



Salisbury Board of Selectmen

Approved Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2024

Selectman Brett Walker, Chair	Present
Selectman John W. Herbert	Present
Selectman Jim Hoyt	Present
Town Administrator April Rollins	Present
Recording Secretary Jennifer King	Present

Attendees: Several citizens attended the meeting in person at Academy Hall. There were no attendees via Zoom.

Chair Walker opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Review & Approval of Draft Minutes:

Chair Walker noted a necessary correction found by John Herbert to the draft minutes from the Selectboard meeting of February 7: page 3, the last sentence of item #8 should read: "Chair Walker indicated that question was asked during the Highway Advisory Committee study, and no other contractor had expressed interest."

Selectman Herbert **motioned** to approve the draft minutes from the meeting on February 7th with the above correction.

Selectman Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed unanimously

Signatures:

Chairman Walker noted that the Selectboard had reviewed and signed off on Accounts Payable & Payroll Registers which are available for Public Inspection. Also signed:

- Abatements for Unknown Properties (\$1,529 dollars total) – Tax Map 220, Lot 7, Tax Map 251, Lot 10 and Tax Map 256, Lot 22
- Intent to Cut for Tax Map 222 Lot 17

Department Head, Board, Committee Updates:

- Road Agent / Fire Department
- Transfer Station – Selectman Herbert noted that Transfer Station Manager Bert LaFlamme said that his Operator license for the Transfer Station has expired and that he is taking the course and will be contacting the state on Tuesday to get his license renewed. Gate key was provided to Apparel Impact Clothing.
- The Planning Board met a couple of weeks ago. Selectman Herbert said that they approved the camping ordinance and reviewed a conditional use permit request for someone that wants to put up a yurt to use for yoga classes, etc. They advised them to fill out the application for a conditional use permit / site plan review.

New Business:

- Chairman Walker read the January Police Stats:
 - 3 abandoned/impounded vehicles
 - 1 Animal Complaint
 - 1 Complaint Animal Abuse/Neglect
 - 3 Assist Citizen
 - 1 Assist Other Agencies
 - 3 Welfare Check-ups
 - 9 Directed Enforcement Patrol
 - 1 Hazardous Operator
 - 1 Motor Carrier Inspection
 - 1 Motor Vehicle Crash without injury
 - 1 Motor Vehicle / OHRV crash with injury
 - 2 Subpoenas
 - 1 Suspicious Person
 - 27 Traffic stops
 - Total calls = 55**
- Town Hall Rental – Community Bridges has requested to use the Town Hall for an Easter Party on 3/29/24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (waive fee).
 - Selectman Hoyt **motioned** to approve the Community Bridges’ facility usage request.
 - Selectman Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed successfully with 1 (*Walker*) abstaining from the vote.

Old Business:

- Community Power Advisory Committee – Purpose, Objectives & Goals, Candidates and Meeting Dates & Times: Chairman Walker suggests they make an amendment under ‘goals’ to be able to recommend a Warrant Article for the Feb 2025 Town Meeting of the legislative body. It currently states ‘by February 1, 2025,’ but he believes that is past the deadline, so he would like that changed to January 1, 2025. The committee can either recommend that they bring it to Town Meeting or to recommend to the Selectboard to bring it to Town Meeting.

Chairman Walker read a statement of the Committee’s purpose, objectives and goals:

COMMUNITY POWER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Purpose: To provide the Salisbury Board of Selectmen with a recommendation in order to make a decision on whether or not to enroll the entire Town of Salisbury in the Merrimack County Community Power Electric Aggregation Plan, in conjunction with the Community Power Coalition of NH and other surrounding communities. The committee will consist of five members appointed by the Salisbury Board of Selectmen.

Objectives

- Seek further clarification on regulation of electrical from the utility companies and power suppliers
- Identify best option for the Town as a whole
- Identify all costs associated for operating the program, potential incidental costs, performance & financial requirements, administrative costs, support services, billing, etc.

- Appoint a Principal Representative, Alternate Representative and Authorized Officer to serve on the council for the County Commissioners pursuant to CPCNH's Joint Powers Agreement

Goal: To be able to recommend a Warrant Article for the 2025 Town Meeting (Legislative Body) by January 1, 2025 or recommend enrollment approval or disapproval to the Town of Salisbury's Governing Body (Board of Selectmen).

TA Rollins said that the current members are: Matthew Kelly, Nate Irving, Eric Swendsen, Kevin O'Neill and Laura Bartlett. Lorna Carlisle is an alternate.

Chairman Walker **motioned** that they appoint the 5 members of Community Power Committee: Matthew Kelly, Nathan Irving, Eric Swendsen, Kevin O'Neill and Laura Bartlett.

John Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker **motioned** that they appoint Lorna Carlisle as an alternate member of the Community Power Committee.

Jim Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed unanimously.

Chairman Walker **motioned** that they approve the Community Power Advisory Committee's purpose, objectives and goals.

Jim Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed unanimously.

The new committee members and alternate member were sworn in by Chairman Walker, and they signed their appointment papers.

- 2023 Annual Report
TA Rollins said that the Annual Reports were delivered yesterday and copies are available in the lobby at Academy Hall.
- Town Meeting Preparations – Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, Moderator's Rules, Town Warrant, etc.
Discussion took place on preparations for the upcoming Town Meeting and Warrant. Selectman Herbert will speak to the pastor about the Invocation. Discussion occurred to decide who would speak to and answer questions on the different Warrant Articles.

Selectmen's Reports:

- Tucker Pond Association – 2nd Support Letter Signed by Chair Walker. Chairman Walker said that the Association can use that support letter in order to apply for a grant and will help with road improvements.

Public Comments:

None.

Town Administrator's Report:

- Expert Witness Agreement for tax appeals filed by PSNH d/b/a Eversource.

TA Rollins stated that mediation is set to start in May and this is what their Town Attorney has advised them to go with. Chairman Walker if they have any idea how much they are looking at in terms of the difference in assessments. TA Rollins said no, but they are only looking at one year for Salisbury, where other towns have multiple years that are being disputed. Chairman Walker said that he is concerned that they are committing to legal costs that are more than they are anticipating. TA Rollins said that their bills are minimal compared to other municipalities.

Chairman Walker **motioned** that they accept this agreement. Selectman Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed unanimously.

- Office Closure

TA Rollins said that the office will be closed on Friday, February 23.

Public Hearing

A 2nd public hearing was held regarding a land acquisition (RSA 41:14-a) of the property located at Tax Map 244, Lot 17, owned by Carol Haber.

Chairman Walker opened the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m.

An audience member asked about changing the intersection. Brett Walker said that they are not going to want another access point on Route 4. He spoke to the challenges of getting the state to agree to another roundabout in that area. Discussion occurred about the difficulties of the intersection and possible remedies.

Chairman Walker **motioned** that they close the Public Hearing

Selectman Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed unanimously.

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS: Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 7 p.m. upstairs in Academy Hall

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Walker **motioned** to adjourn.

Selectman Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed unanimously and the Selectboard adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer King, Recording Secretary