



## Selectmen's Meeting Summary May 16, 2018

Chairman Ken Ross-Raymond	Absent
Selectman Pete Ballou	Present
Selectman Joe Schmidl	Present
Town Administrator Margaret Warren	Present
Administrative Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: Steve Wheeler, Marcia Murphy, Sandy Miller, Gayle Landry, Mike Sanborn, Jennifer Hoyt.

Selectman Ballou opened the meeting at 5:32 PM in the absence of Chairman Ross-Raymond.

- Review and Approve Minutes of last meetings: **Selectman Schmidl moved to accept the meeting summary for May 2<sup>nd</sup>, Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor**
- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers. **Select board moved and accepted.**

### Department Updates/Issues:

- **Transfer Station Operator.** Steve Wheeler noted with the recycling market not producing that much revenue now. He budgeted for 2018 processing and separation fee at \$98 ton which has increased to \$133 ton and he is proposing to not recycle plastic but to put it incinerator container. He believes this route will be more cost effective. He is recommending running a test for one month beginning this Saturday to get this data re: savings. **Selectman Schmidl moved to do the one-month test, Selectman Ballou seconded. All in favor.**

### Old Business:

#### Meeting Updates

- 5/5/18 – Meet our Trooper(s) was held at the Safety Building from 9 AM – 11AM. Ballou stated he was there for a while and there seemed to be a good turn out – 2 troopers were in attendance. Fire Dept also had a benefit cookout / raffle that day. Some have commented having it on the Town Wide Yard sale day may be why attendance was down. Gayle Landry felt it was a good day to have it and noted it was on the map and was advertised.
- 5/7/18 – Planning Board met: Signatures for MJP subdivision were finalized and the agricultural land project that PB taking on was discussed. Some general questions from audience re: lot size and if there is a tax break for agricultural districts.
- 5/9/18 – A site walk of the Girard property on Searles Hill Rd. Per the application process this is the required preliminary site walk. Schmidl reported it was a good site walk and Fire Chief does not feel there would be any problem for fire dept. It was discussed re: access for snowmobiling as this Class VI road is one of the trails. Discussed memorializing this at time an agreement is signed. Next step in process is for Mr. Girard to take his application to the Planning Board.
- 5/9/18 - The OHD Committee met: Moving along nicely for a great OHD celebration. Big parade this year. Steve Wheeler asked if recycling trailer is wanted for this year's OHD. Schmidl said yes. 250<sup>th</sup> events – the first one Afternoon Tea was a great success – 88 people in attendance.

- Schmidl reported the Historical Society will pay for one of the town line signs. Also, Society was approached regarding the fencing at Baptist Cemetery and would they be willing to help pay for the repair. Executive Committee feels the fence is the responsibility of Town.
- Gas Monitoring – Transfer Station – Landfill: Schmidl is reviewing DES re eliminating gas monitoring. Wheeler indicated town will still have to maintain well heads. Reporting annually will continue.
- TA Warren reported we have estimate from Bickford for work at Library - \$5,800. We have this expenditure in building project line and Bickford will have work completed by mid-summer.
- Water Filtration for town hall/library – same system as at Safety Bldg. Estimate from same company that did Safety Building. Waiting for results back and will decide how to proceed at a future BOS meeting.

#### **New Business:**

- First bill for 2018 will be sent out next week – due date will be Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Selectman Schmidl shared information from David Kelly, Conservation Commission re: summary of data for private wells in Salisbury from 2008 – 2018. (copy filed with minutes).
- Selectmen noted the Explorers did an excellent job picking up trash on Route 4. A thank you letter will be sent from Selectmen.

#### **Public Comments:**

- Sandy Miller – North Road: Are the abatements all complete – *TA Warren indicated still being worked on.*
- Jennifer Hoyt – Hensmith Road. Noted that the date for “meet our Troopers” was same day as softball and baseball tryouts.
- Steve Wheeler – South Road: Noted there is a lot of trash along Rte 127 and Warner Road and this might be a good project for a clean-up day.
- Mike Sanborn – Raccoon Hill Rd: Asked for an update regarding the Garfinkle property. He is very concerned over the pollution – chemicals leaking from machines on property, smell/odors from the property, rats, etc. This is a problem that has been ongoing for over two years and when is the town going to take care of it. Selectman Ballou explained that the town has been actively pursuing the issues and has taken the property owners to court – and has a lien on the property. The owners are prohibited from moving back on the property. Most recently Health Officer and Selectmen reviewed the area from the roadside and have requested the Town Attorney to procure an inspection warrant to enable town to confirm what the problem is. Unfortunately, these procedures do take time. TA Warren will follow up with Town Attorney tomorrow. Mr. Sanborn was advised he certainly has the right to file civil suite against property owner and also to call DES and EPA.

**Other:** All business that shall legally come before the Board

- Recap of decisions made at this meeting
  - All plastics will be put into regular trash container for one month to collect data for budget.
  - Girard – Searles Hill Rd Property will go to Planning Board with application to build.
  - Transfer Station – gas monitoring – Schmidl still working on issue.

- Town Hall/Library water filtration - waiting for results of water test
- Send thank you letter to Explorers for roadside clean-up of Route 4.
- Follow up on Garfinkle property issues.

**Selectman Schmidl moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM, Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted:  
Kathie Downes  
Administrative Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the June 6, 2018 Meeting.

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Selectmen, Town of Salisbury