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## **BOS – Minutes – 11.6.2023**

The Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting minutes of November 6, 2023.

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

D. Mayland made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a Moment of Silence in honor of Veterans Day. C. Williams seconded, and the agenda was approved as amended unanimously.

There was a Moment of Silence in honor of Veterans Day.

C. Williams made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 12th, 2023 Special Meeting. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### **First Selectman Report**

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) board approved the additional \$9,000.00 of engineering work at the CNE Railroad Station Building. The Town was awarded a SHPO grant for Condition Assessment that was completed by Crosskey Architects in February 2023. This additional \$9,000 grant is for structural analysis by Crosskey Architects for a revised site plan, relocation of the building back on its site (with the same orientation), structural analysis of the building, and evaluation of the original bricks for re-use on a new foundation.

The construction on the Salmon Kill bridge is near completion. The plan on paving the deck is scheduled for the week of Thanksgiving.

C. Williams gave a brief update on the status of the Connectivity Project from Lincoln City Road to Brook Street. The crosswalk pads and the approaches to the bridge have been poured and the walking bridge should be installed this week.

Pope Land Design Committee is continuing to work on concept #6 with Phil Barlow from Todesign, including some dialogue from the neighbors. The concept plan still needs to be presented to the Planning & Zoning and Inland/Wetlands & Watercourses Commissions. Recreation may be able to proceed with development before the housing plans are finalized and approved; this would require we designate the correct areas for each of the groups.

C. Rand mentioned he has not heard any status update on our grant application to Transportation Rural Improvement Program (TRIP) for construction of sidewalks on Route 44 and 41 in Salisbury but he continues to monitor the application for hopeful approval.

### **Old Business:**

a. The Salisbury Housing Trust (SHT) and Salisbury Economic Development Committee (SEDC) have requested for use of town-owned property on Undermountain Road near Grove Street. The SEDC recommends a public parking lot at the entry of the property, which is already being used by The White Hart staff for parking. The SHT is also proposing two affordable housing units on the piece of land. The Selectmen have requested a site plan from the SHT. There are also a few large oak trees that the Selectmen would like to see protected on the property. There have been a few comments from the neighbors.

b. To finalize the America Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) reporting to the federal government, the Selectmen have been asked by the Comptroller to designate the funding to the following line items: Lakeville Pedestrian Safety, \$10,000.00; WPCA, \$118,276.82; and Sidewalk Pathway Additional, \$125,000.00. C. Williams made a motion to

approve the remaining ARPA funds be distributed to the line items discussed to finalize the expenditure summary. D. Mayland seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

#### **New Business:**

a. **Appointments for November 2023 (See Attached)**

D. Mayland made a motion to approve the reappointment of the attached list excluding the appointments for Salisbury Pathways Committee and Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Record. C. Williams seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

D. Mayland made a motion to approve the reappointments of Salisbury Pathways Committee and Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Record. C. Rand seconded, and the motion was approved. C. Williams abstained.

b. D. Mayland mentioned that he had recently met with Peter Halle, Chairman of the Salisbury Housing Committee, with regard to the number of additional housing units that were projected to be connected to Town sewer. Charles Humes, Superintendent of the sewer plant, had expressed his concern about the sewer plant capacity, informing the WPCA that 218 additional bedrooms would max out the capacity of the current sewer plant. The WPCA's other concern is infiltration. They have had engineers looking into the problem areas where the infiltration is highest and will have to consider relining the remaining lines that have were not done during the last system upgrades. The other source of infiltration is coming from the manholes. D. Mayland wants to keep the discussion open with all of the affordable housing groups going forward, so we can make sure our infrastructure can any handle additional units.

C. Rand mentioned the discussion he had with Cardinal Engineering, who has recently done an assessment of all of our local bridges. There were concerns about the bridge going to the sewer plant. Cardinal Engineering confirmed that the bridge was not in bad enough shape to get state or federal funding. The abutments are in good shape, and the bridge may only require a new deck in the price range of \$75,000 to \$90,000.

D. Mayland also reminded citizens that public parking is not permitted for the rail trail on the sewer plant road. Cars parked on the road block big trucks from accessing the plant. There is plenty of parking at Community Field and at the end of Walton Street.

c. The Selectmen motioned, seconded and approve the following tax refunds as recommended by the Tax Collector: November 2023 – totaling \$730.14 (Toyota Lease Trust, \$240.71; VW Credit Leasing LTD, \$240.57; VCFS Auto Leasing, \$248.86).

#### **Selectmen Reports**

##### Reminders:

- Veterans Day Ceremony on Saturday November 11, 2023 at 11am outside Salisbury Town Hall in front of war memorial.
- Election Day Tuesday, November 7, 2023, from 6am to 8pm, at Salisbury Town Hall

#### **Citizen Comments**

There were no comments at this time.

**Adjourn:** 5:30pm

## **APPOINTMENTS FOR NOVEMBER 2023**

Animal Control Officer

Lee Sohl

Jim Sohl, Asst.

Director of Health

(1-year term)

Torrington Area Health District

Grove Advisory Committee

(1-year term)

Charles Brown

Dennis Card

Maggie Crain

Anne Day

George DelPrete

Megan Foley

Anthy Hellmers

Elyse Harney Morris

Kristen Neary-Marks

Jacqueline Rice

Rhonda Rinninsland

John Sullivan

Ethan Watt

Historic District Commission

(5-year term)

Robert Highsmith (11/2028)

Heidi Hoeller (11/2027)

Howard Sobel, Alternate (11/2024)

Historic District Advisory Board

(1-year term)

Candace Cuniberti

Elyse Harney

Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission

(3-year term)

Vivian Garfein

Pat Hackett

Elizabeth Slotnick

Salisbury Fire Commission

(1-year term)

John Mongeau

Cynthia Hoage

Donald Reid, Jr.

Rick Roger

James Wood

Lawrence Hoage

Salisbury Pathways Committee

(3-year term)

Christian E. Williams

Kathryn Trahan

Sub Registrars (Vital Statistics)

(2-year term)

Brian Kenny

Robert Palmer

Town Clerk/Registrar of Vital Statistics

(4-year term)

Patricia H. Williams

Transfer Recycle Advisory Cmte. (TRAC)  
(4-year term)  
Karen Lundeen

Water Gate Keeper  
(1-year term)  
Rodney Webb  
Fred Schmidt

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)  
(5-year term)  
Dave Bayersdorfer  
Emily Egan, Alternate (1-year term)