



Salisbury Board of Selectmen

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2024

Approved

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

Attendees: Several citizens attended the meeting in person at Academy Hall; one attended 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 17, 2024 without correction. Selectman Hoyt **seconded**. The **motion passed unanimously**.

3) Signatures

Chairman Walker noted that the Selectboard had reviewed and signed Accounts Payable & Payroll Registers. Also signed:

- Solar Exemption – Tax Map 257, Lot13 (Carlisle)
- Intent to Cut Timber – Tax Map 231, Lot 11.2
- Report of Cut – Tax Map 204, Lot 1
- Cartographics Association Inc. – Tax Map Maintenance Agreement
- 2024 Town Warrant

4) Department / Board / Committee Reports

a. **Fire Chief / Road Agent / HDAC**

William MacDuffie, Jr. Stated there was nothing to report.

b. **Transfer Station**

Manager, Albert Laflamme spoke in favor of the Apparel Impact Clothing Bins, there is no cost to the town

and the company will be picking up the clothing. Chair Walker made a **motion** to approve the Apparel Impact Clothing Bin at the Transfer Station. Selectman Herbert **seconded**. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Chair Walker stated the Budget Committee was inquiring at their last meeting about the demolition & debris fee's revenue versus what is being charged. Laflamme stated it is hard to determine the cost for contractors with no scale to weigh the materials. Chair Walker asked if the Town should not allow contractors to dispose of construction debris due to the size of the loads. Selectman Hoyt mentioned it costs him approximately \$500 to take his contractor 16' trailer and dump it at other sites like Naughton & Sons or Casella Waste Management. Selectman Hoyt asked what the cost currently to contractors is and Manger Laflamme replied around \$150 dollars. Chair Walker made a **motion** that starting May 1, 2024 contractors will no longer be able to dispose of construction debris. Selectman Herbert **seconded**. The **motion passed**.

Chair Walker made a **motion** that starting May 1, 2024 to increase the cost of a pickup truck dumping construction debris to between \$200 and \$300 dollars. Selectman Herbert **seconded**. The **motion passed unanimously**.

Manager Laflamme mentioned the cost of mattresses should be increased. Chair Walker made a motion to increase the cost of mattresses up to \$20 dollars. Selectman Herbert **seconded**. The **motion passed unanimously**.

c. Budget Committee

Chair Walker spoke on the meeting from February 5, 2024, the Budget Committee adjusted the Planning Board's consulting line item in the budget to meet what the Selectboard recommended.

5) New Business

Chair Walker **motioned** to accept the resignation of Joanne Lord with regret. Selectman Hoyt **seconded**. The **motion passed unanimously**.

6) Old Business

- **1st Public Hearing @ 7:38 p.m. on the Land Acquisition (RSA 41:14-a), Tax Map 244, Lot 17, owned by Carol Haber** – Chair Walker opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 p.m. Chair Walker noted some of the people who walked the property are here tonight. Chair Walker explained the location is a nice open field and in the back of the property is a prime level location for a highway building but there are some water issues on the road's frontage, which may create some access obstacles. Selectman Herbert stated he would like to visit the site again once you can get in to walk it. A member of the audience discussed the cost to bring the road up to better standards and the hazard of coming out of Mutton Road onto Route #127. Chair Walker asked Road Agent, William MacDuffie, Jr how it is at the current time for plowing. RA MacDuffie replied it could be difficult but they plow the road with no problems. Mr. Martel asked if the Town considered buying more land for easier access or road through to come out by the Safety Complex. Selectman Hoyt stated building a road would raise the project's costs substantially. Chair Walker indicated there was no other available option. Chair Walker indicated the State does not want to add to many more consecutive roundabouts but would have a discussion with them regarding Mutton Road's design. Mr. Cottle asked about the size of the building and if there is room to put it behind the Safety Building.

T/A Rollins indicated there is not enough room with the marsh and the septic system on the other side. Lastly, Cottle asked upon the location in the field near the abutting lot and if the barns on the property were part of the purchase. Chair Walker indicated it is not that section of the property, it's further down. Mr. Cottle asked about the time frame and if this gets voted on at Town Meeting, T/A Rollins stated there is a State Statue on the time frame before the Board can vote to approve the purchase. Chair Walker stated the Board was given the authority at last year's Town Meeting.

- McLaughlin – Amended Conservation Easement for the board to review.
- Mango Security Systems – Academy Hall & Safety Complex – T/A Rollins indicated all the service and sales agreements for the new equipment have been signed, once the parts come in they should be able to start the project.

7) Selectmen's Reports

- **Presidential Primary** - Chair Walker thanked Mike Prete for feeding all of the election workers. Selectman Hoyt stated the primary was run efficiently, he thanked Dottie Swenson for the soup and Mrs. Landry for all the hard work setting up. A heartfelt thank you to all who helped.
- **Community Power Coalition of NH (CPCNH)** – Selectman Herbert spoke in regards to towns around Salisbury setting up advisory committees to study the CPCNH'S proposal to enroll into an agreement for town-wide decreased electrical rates with Merrimack County. There was a brief discussion and it was determined that the proposal needs further research. Selectman Herbert made a **motion** to form an advisory committee to investigate Community Power, comprised of five members. Chair Walker **seconded** the **motion passed**. Selectman Hoyt was **opposed**. Selectman Herbert volunteered to be the Selectman on the committee.
- **Donation** - A contribution was made from Salisbury Woods in the amount of Chair Walker **motioned** to accept the donation from Salisbury Woods, in the amount of \$6,000 dollars for Old Home Day's fireworks. Selectman Hoyt **seconded** the motion, the **motion passed unanimously**.

8) Public Comments

More conversation was held in regards to the new highway department. In regards to power and a property on Rabbit Road. Chair Walker indicated we solicited every available option of property to see if they may be willing to sell, many letters went out. This property is not taking away road frontage and is on tar road with power available. Chair Walker stated unfortunately we do not have the perfect solution. This is the best offer currently. We did walk other properties to find the best location. The site work will be less costly because the location is flat and dry. Mr. Cottle asked if the land would be used for anything else besides the highway department. Chair Walker stated he cannot speak for new board members going forward but at this time it is only for the highway department and does not feel that it will be used for any other purpose. Chair Walker stated we will continue with the State in regards to a better solution for entering and exiting. Chair Walker stated we are running out of time, we may have a few more years before the Road Agent retires. Mr. Cottle asked about another contractor. Chair Walker indicated that the question asked during the Highway Department Advisory Committee's study and there were no contractors that expressed interest.

9) **Town Administrator's Report**

T/A Rollins stated she has nothing to add all has been covered.

10) **Next Meeting**

Chair Walker made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 pm. Selectman Hoyt **seconded**. The **motion passed**.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, February 21, 2024 @ 7 p.m. upstairs in Academy Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Dionne Lord

Municipal Assistant