

BOS-DRAFT 9-7-2010

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for September 7, 2010

Selectmen Present: Jim Dresser, Curtis Rand and Bob Riva.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of two additional items of New Business: a Proclamation for Leukemia Month, and recognition of several employees for extra effort during the summer.

The Minutes of the August 2 BOS Meeting were approved.

C. Rand asked for **Citizen Comments**, but there were none at this time.

Old Business

The **Senior Community Building at the Grove** is now in use by the senior program. Twenty-nine seniors were there for lunch on one day last week. Some things still need to be done, such as the hook-up for TV and internet access. The drive will also be paved later this fall. Ceramic tile, carpeting and the kitchen floor are being installed at the **Firehouse**. Interior painting is due to start this week. There will be a special dedication of both buildings sometime in the future.

The **Connecticut State Police Truck Enforcement** squad made a surprise visit on July 21st. They stopped and checked 35 vehicles, resulting in 14 violations with the sum total of potential fines amounting to \$20,735.00 – these funds go to the state DOT.

New Business

The list of **Tax Collector refunds** was presented. It was moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously approved.

A new **Application and Procedure for renting the Senior Community Building** was reviewed. The building may be used by individuals or non-profit organizations for functions. There is a \$250 deposit fee for private use and a \$150 deposit fee for Non-Profit Organizations. Other hourly rates apply. Funds collected from the rental of the building will be used for building maintenance, with any extra money going to support Salisbury Senior Services. It was moved by J. Dresser, seconded by B. Riva and unanimously voted to approve the new application procedure. The rental application will be available at Senior Services Office, now at the Grove.

A letter from **Nicholas Pohl, from the Housatonic Youth Service Bureau** was read. The letter expresses appreciation to the Selectmen for their support, particularly through the summer jobs program for local youths. C. Rand also expressed his appreciation to the long-time donors who make the Summer Youth Program possible.

A letter of **resignation from the Zoning Board of Appeals from John Allee** was read. C. Rand formally accepted his resignation and expressed his appreciation to John on behalf of the Town for his ongoing community service.

Selectman Jim Dresser reported on recent activity concerning **affordable housing**. Since the release of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee Report on June 17th, he has attended two P&Z Meetings at which the proposed changes to the Salisbury Zoning Regulations suggested by the AHAC were discussed. The P&Z have been receptive to the recommendations and appreciative of the work done by the AHAC. There will be an informational meeting **on Thursday, September 16th at 7:30 in the Town Hall** to present sample ordinances for establishing the Salisbury Affordable Housing Commission and the Salisbury Affordable Housing Fund.

Traffic counts on Academy Street were recently completed and we are waiting for the results. This information will help in the planning efforts underway concerning traffic flow on Academy Street and Library Street.

Mr. Rand read a letter from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society requesting that the month of **September 2010 be proclaimed as Leukemia, Lymphoma & Myeloma Awareness Month**. Blood cancers currently afflict more than 912,000 Americans with nearly 140,000 new cases diagnosed each year. It was moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously voted to approve the proclamation.

Mr. Rand expressed his **thanks and appreciation to Assistant Tax Collector, Jean Bell**, and the other Salisbury Town employees who assisted with filling in for Denise Rice following her unanticipated injury during tax season. He also expressed his **special thanks to Doug Richardson** for his meticulous work in restoring and cataloguing the historic cemetery on Mount Riga. Doug is continuing his efforts with the cemetery at the Town Hall.

Citizen Comments

A question was asked about the status of the recycling project described last month by Conant Shoenley. This pilot program is currently underway at Salisbury School. She also asked about the availability of composters. There are 40 new composters available for purchase. Please contact Brian Bartram at the Transfer Station.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30.

Submitted by Garrett Richardson
9/8/2010