



## Selectmen's Meeting Summary April 15, 2009

Selectman Joe Laycox, Chair	Present
Selectman Kathleen Doyle	Present
Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond	Present
Administrative Assistant Margaret Warren	Absent
Office Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

**Visitors:** Lorna Carlisle, Ray Deary, Marsha Murphy, Stacia Eastman, Bill MacDuffie; Gayle Landry; Steve Wheeler; Rick Gilman, Lou Freeman;

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Laycox.

**Review of Meeting Summary:** BOS Meeting summaries for 4-1-09 reviewed. **Selectwoman Doyle made a motion to accept both the public and non-public 4-1-09 meeting summaries, Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. Vote in the affirmative.**

**At 7:00 PM Chairman Laycox opened the Public Hearing re: Change in Transfer Station Fees.** Selectman Ross-Raymond noted that at a recent Recycling/Solid Waste Committee meeting discussion of fees brought up the fact that Salisbury fees are higher on some things than other surrounding towns. It is suggested to change fees for Refrigerators, Freezers and Air Conditioners from \$15 to \$10 and PC Monitors from \$10 to \$5. Keep all other fees where they are. The reason for the fees is to help recoup the cost of disposal – not earn excess revenue.

General Discussion of those in attendance:

- o Agrees Salisbury should charge basically the same as other towns
- o The fees still do not accommodate the entire cost of disposal
- o Generally citizens are use to the fees and pay without a problem – most people are satisfied with the fee schedule.
- o People are more aware of the need to dispose somewhere and often when purchasing new have old items removed by vendor
- o Removal of Freon isn't that costly – and now we are higher than other towns.
- o Logic of how the committee came up with recommendation to change fees is sound.
- o With fees the person bringing in the item is paying the cost for disposal.

**At 7:15 PM the public hearing was closed.**

**Selectman Ross-Raymond made a motion to accept the Solid Waste Committee recommendations for fee changes effective May 1st; Selectwoman Doyle seconded. All voted in favor.** Selectmen will have a notice posted next week that the fee schedule has changed effective May 1, 2009. Staff will update the SOP and Fee schedule and will have it posted in the Salisbury Lifelines Paper and Website.

## **Departments:**

**Fire Department Monthly Update:** Chief Gilman in to discuss insurance through NH Firefighters Association. 20 towns in Capital Area Compact and 18 are insured through NHFA. Cost is \$20 per person and Salisbury has 23 volunteers. This would be a cost of \$460 per year and he has the money in the miscellaneous line item and could be taken from there this year. Selectman

Ross-Raymond asked if anyone has checked with LGC to see if there is something similar at a lower cost. It was agreed that Chief Gilman and Selectmen's office will check on this and review this issue again at the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

Chief Gilman noted that Salisbury was toned out for the fire in Alton Bay.

Selectman Ross-Raymond asked the status of request for grant for the ATV. Chief Gilman noted that Police Chief Jones is doing the majority of work on this request which is jointly requested by fire and police.

Fireman Lou Freeman in to discuss the replacement of the sign in front of Safety Building Complex. This sign is used to post important events and notice for town. They would like to replace it with something more presentable and have an estimate of \$300 for the cost. Selectmen asked that he discuss the appropriate line item for taking the cost of this replacement sign with AA Warren.

## **Old Business:**

- RSA 31:95- e – accepting donations of equipment: Per email from Margaret upon checking with DRA it appears Salisbury only adopted 31:95-b (money only) and if we want equipment we would have to adopt 31:95-e at town meeting and anything with value over \$5,000 a public hearing would have to be held before Selectmen could accept donation. Ray Deary mentioned to make sure to check re: liability issues. Bill MacDuffie asked if it is to accept donation of equipment or use of equipment. Selectmen will review again later in the year for possible warrant for town meeting.
- Candidates for Recreation and Heritage positions:
  - Heritage Commission: Planning Board Rep is Anne Ross-Raymond. No new candidates for expired term – Roger Heath had said he would take it again if offered. Mary Phillips has come to some meetings – as volunteer but not interested in being regular member. She feels Roger Heath would be an excellent choice. **Selectman Laycox made a motion to appoint Roger Heath; Selectwoman Doyle seconded. All voted in favor.**
  - Recreation Committee: No candidates for expired term. Anne Breen is not interested in holding a regular position – but would accept alternate position. Selectwoman Doyle noted that Hank Lacey, of Center Road may be interested and will be sending something via email. Selectman Doyle noted that although there is not currently an alternate position assigned to the Recreation Committee, the Recreation Committee would like the Selectman to consider the position since they have someone interested in it and that person would be a voting member should there not be enough regular committee members available at a meeting.
- Review of Issue re: Ride Along Liability Waiver – Police Dept: AA Warren forwarded an email to BOS re: information she received from LGC re: ride along liability waivers. Selectwoman Doyle noted she felt the policy from LGC was good and would recommend Chief Jones to contact Mr. Burbank and follow up with a draft right along waiver for discussion at next meeting.

- Utility Sink – Academy Hall: Rick Chandler has given an estimate of \$250 for material and labor. Need approval from Board to give okay to proceed. **Selectwoman Doyle made motion to have Rick Chandler proceed with the project; Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. All voted in favor.**
- Scenic By-way Committee: Three individuals have stepped up to participate on Committee – Karen Sheldon, Maris Wofsy and Bill MacDuffie, Jr. Also have notice of the meeting to post and have it on website.
- Energy Committee – material to be passed on to committee given to Selectman Laycox.

**New Business:**

- Old Home Day Committee meet Thursday – April 16<sup>th</sup> - correspondence received given to Selectman Ross-Raymond to present to committee.
- Budget Committee Meeting recap by Selectwoman Doyle. Subcommittee formed to review pay structure for job descriptions and to give a recommendation and plan to Selectmen. Subcommittee would like copies of job descriptions to help them with this task. Selectman Laycox asked that when we provide the job descriptions, we ask for their goals/objectives for this task and he looks forward to their recommendations.
- Update on Stimulus program and how affecting us – via Pingree Bridge. Salisbury is on list and meets the qualifications. Way it works 60% fed 40% by state. Town would pay nothing – under construction phase only. Preliminary Site Plan is where we are at now – and this falls under the original 80% – 20% plan. Once plan is accepted – which includes bridge and go out to bid for construction company to do the work – and there is money still in the Stimulus program then we would be covered 100% for the construction and it is put aside for that. VHB feels we are in good position as we are farther along than others. How do we get paid – DOT sub contractor invoices come in and town pays from line of credit and then submit to DOT on a monthly basis and Town should be reimbursed by DOT within a 30 day period. Shouldn't exceed our line of credit that is in warrant article. Selectwoman Doyle noted that there are other programs that fall under Stimulus - Dept of Justice for fully time staff; grants for equipment (ATV for police and rescue might qualify for this); HUD housing programs, Energy – fossil fuels – nonprofit programs and grants; title I and II under schools, college pell grants, Agriculture and DOT projects. For more information Research website [www.nh.gov/recovery](http://www.nh.gov/recovery). Selectman Ross-Raymond noted that the Fire and Police Departments have been researching these ATV municipal grants before Stimulus money was even talked about.

**Public Comments:**

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**Correspondence:**

- Letter of congratulations to Jessica Sprague recipient of SHS Scholarship and member of 2009 Granite State Scholars.

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

Non-Public Session: (as necessary)

Discussion with Tax Collector – Hardship Abatement Discussion - RSA 91-A:3,II (c): At 7:35 PM **Selectwoman Doyle motioned to go into nonpublic session per RSA 91-A:3II (c), Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. Roll call vote - All voted to go into nonpublic session.**

At 8:00 PM public session reconvened. **Selectman Ross-Raymond motioned under RSA 91-A:3, III to seal the nonpublic session; Selectman Doyle seconded. Roll call vote - All voted in favor.**

**Selectwoman Doyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. All voted in favor.**

Respectively submitted:

Kathie Downes, Municipal Office Assistant

**Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Meeting.**

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Selectmen, Town of Salisbury