



Selectmen's Meeting Summary December 18, 2013

Selectman Ken Ross-Raymond, Chair	Present
Selectman Pete Ballou	Present
Selectman Joseph Schmidl	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 4, 2013 – **Selectman Schmidl moved to accept meeting summary as written, Selectman Ballou seconded. Vote in the affirmative.**

Review Accounts Payable & Payroll registers: **Select board moved and voted to accept.**

Department Updates:

- Fire Department, Lt. Mac MacDuffie: Chief unable to attend tonight as tonight he is finishing up his Fire Fighter I course.
 - o Training 11/30 at the Fire Academy went well.
 - o Chief needs to revisit his proposed budget figures for 2014 with Selectmen due to a problem with pump on Engine 1. Chief will be asked to bring his new figures to the January 8th selectmen meeting before the January 13th Budget Committee meeting.
 - o Monthly Statistics: 2 – wires down, 1 – fire alarm, 5 – EMS calls.
 - o AA Downes noted that she will be using Safety Building on Sunday – 12/22 AM to distribute the holiday food baskets.
 - o Fire Fighter Insurance reinstatement– Chief MacDuffie will be handing in paperwork to be forward by TA Warren.

Salisbury Members of MVSD School Board – Mark Hutchins and Seelye Longnecker accepted invitation to attend meeting tonight to address any issues Salisbury budget committee and other citizens have concerning the MVSD budget and Salisbury. Jeff Nangle, Chair of the Budget Committee inquired about what appears to be a \$250,000 overage already. General discussion ensued and several in attendance also had some issues they inquired about. (Town of Andover – Tuition, Negotiations – Compromises, better handouts with more information at the annual meeting, Monies not used – does not go into general fund, Does Andover have any ownership in the school district buildings). At the closed of the discussion it was agreed that Jeff Nangle, Chair of Budget Committee would email Salisbury school board repress with any questions, concerns as needed. Both School Board Reps encouraged dialogue with their constituents. Also noting that the monthly School Board meetings are open to the public.

Chairman Ross-Raymond thanked Mark Hutchins and Seelye Longnecker for taking time to attend tonight's meeting.

Old Business:

- Meeting Updates
 - Education met 12/5 – short meeting waiting for school budget proposal for 2014.
 - Budget Committee – cancelled 12/9 due to storm - next meeting is January 13th, 2014.
 - Planning Board Met 12/16 – proposed changes to the Town’s Zoning Ordinance reviewed and have scheduled public hearing on 1/6/14. It is important for citizens to attend this public hearing to voice their concerns/support.
 - Town Counsel has no problems with latest TDS draft franchise agreement – public hearing re TDS Franchise will be held 1/8/14 at 7:30 PM.
 - Highway budget – as of this date looks like will not have to use any of the Flood Control CRF monies this year. Will wait for end of year to see if this needs to be addressed if there is an overage.
 - Cross Country Contract for Assessing – Reviewed by town counsel – ready to be signed – **Selectman Schmidl moved to sign the one year contract (2014); Selectman Ballou seconded. All voted in favor.**
 - Prebid Conference meeting held at town hall – one contractor attended. This is for renovations to the accommodate two handicapped accessible bathrooms. Removal of the safe is also being looked into.
Shared Services – for past year – saving on assessing services – save substantial \$ - still have individual contracts – also looking at purchasing equipment together – seek legal services – no price difference.
- Meeting Reminders
 - Town offices are closed next week. Only exception is Town Clerk will be open regular hours on 12/26, 1/2/14 and 1/4/14.
 - BOS meeting in January have been scheduled for 1/8 and 1/22 due to the January 1st holiday.

Public Comments:

Joe Landry: Any revenue from Comcast for use of poles. *Nothing more than what is normally procured from utilities.*

Sandy Miller: Status of revenue from ambulance transports. *Still working on this issue – looking at it as we meeting with other towns in Shared Services meetings.*

Other: All business that shall legally come before the Board

Volunteer Appreciation : **To recognize all town citizens, town employees, departments and volunteers.**

Selectman Ross-Raymond announced that each year as we get closer to the end of December – we begin thinking about all that has transpired during the year.

One of the first things that comes to mind is how fortunate the Town of Salisbury is to have so many dedicated citizens who give of themselves.

- *The citizens who step up and volunteer their time to help with town decorations/flowers, clean up & upkeep of cemeteries, town grounds, ball field, and transfer station, etc*
- *The employees who often go above and beyond in their daily duties and activities for the town.*
- *The many citizens who step up and run for various elected positions and those who are appointed.*
- *The local businesses who give so generously through community service – when asked and often without being asked.*
- *The volunteers of our Fire – Rescue – Forestry department*
- *Our Road Agent, Bill MacDuffie and his road crew for the great service all year round.*

Tonight we have two special presentations of the Certificate of Appreciation for Volunteers for all their time and service given to Salisbury.

First to **Bill MacDuffie, Sr.** who makes time to attend so many of the different committee meetings – even if he is not on that committee; who has been so helpful to the recreation committee with various projects, and the list goes on.

Due to the fact that the second individual is not here tonight Selectmen will address this presentation at a subsequent meeting.

Selectman Ballou moved to adjourn at 7:50PM; Selectman Ross-Raymond seconded. All voted in favor.

**At Conclusion of Business Meeting
– Holiday Greetings followed.**

Respectfully submitted:
Kathie Downes, Administrative Assistant

Meeting Summary reviewed and accepted at the January 8, 2014 Meeting.

Selectmen, Town of Salisbury