



# Salisbury Board of Selectmen

## Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

Selectman Brett Walker, Chair	Present
Selectman John W. Herbert	Present
Selectman Jim Hoyt	Present
Town Administrator April Rollins	Absent
Municipal Assistant Sadie Merrow	Present

**Attendees:** Several citizens attended the meeting in person at Academy Hall. One person attended via zoom.

### 1) Open Meeting

Chairman Walker opened the meeting at 7 pm

### 2) Meeting Minutes

Selectman Walker made a **motion** to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023 with edits he gave to Municipal Assistant Sadie Merrow. Selectman Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

### 3) Signatures

Chairman Walker noted that the Selectboard had reviewed and signed where applicable:

- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll Registers – Available for Public Inspection
- Intent to Cut – Tax Map 253, Lot 2.3 (Celmer)
- Current Use Application – Tax Map 254, Lot 2 (Landry)

### 4) Department / Board / Committee Reports

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

Bill MacDuffie Jr. told the Board, he had nothing to report.

b. **Transfer Station**

Manager LaFlamme was absent.

c. **Planning Board**

The Planning Board reported the Town of Boscawen gave them a presentation on a new 30 house development that will be built near the Salisbury Boscawen Town line. Selectmen Herbert said the Planning Board asked to be informed along the way of this project because it will affect Salisbury in some ways and the Board would like to know what is going on.

**5) New Business**

Twin States Clean Energy Link - Terron Hill, Project Development Director, Danielle Aretz, Director Stakeholder Management and Jessica Farrell, Transmission Engineering

The Twin States Clean Energy Link (Twin States) is a proposed, 211-mile renewable energy transmission project in Vermont and New Hampshire. The project is designed to deliver existing Canadian hydropower to all of New England to support our region's climate goals and increase our supply of affordable clean energy, which has the potential to save customers billions over the first fifteen years of operation alone.

Twin States is designed to minimize visual and environmental impacts: The proposed project will utilize existing transmission corridors in New Hampshire and buries new lines along state roadways in both states.

Twin States will build a bridge to a clean energy future: By providing 1,200 MW of bi-directional transmission capacity with neighboring Quebec, Twin States can deliver an abundant source of existing, affordable, and dependable clean energy to meet customer demand at times solar/wind output is low, thereby securing a reliable power system and saving customers billions of dollars over the coming decades.

Twin States has the potential to:

- Provide 1,200 MW of bi-directional transmission capacity with neighboring Quebec, delivering an abundant source of existing, affordable, and dependable clean energy to New England.
- Help New England to meet customer demand at times when solar/wind output is low, thereby securing a reliable power system.
- Save customers billions of dollars over the coming decades.
- Further the growth of New England's emerging clean energy economy, including the offshore wind sector, by allowing regional renewable energy producers to export excess power to Quebec during periods of low customer demand.
- Provide significant economic benefits to Vermont and New Hampshire, creating thousands of new construction jobs, generating hundreds of millions of dollars in new property tax revenues, and deliver comprehensive benefit programs to route communities.
- Dedicate \$100 million toward community benefit programs by non-profit partner Citizens Energy Corporation. To support the potential construction of the project, Twin States is proud to partner with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW).

Danielle Aretz said, this project would go through roughly 5 miles of Salisbury. She also insured the town will look the same as it did before the project. Unlike the Northern Pass

this project will utilize existing lines and poles, they will do this by re-conducting the lines on the current poles. Selectmen Herbert asked if all this power would be going straight to Massachusetts. Danielle Aretz answered by explaining the power is being built in a bi-directional way, so the power can be dispersed all throughout New England. A resident asked about the environmental impact of this project. Jessica Farrell, Transmission Engineer said this is not the Northern Pass and no trees would be cut down to do the fact that this project uses existing poles. She also said the only disturbance of habitats would be temporary during construction but their goal is to leave the area/habitats better than how they find them. She gave an example of fixing culverts or any maintenance to keep the land/habitats intact. Dora Rapalyea asked who is going to pay for this project. Terron Hill, Project Development Director said the Department of Environmental Impact will be paying for the project. David Rapalyea asked how will the lines that are currently on the poles be disposed of. Jessica Farrell, Transmission Engineer said the wire and other materials currently on the poles will be recycled and disposed of properly and safely. Chair Walker invited the Twin State Clean Energy team back to the town to hold another presentation that way people can be informed and ask any questions they may have. Danielle Aretz said they would gladly come back to present and in the time being if anyone has questions or wants more info feel free to email:

[outreach@twinstatescleanenergylink.com](mailto:outreach@twinstatescleanenergylink.com) or call 800-886-8239

#### Consolidated Communications – Transfer of Utility Pole Licenses

Notice is hereby delivered pursuant to New Hampshire RSA 231:170 to the Town/City of Salisbury that Consolidated Communications of the Northern New England Company, LLC, holder of the licenses to install and maintain utility poles within the Municipality maintained highways, which licenses were granted by the Municipality pursuant RSA 231:161, that Consolidated Communications has transferred its ownership interest in utility poles installed under the License within the Municipality that are jointly owned with Public Service Company of New Hampshire and assigned its interests under the licenses related to the installation and maintenance of said utility poles to PSNH, which transferred and assignment is effective as of May 1, 2023.

#### Old Home Day Committee – Resignation of William MacDuffie, III, Appointment of Brennen Lorden

Chair Walker made a **motion** to accept with regret the Resignation of William MacDuffie, III from the Old Home Day Committee Selectmen Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed successfully. Chair Walker made a **motion** to appoint Brennen Lorden as a member of the Old Home Day Committee Selectmen Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

#### Town Hall Rental Application – Historical Society, June 7, 2023 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Round Robin from 9-12 – Faith Partridge funeral gathering (Waive Fee)

Chair Walker made a **motion** to waive the fee for the town hall rental for the Historical Society, June 7, 2023 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Round Robin from 9-12 Selectmen Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed successfully. Selectmen Hoyt made a **motion** to waive the fee for Town Hall on May 22<sup>nd</sup> for a funeral gathering Chair Walker **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

#### Town Clerk Closed for Observance of Memorial Day

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### **Old Business**

Public Hearing Continuance for Class VI Road Municipal Liability Waiver on Calef Hill Road – Travis Silver

Chair Walker said the board needs an approved application form from the state before they can act further. Travis Silver said he needs his abutter to also fill out a driveway permit because of the new culverts. Silver said he has done all he can until the abutter fills out his permits. Chair Walker made a **motion** to continue the public hearing on June 7<sup>th</sup> Selectmen Hoyt **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

Letter of Intent to Sell Land – Cynthia Call

The land located behind the Maplewood ball field and Maplewood Cemetery roughly 11 acres for sale for \$55,000. The Planning Board plans to do a site walk on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Chair Walker made a **motion** for permission to talk to Cynthia Call about land and inform her about the site walk Selectmen Herbert **seconded** the motion which passed successfully.

### **7) Selectmen's Reports**

### **8) Public Comment**

### **9) Town Administrator's Report**

Non- Public Session under RSA 91-A:3 II (a)

Next Meeting is Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 7 p.m. at the Academy Hall

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Sadie Merrow, Municipal Assistant**