



Selectmen's Meeting Summary November 2, 2011

Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond, Chair	Present
Selectwoman Karen Sheldon	Present
Selectman Pete Ballou	Present
Town Administrator Margaret Warren	Present
Administrative Assistant Kathie Downes	Present

Visitors: see sign in sheet attached with original summary on file.

Chairman Ross-Raymond called meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

REGULAR BUSINESS:

- Review and Approve Summaries of last meetings
 - October 19, 2011 – BOS Meeting & Info Forum: **Selectwoman Sheldon motioned to accept meeting summaries as written; Selectman Ballou seconded. Vote in affirmative.**
- Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers: **Select board motioned to accept.**

Merrimack County Sheriff Scott Hilliard & Chief Deputy Saltmarsh in to discuss proposal for a part-time deputy sheriff to be assigned to Town of Salisbury - 32 hour week.

Chair Ross-Raymond gave a quick overview of what Salisbury BOS have done to date concerning options being reviewed for police services for Salisbury. The four options being:

- hire part-time police chief and maintain police dept – (advertising/interviewing for part time police chief (one candidate from out of state recently interviewed),
- possible contracting with Merrimack County Sheriff's Department for police services,
- possible contracting for police services with neighboring towns (general discussion with Webster officials with tentative proposal; Andover not interested; no response from Boscawen).
- For the past year Salisbury has relied on the State Police for police services.

Ross-Raymond also noted the possibility of a program where SP provides a trooper to the town for hours requested at a specific detail rate.

- **MCS D Police Coverage Proposal** – 1 yr cost \$53,821,80 (which includes salary; fuel; uniforms; ammunition; other misc) The County Commissioners have been apprised of this proposal but it has not gone before the delegation for review. They noted this is a reasonable proposal that MCS D would provide but is not a revenue producing initiative for them. Does help citizens have a regular police presence in town. MCS D and SP do provide services as needed at the present time – but this would be a policing perspective that does a lot for Salisbury.

TA Warren noted that town would still need to budget for general costs of approximately \$10,000 for things like telephone; dispatch; county prosecution and dare.

General discussion followed with Board and visitors. Selectmen thanked Sheriff Hilliard and Chief Saltmarsh for the overview and hope to get back to them with a decision by the end of this year.

Shared Services General Discussion: Temple/Greenville Chief of Police Jim McTague in to discuss circumstances for shared police coverage in towns of Temple and Greenville. Chief McTague gave a quick overview of how these two towns became policed as one. Temple (a small town of 1500 – 23 sq miles – activity police department of 16 hrs per day) Greenville (larger town of 2500 – 7 sq miles – no police chief at the time – high crime rate) Greenville BOS asked about shared police services. Chief McTague looked at the pros and cons – worked with BOS and AG office – several public hearings were held. It was decided the best way for it to work was to merge the two towns' police depts. Two Board of Selectmen work with police chief – created police board of two senior selectmen from each town – meet monthly. Established in 2005 - now working under 5 year contract. Department has five full time and 4 part time employees and have 20 hour day coverage. Funding is based on town populations and overall both towns found a savings. If either town decides it wants out – contract will be null and void after 6 months.

General discussion with Board and visitors followed. Chief McTague on behalf of Greenville/Temple selectmen extended an invitation come to a meeting for discussion. Also understand this is not for everyone – but it has worked and worked well for Greenville/Temple.

Selectmen thanked Chief McTague for coming in tonight to share this information.

Departments Update:

Road Agent MacDuffie – monthly update: Selectwoman Sheldon thanked Bill MacDuffie for grading Gerrish Road so quickly. Bill noted he is in processing of grading the gravel roads. Also the Warner Road paving and Mountain Road paving has been completed. Project did come in under budget.

Recent October snow storm may be able to get funding from FEMA – forms will be filled out once received. TA Warren noted that the FEMA funding for Hurricane Irene has been received (\$3800).

MacDuffie noted he will be in with 2012 budget proposal next meeting and that he is considering for the project proposal to change it to grind and repave 3000 feet of Center Rd and to hold off on top coat until project is completed in 3 years.

Joe Laycox, resident of Salisbury in to discuss with BOS issue concerning the Snowmobile Trail as it crosses Center Road by Searles Hill Rd. Mr. Laycox noted he is here on behalf of himself and the Mitchners. Mr. Laycox gave selectmen a sketch of the area in question (on file with original summary). He noted that previously the crossing was located lower on Center Road and then moved to directly across from Searles Hill Rd. He and his neighbor(s) see this as causing some safety wise problems. He stated he had talked with Gregg Miller this past weekend who noted the change was not discussed before hand with him because he is not the landowner(s) involved with this crossing and all permits are in place and backed by Selectmen. Laycox asked if select board is concerned with the safety of its citizens. The Select Board responded yes they absolutely do care for the safety of the citizens. Laycox asked if he owns to center of Searles Hill Rd and who has the say of what it can be used for. Selectman Ross-Raymond noted that landowner(s) do own to center of road – however, Searles Hill is a classified as Class VI road and town does not maintain road. Ross-Raymond went on to explain the snowmobile club only uses certain class VI roads (or portions of) as trails with a signed agreement from the town. It would behoove the concerned landowners on Class VI road to contact Snowmobile Club to discuss concerns.

Laycox noted he had spoken with Craig Mayo, (Andover Snowmobile President) today who reiterated they have the permits for the crossing and traveling Searles Hill Rd. Laycox again asked if he had rights concerning safety on Searles Hill Rd. and questioned the agreement

between the Snowmobile Club and the town. It was pointed out that this agreement was put in place during Laycox's duration as a Selectman on the board. Mr. Laycox's question is – does he have any rights on Searles Hill Rd controlling safety issues. Selectwoman Sheldon noted everyone including residents and Snowmobilers should take personal responsibility for their safety. She indicated that there could be more caution and stop signs to alert the people traveling Center Road and to help with residents concern about safety. Greg Miller stated snowmobile club will certainly be glad to add signs where necessary and are willing to work with the landowners to resolve any safety issues. Laycox agreed that if more signs were put up this year he would agree to see how it works out for this snowmobile season.

Old Business:

- Police vehicles – Selectmen asked TA Warren to have two police vehicles checked for needed repairs (Tahoe – brakes Crown Vic – starting issues).
- Meeting Updates/Reminders
 - Continued PH – Schmidl re: waiver for surveying lots. No Planning Board meeting in November.
 - Last mtg it was noted Single Stream has been approved, and future need for compactor and power at transfer station for CIP purposes. No Recycling Committee meetings in November & December
 - Some new members (4-6) discussion off to a good start to make it bigger and better in 2012. No OHD Meetings in November & December
 - Education Committee meeting 11/3/11 at 7 PM
 - Budget Committee 11/14/11 – Some dept budgets to be presented.
 - TA Warren will check re last payment from State for Pingree Bridge. Also waiting for Mr. Ladd to sign and return the extension agreement for old bridge.

New Business:

- Tax Rate has been set at \$18.87 per thousand up by ten cent – decrease (\$60,000) in revenue this year of flood control funds (BOS noted they will follow up re: this decrease with Senator Sanborn). Tax bills going out this week – due December 7th.
- Chair Ross-Raymond asked if Board would like to have SP in to discuss program they are initiating. Also re use of our police station as a substation. After this discussion Board will decide how to proceed for 2012.
- Speed Sign : Ross-Raymond noted he has looked into these visual reminders and costs range from \$2500 - \$4500 - \$5600. Board asked TA Warren to check with MCSD re: borrowing a speed trailer from time to time.

Public Comments:

- **Greg Miller:** What is the crime rate since we have been without a police dept. *We don't have a clear and concise record but SP records show that calls for service are down.*
- **Sandy Miller:** tax rate increase is 10 cents – which would equate to \$10 for every \$100,000 accessed.
- **Bill MacDuffie:** What is the status of the broken speed trailer Salisbury was using. *It was owned by SP and returned – not cost for Salisbury.*

Correspondence:

- One quote – Ambulance billing - for review by BOS and Fire Dept.

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board

NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2011

Non-Public Session: (as necessary) RSA 91-A:3,II (c) : At 8:20 PM Chairman Ross-Raymond made motion to go into non-public session **per RSA 91-A:3, II (c) reputation Roll Call vote taken – unanimous vote.**

Returned to public session at 9:50 PM.

Chairman Ross-Raymond announced motion was made and voted by the Board to seal the non-public session minutes per RSA 91-A:3,II (c).

Selectman Ballou made motion to adjourn at 9:55 PM; Selectwoman Sheldon seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

**Kathie Downes
Administrative Assistant**

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the November 16th, 2011 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury