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Town of Salisbury Board of Selectmen - Regular Meeting March 1, 2021 (Remote Meeting)

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm
- C. Williams made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of #6e, "Discussion and possible approval of a loan in the amount of \$198,000 from Salisbury Bank and Trust for two new pieces of equipment at the Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station." D. Mayland seconded, and the agenda was approved unanimously as amended.
- 3. D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the minutes of February 1, 2021**. C. Rand seconded. C. Williams abstained.

4. First Selectman Report

- a. C. Rand congratulated C. Williams on his retirement after 35 years of service to the CT Department of Transportation.
- b. C. Rand thanked the Congregational Church for the 130 dinners they provided last week during their 'Souper Suppers', which they are going to offer free (donations welcomed), take-away soup suppers on the last Friday of each month to help people in our community most impacted by the pandemic, especially those who are struggling financially and those who are struggling with isolation and loneliness.
- c. C. Rand thanked everyone in the Assessor's office for the work they did for 2020 revaluation. This included Kayla Johnson, JoAnne Dodge and Barbara Bigos. The Total Grand List increased by 11.6%.
- d. The Transfer Station has opened the textile bins for the disposal of clothes. Bins are located in the center of the parking lot.
- e. C. Rand mentioned a letter he received from Materials Innovation and Recycling Authority (MIRA), confirming the closure of the East Hartford burn plant. This will cause an increase in costs to the solid waste disposal for our towns. He also mentioned that by 2022 we will probably lose the credits for the recyclable materials.

Old Business:

a. L. McAuliffe, Senior Services Director, gave a brief update on COVID-19 Vaccine registration and appointment scheduling. She has enrolled over 75 people into the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS), through the CT Department of Public Health. The disadvantage to the system is that there are not enough vaccines available in the state and the locations for scheduling appointment are at least 50 miles away from Salisbury at this time.

New Business:

- a. Request from Athena Fliakos Not Present
- **b.** C. Williams made a motion to accept the June 30, 2020 Annual Report. D. Mayland seconded and the motion was approved unanimously. C. Rand thanked E. Egan for her work on the report.
- c. The Selectmen held a Budget Meeting at 4:30pm on March 1, 2021. This budget was approved unanimously as a draft to present to the Board of Finance at their March 4, 2021 meeting. The Selectmen confirmed their goal is for the mill rate not to increase. More changes will occur as more up-to-date information on specific line items becomes available.
- **d.** D. Mayland made a motion to approve request of \$10,000 from Salisbury Housing Trust for funding assistance. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- e. D. Mayland made a motion to approve a loan in the amount of \$198,000 from Salisbury Bank and Trust for two new pieces of equipment at the Salisbury-Sharon Transfer Station. The new equipment includes a skid-steer and backhoe. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Selectmen's Reports

C. Williams mentioned that the Salisbury Pathways Committee (SPC), has submitted an application to the Inland/Wetland & Watercourses Commission (IWWC). This application will be reviewed at the March 1, 2020 IWWC meeting.

Citizen Comments – There were none at this time.

Adjourn: 5:24pm