



Salisbury Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2023

Selectman Brett Walker, Chair	Present
Selectman John W. Herbert	Present
Selectman Jim Hoyt	Present
Town Administrator April Rollins	Present
Municipal Assistant – Vacant	Present

Attendees: Several citizens attended the meeting in person at Academy Hall. One person dialed in via Zoom.

1) Open Meeting

Chairman Walker opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

2) Meeting Minutes

Selectman Herbert made a **motion** to approve the minutes of January 5, 2023. Selectman Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

3) Signatures

Chairman Walker noted that the Selectboard had reviewed and signed:

- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll Registers – Available for Public Inspection
- Veterans Tax Credit - Tax Map 241, Lot 20 – Hunt

Documents are available for public inspection.

4) Department / Board / Committee Reports

a. **Fire Chief / Road Agent**

Fire Chief / Road Agent Bill MacDuffie Jr. had nothing new to report

b. **Transfer Station**

Manager LaFlamme had nothing new to report.

5) New Business

- a. Draft Town Warrant
- b. Mason Alarms: TA Rollins said that their current servicer is not interested in renewing their service contract

once their current contract expires in June 2023. Chairman Walker finds it unfortunate that they have chosen to not service equipment that they installed and doesn't feel it reflects very well on that company. Discussion occurred regarding the best way to go about finding another company that could cover all servicing of their alarm systems at Academy Hall.

- c. Town Hall Rental Application: Community Bridges Friday 2/17/23 for a Valentine's Day party. Selectman Herbert **motioned** to approve this application and waive the rental fee. Selectman Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed successfully (*Walker abstained*).

6) Old Business - Outstanding 2023 Budget Items - Selectmen's Reports

- a. No Through Trucking: Chairman Walker would like to have a public hearing for this matter, though he has determined that it doesn't have to be part of Town Meeting. He suggests they put it on the agenda for next month which will give them time to follow up with their attorney and get the process started. Discussion occurred about when would be most beneficial and cost-effective to get their town attorney involved (whether before or after the public hearing).
- b. Fema-Firm Map changes: discussion occurred regarding meeting with the Planning Board regarding finalization of the maps. TA Rollins stated that per Planning Board Chair Joe Schmidl, the maps won't really be ready for final review for another year or so.

7) Selectmen's Reports

Selectman Hoyt reported that the TDS has obtained permission to install fiber-optic lines on poles owned by Consolidated Communications. The work will begin very soon. They expect to be completed by the end of February, and hope to offer service availability by April.

Selectman Herbert reported on the 4-lot subdivision being requested in Boscawen near the Salisbury line as presented at the last Planning Board meeting. He felt that the developer was very up-front about the fact that they are also planning for a major development (40 houses) on property that they own behind that area in the future. Selectman Herbert noted the impact this could have on their town in terms of services, lighting, etc.

Chuck Morseshead came to the Planning Board to request authorization to build an additional apartment in the building on his property at 203 Raccoon Hill Road. This would make it a 3-apartment dwelling. They determined that he will need to make a request through the Zoning Board.

Selectmen Hoyt gave an update on the School Board budget: the increase is mainly Special Ed related. They made cutbacks in other places but the gist of the increase is all related to special Ed and transportation for a 2.28% increase overall. For the most part they kept the budget the same, but the Special Ed portion knocked it up to over \$1 million.

8) Public Comment

Christine Dixon asked if the speed limit signs for Whittemore Road have come in? Road Agent Bill MacDuffie Jr. said they are in and will be put up.

Resident Bill MacDuffie Sr. asked about the status on the application for Tucker Pond. TA Rollins said the grant application for that failed.

Resident Marcia Murphy thanks the Board for having representation at the recent joint Selectboard/School Board meeting recently. There was a lot of talk about the development in Penacook which does have an effect on their town and school. Discussion occurred regarding budgetary impacts of the new and future planned developments.

Resident Eric Swendsen said that on Wednesday mornings from about 7a.m. to 11 a.m. there is a delivery truck at Crossroads Store that runs for several hours during the day. He noted that State RSA's state that there is a limit on how long the trucks can run idle (5 minutes in the summer, 30 minutes in the winter). He added that it creates a noise problem and interferes with Zoom calls or conference calls he tries to have during the day, and he is four houses down the road. Chairman Walker suggested that he start by speaking to the store manager about the issue.

9) **Town Administrator's Report**

- a. TA Rollins reported that the ZBA met and they are scheduling another rehearing regarding the Whyte's Zoning Variance Request.
- b. TA Rollins stated that the auditors will be here from January 30 to February 2.
- c. Non-Public Session RSA 91-A:3,II (b) & (c) – **Motion** to enter non-public by Walker, **seconded** by Hoyt, Roll Call – Hoyt, aye, Walker, aye, Herbert aye. The Board entered non-public session at 7:29 p.m. and reconvened the public session at 7:51 p.m. Chairman Walker announced the Board unanimously voted to rehire John Young on an as needed basis, as a Transfer Station Attendant at the current hourly rate of \$17 per hour effective immediately. Chair Walker made a **motion** to seal the minutes under subparagraph "c" of the non-public session and Selectmen Hoyt **seconded** the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

The next scheduled meeting at Academy Hall was scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 7 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer King, Recording Secretary