thinks the committee should take some more time to review the report before submitting to BOS. The Board of Selectmen accepted the report and will post it after Tom Callahan makes some adjustments to incorporate Jim's comment.

**b. Great Falls, Amesville**

C. Rand mentioned that the situation over the summer of overcrowding, garbage and parking on the roads near Great Falls got worse. Issues also included noise, traffic, and rudeness of visitors. The Selectmen will continue discussion at a February meeting to get a head start before summer. The Selectmen hope all the other parks will remain open this summer to stop the influx of people to the Great Falls. They also hope that First Light (land owner) will install dumpsters for garbage and multi-lingual signage.

**c. Connectivity Grant**

**i. Pettee Bridge**

The Selectmen discussed the need to maintain the foot bridge, drainage and sidewalk for the Connectivity Grant, which will connect Salisbury Central School sidewalk to Brook Street. The construction will include a manhole on each side of the bridge and a drain pipe connection to the brook. C. Williams made a motion to approve the maintenance of the sidewalks and drainage at the Pettee Bridge on Route 44 for the Connectivity Grant project. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**ii. Drafting notice to the abutters**

C. Rand will draft a letter to the abutters of the Connectivity Grant project. This will also be sent to Salisbury Pathways Committee. A public notice will be needed.

**iii. Contract amendment for design of flashing beacons**

The Selectmen were asked to amend the contract to include \$3,500 for planning and oversite design of flashing beacons at Brook street; C. Williams made a motion to increase cost of RFP to include this work, D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**New Business:**

- a. The Town Hall staff is in need of an Administrative Assistant to assist the offices of the Land Use Office (Planning & Zoning, Inland/Wetlands, Zoning Board of Appeals), Comptroller and Selectmen.
- b. Free COVID-19 testing will be available on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at Salisbury Visiting Nurses Association, from 9:30am to 12pm. The Selectmen, Torrington Area Health, Emergency Management, Senior Service Director and Social Worker are discussing plans on informing residents on how to get a vaccine.

**Selectmen's Reports – N/A**

**Citizen Comments** – C. Rand mentioned a citizen comment about the brightness of street lights. Street lighting shades for lamp heads have been ordered to be installed.

**Adjourn:** 5:47pm.