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## BOS – Minutes – 1.9.2023

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of January 9, 2023.

**Present:** Curtis Rand, First Selectman; Christian Williams, Selectman; Donald Mayland, Selectman; members of the press and public.

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

C. Williams made a motion to **approve the agenda** with the addition of **#6b**. *Discussion and possible action to appointment Carol Sadlon to the Salisbury Economic Development Committee.* D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the minutes** of the December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Regular Meeting. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **New Business:**

- a. The Selectmen discussed 2023 planning and/or announcements for the following topics:
  - Pope Land Design Committee (PLDC) will meet (via Zoom) with the Land Use Commissions, including the Salisbury Historic District Commission (SHDC), Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC) and Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC), on January 26th at 6pm to show the Commissions three or four concept plans for the Pope property.
  - Solid Waste – Materials Innovative and Recycling Authority (MIRA) will be going out of business by the end of the fiscal year on June 30, 2023. MIRA closed the trash to energy plant in Hartford in 2022, which still has a shipping contract for municipal solid waste with several of the Northwest Corner towns, including Salisbury. Most of our waste is being trucked or trained to other states. C. Rand noted that no good news is coming out of any of this. The Selectmen encouraged people to recycle as much as possible, and be careful as to what they can toss in the recycling hopper to prevent contamination. The Selectmen also mentioned discussion of having solar panels installed on the canopies at the Transfer Station and that we have applied for permitting through the state.
  - The Selectmen mentioned the town's Highway crew has been active during this mild winter. They did mention the hope for snow for the ski jumps weekend in February. The crew will begin working along with tree removal specialists on a large list of trees along power lines that need to come down through the winter months. More than 50% of the list includes dying ash trees that were damaged by the emerald ash borer or road salt.

- COVID – There has been increase to the number of COVID cases throughout the state. The Selectmen are requesting that people wear masks in public places, which is not a requirement but a request to protect the public and staff. The Town will continue to host vaccine clinics at the Town Grove once a month.
  - Salisbury Pathways Committee (SPC) – C. Williams reported that the SPC received two bids for the Connectivity Project (Installation of a sidewalk from Salisbury Central to the Lakeville Hose Company on Brook Street), but the bids were higher than the project’s budget and the town is reviewing other options. The ultimate goal of SPC is to connect Lakeville to Salisbury with a sidewalk; they are working with C. Rand, CT Department of Transportation and Northwest Hills Council of Governments to find funding for this project. Another goal the SPC is proposing a sidewalk connecting Sarum Village to the village of Salisbury along Route 41 (Undermountain Road).
  - D. Mayland mentioned that parking along the road that leads from the end of Walton Street to the waste water treatment plant is prohibited. The Superintendent has asked the Selectmen to remind the public to keep the road clear so trucks can get through.
  - Land Use – The Selectmen expect that the Land Use department will be busy in 2023-24. The Conservation Commission is working on updates for the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI), the PZC is finalizing the Plan of Conservation and Development, and the Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission (IWWC) will hold a public informational forum to describe their proposed regulation updates.
  - Recreation Department/Town Grove – If the colder temperatures do not happen soon, the skating rink at Trotta field will not be installed this season. The Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) released new fishing regulations effective January 1, 2023, which included reductions in the number of tip-ups allowed for ice fishing and the number of fish you can keep. The regulations are posted on the DEEP website and at the Town Grove.
- b. D. Mayland made a motion to appoint Carol Sadlon to the Salisbury Economic Development Committee. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

**Citizen Comments**

Lee Sullivan expressed her support to the Pathways Committee for the plan to create a sidewalk from Sarum Village to Salisbury. C. Rand mentioned the NHCOC is working on a grant call TRIP, which funds connectivity and transportation projects.

**Adjourn:** 5:23pm