



Selectmen's Meeting Summary January 4, 2012

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.

Review and Approve Minutes of last meeting

- o December 21st - **Selectman Ballou motioned to accept the meeting summary as written, Selectwoman Sheldon seconded. Vote in affirmative.**
- o Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers: **Select board motioned to accept.**

1st Quarter - Safety Committee Update:

Safety Building, Town Hall & Library 911 numbers are all now posted on buildings. Outside blown light at Safety Building has been replaced. Put on the list of safety issues to be reviewed is the front patio area of Academy Hall – bricks are loose and hazardous.

Chairman Ross-Raymond welcomed **Senator Andy Sanborn**: Senator introduced his wife Laurie who is a state representative. Senator Sanborn addressed the issue of Massachusetts's obligation to pay the Merrimack River Valley Flood Control Commission yearly. Salisbury is one of fourteen towns/cities affected. Massachusetts stopped compensating several years ago and State of NH was making reasonable payments to the towns until 2011. In the past Salisbury received \$88,541 per year and in 2011 received \$25,670.

Senator Sanborn is working along with his colleague Senator Larsen to get this settled. Letters have been sent to the Governor of Massachusetts requesting payment be made. Senator Sanborn has proposing legislation requesting Governor seek legal action against MA to have the compact agreement followed. Board of Selectmen indicated they will be happy to write letters of support and/or go to hearings. General discussion with audience re: this issue.

Senator Sanborn noted that in NH anyone can put in a bill and all legislation requires a vote. Senator Sanborn also discussed additional legislation he is sponsoring –

- regarding the replacement of culverts and need to go through Dept. of Environmental Services and costs associated with this
- regarding historical property and restoration, maintenance, for preservation purposes not being taxed

- regarding free admission to state parks for active military veterans and families; and for retired military veterans
- regarding taxpayer bill of rights – making state responsible for timely reimbursement of overpayments requiring the State be obligated to answer at same level as business owner.

Selectwoman Sheldon related the town's concern of the condition of Rte 127 and the Currier and Ives Byway Project being on this route. Road is deplorable and we are on the ten year plan. Senator Sanborn will contact DOT Commissioner Clement re this issue.

As Senator Sanborn wrapped up he noted that he and his wife will soon be moving to another area of the state – and this may affect if he will still be in the same district.

Josh and Celena Nixon – Signage for Major Home Occupation: Selectman Ross-/Raymond noted that the Nixon's went before Zoning for Major Home Occupation and had questions re: signage. Approval from BOS or Zoning not necessary as it is stated in ordinance. Mr. Nixon stated it falls under Article VIII of ordinance: "Directional signs relating to each business operated in the Town of Salisbury shall be allowed in all Districts. No sign shall exceed 6 square feet in area. No more than one sign is permitted in any two-mile length of road, not including those which indicate a change of direction." He has received a letter from Delma Reagan giving her permission to have signage on her property/town right of way and he is working to contact owner of property at junction of Bay Road and West Salisbury Road where other sign will be posted. He and Road Agent MacDuffie will confer on proper placement of the signs.

Departments:

Fire Chief Gilman – review of some of 2012 budget figures – outside ambulance & fuel:
 Outside Ambulance: Set it for \$8000 and Chief Gilman will work on entering into yearly contract with Penacook of \$7500; Fuel – increase it to \$1000 and Dept. members have been told to fill up at Franklin Fire Department to get tax exempt fuel. Chief will also look into how to get tax exempt fuel at local gas station.

Road Agent MacDuffie – monthly update:

Winter expenses down now – but without snow could have trouble with culverts freezing,

Old Business:

- Reviewed of Budget Final Numbers for 1/09/12 budget meeting.
- Reminder: Budget Committee Meeting – January 9th – 7 PM
- Tahoe: Will discuss the use of this vehicle by fire department with Chief Gilman at next meeting.
- Crown Vic needs new Battery - and needs to be inspected – Selectman Ross-Raymond will take care of this.
- Reval 2012 – BOS signed new contract to do complete reval in 2012 - less than original contract – \$35,535.
- **Neighborhood Watch Committee** – Selectman Ross-Raymond asked staff to schedule an info meeting after Town Meeting. Contact with State Police and County Sheriff re: how to start such a program in town – have them come and speak with those who attend the info meeting.

New Business:

- Budget Public Hearing - February 9th – Academy Hall – 7 PM
- Town report – Kathie is doing preliminary work and will be meeting with new company for printing.
- 2012 Payroll/Selectmen meeting dates list has been distributed to appropriate staff.
- Reminder that declaration for candidacy is 1/25/12 – 2/3/12
- 2012 committee/board meetings schedule
- Shared Services – Joint Towns meeting – next Thursday 1/12/12 will be hosted by Town of Andover at 6:30 PM. Board reviewed draft agenda – and this will be forwarded to Vicky Mishcon Andover Selectman for her to use or edit as necessary.
- Presidential Primary – 8 – 7 PM – 1/10/12
- Selectman Ballou noted he will be having knee surgery – 1/16/12 and may not be at next meeting 1/18/12.
- Selectman Ross-Raymond noted there are additional signs put up by the Searles Hill Center Road crossing and he spoke with Andover Snowmobile Club who confirmed they had put up more signage.

Public Comments:

Sandy Miller: Asked status of the complaint from Wheeler's re: North Road residence . Selectman Ballou noted Building Inspector Bodien and he did a site visit and spoke with owners and found no infractions that would indicate a home business. Property owner did agree not to operate his machinery at night and was cooperative and making a true effort to clean up the area

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board

Sarah Taft asked Selectmen to help her with regaining her firearms from Salisbury Police Department. She has a court order stating the firearms can be returned to her. She stated she had spoken with Merrimack County Sheriff's office who advises her to make her request to the Salisbury Board of Selectmen. Board assured Ms. Taft they would look into the matter, because Salisbury presently does not have any police personnel and firearms were moved from the police department and are in safekeeping off-site. They will review the records and contact her once firearms have been located.

Non-Public Session: (as necessary)

Selectwoman Sheldon made motion to adjourn at 8:12 PM; Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor.

Respectfully submitted:

Kathie Downes
Administrative Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the January 18, 2012 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury