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BOS – Minutes – 5.1.2023

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of May 1, 2023.

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

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

There was a **Moment of Silence** for Memorial Day.

D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the agenda with the addition of (#6e.):** *Discussion and possible action on request from Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission to grant \$15,000 to the Salisbury Housing Trust from the Salisbury Affordable Housing Fund to use towards the renovation of 70 East Main Street, Salisbury.* C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

D. Mayland made a motion to **approve the meeting minutes** of March 3, 2023 (Special), March 6, 2023 (Regular) and April 19, 2023 (Special). C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

First Selectman Report

C. Rand mentioned that bears were coming out of hibernation. He reminded citizens of our town ordinance banning feeding bears and he also mentioned the resources that the CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (<https://portal.ct.gov/DEEP/Wildlife/Living-with-Black-Bears>) had on “living with bears.”

The Selectmen were asked by a resident to look into putting up signage for turtle crossings. They will make the request to the Highway Department and order signs for 2-3 problem areas. C. Rand asked that drivers avoid hitting turtles and instead help them across the roads.

C. Rand thanked everyone who participated in the second year Troutbeck Symposium, a student-led historical educational forum of middle and high school students from thirteen regional public and private schools. They met to listen, present, and discuss findings of their year-long research projects uncovering under-told histories of Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) communities nearby and nationally and working with the interface of history and art.

The Selectmen received acknowledgment from the Connecticut Municipal Animal Control Officers Association (CMACOA) recognizing Animal Control Officers Lee & James Sohl for their hard work and dedication to their profession.

New Business:

- a. Colliers Engineering & Design submitted a proposal to provide planning services for the preparation of a Recreation and Open Space Inventory, as well as a Recreation Needs Assessment as an amendment to our Lakeville Village Planning Study Contract. The Selectmen mentioned the earlier amendment to include the Salisbury Village to the study as well. This planning project is being paid for through federal American Rescue Plans Act (ARPA) funds. C. Williams made a motion to sign the proposal from Colliers Engineering & Design to include the Lakeville Village Planning Study, Salisbury Village, Recreation Needs and Open Space for an additional \$20,000. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- b. C. Rand and E. Egan have been working on getting quotes from Traffic Logix for solar speed signs. The Town would like to purchase 2-4 mobile signs to use on the town roads displaying speeding with the option to display a message. Each unit is just under \$4,000. D. Mayland made a motion to approve the purchase

of minimum of 2, maximum of 4 new speed signs. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

- c. The Selectmen were asked by the Scoville Memorial Library and Housatonic Child Care Center for a one-time donation of \$5,000 each from ARPA funds. C. Williams made a motion to approve \$5,000 to Scoville Memorial Library and \$5,000 to Housatonic Child Care Center from ARPA Funds. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- d. Tax Collector, Jean Bell submitted the following tax refunds for approval: Salisbury Bank & Trust (Janet Block, \$1,254.55; Salisbury Bank & Trust (Fransam LLC), \$1,694.55; Dianne Storm, \$18.82; CoreLogic (Brenda Wehle), \$939.40; Thao & Scott Matlock, \$287.44. C. Williams made a motion to approve the \$4,194.76 in Tax Collector refunds. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.
- e. The Selectmen received a request from Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission to grant \$15,000 to the Salisbury Housing Trust from the Salisbury Affordable Housing Fund to use towards the renovation of 70 East Main Street, Salisbury. These funds will be used towards the heating system. D. Mayland made a motion to approve a \$15,000 grant from the Salisbury Affordable Housing Fund to the Salisbury Housing Trust for 70 East Main Street, Salisbury. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

Selectmen's Reports

C. Williams mentioned the Salisbury Pathways Committee has submitted an application for TRIP for the sidewalk projects.

The Selectmen announced the Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 29th at 10:00am. They also mentioned the Region One Referendum to be held on May 2nd from 12-8pm, the Annual Town Meeting on May 3rd at 7:30pm, and the National Day of Prayer on May 4th at 6:00pm.

Citizen Comments

Ruth Epstein, reporter for the Republican American, asked for clarity on the Colliers proposal.

Adjourn: 5:29pm