

BOS-DRAFT 11-1-2010

Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes for November 1, 2010

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

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman, C. Rand at 4:00.

The Agenda was approved with the addition of a brief report following Citizen's Comments.

The Minutes of the October 4th BOS Meeting were approved.

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

C. Rand noted that there had been two funerals this past week of citizens who were important members of the Salisbury community, **Jane Harris and Brian Brazzale**. He asked for a moment of silence to remember them, and appreciate the contributions they made to our town.

The **Salisbury sidewalk project** is proceeding nicely. The DOT has a mandatory shut down date of December 1st for laying concrete. They may choose to close the project down for the winter before that date if they complete the necessary preparation work. The goal will be to leave the sidewalk in a useable condition over the winter, and commence the paving starting on April 1st. Extensive drainage problems have been discovered during the course of the project, and these are now being corrected. The Mather Corporation, from Bloomfield, has been extremely helpful about stopping work at our request for funerals and the Fall Festival.

The **Amesville (Water Street) Bridge** is showing signs of needing repair at the Falls Village end next spring. The needed repairs will be very similar to what was done at the Salisbury side previously. There is a possibility of obtaining state and federal funds to assist with the completion of a rehabilitation of the bridge through the Federal Local Bridge Program. Applying for this grant does not obligate us to complete the work, but if the project is accepted, the Federal portion of the costs will be 80% and the two towns together will cover 20%. There was some discussion. **It was then moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously approved to instruct WMC Consulting Engineers to make an application to the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation for the Federal Local Bridge Program for the Water Street Bridge.**

C. Rand read some correspondence from Skip Barber concerning the designation of **Lime Rock Park as a National Historic Landmark**. The letter requests the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to the National Park Service Advisory Board Landmarks Committee in support of establishing Lime Rock Park as a National Historic Landmark. There was some discussion. After discussion, it was decided to table this request until further clarification can be obtained as to what such a designation might entail. The Selectmen suggested that Salisbury residents might express their opinion of this proposition to the Selectmen prior to the next Selectmen's meeting.

There will be a **Special Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 9th to vote on ordinances for the Affordable Housing Commission, the Affordable Housing Fund, and the Planning & Zoning Commission's Fine for Non-compliance.** Each of these ordinances was discussed in turn.

The ordinance proposed to establish the Affordable Housing Commission follows the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee as presented in their report and at the informational Town Meeting in September. There was some discussion concerning the size of the Commission. It was decided that the Commission would be comprised of 7 members. The Board of Selectmen will choose the first Chairperson, and Vice-Chairperson, and The Commission will then elect their own officers upon the completion of the first terms.

It was moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously approved to present the ordinance for the establishment of an Affordable Housing Commission, draft 11-1-2010 with the changes discussed, for a vote at the Special Town Meeting, November 9th.

The ordinance to establish the Affordable Housing Fund was discussed. The addition of language to provide financing for the construction and repair of existing properties was discussed. It was also noted that the safeguards for this Fund are consistent with all other budgetary safeguards.

It was then moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously approved to present the ordinance to establish an Affordable Housing Fund, draft 11-1-2010 with the changes discussed, for a vote at the Special Town Meeting, November 9th.

It was moved by J. Dresser, seconded by B. Riva and unanimously approved to recommend the transfer of \$50,000 from the Town Land Capital Fund to the Affordable Housing Fund at the Special Town Meeting, November 9th.

The ordinance authorizing the Salisbury Planning and Zoning Commission to impose fines for violations of Zoning Regulations was moved at the October Selectmen's meeting and will also be presented for a vote at the Special Town Meeting, November 9th.

A proposal from the Northwestern Connecticut Regional Planning Collaborative concerning the development of **Village Center Signage and Way-finding** was discussed. The NWCT Regional Planning Collaborative has funds for three towns to participate in this project, and they are asking if Salisbury would be interested in participating, if we were chosen. There was some discussion and concern that proposed signage not become too generic. However, the project does not require taxpayer support, and it might provide some useful information. **It was moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser, and unanimously voted to approve Salisbury's participation in this project, if chosen by the NWCT Regional Planning Collaborative.**

It was moved by B. Riva, seconded by J. Dresser and unanimously voted to appoint Peter Becket, John Allee and William Tedder to the Board of Assessment Appeals for two year terms.

The dates for the **2011 Board of Selectmen Meetings** were discussed. They will be on the first Monday of the month at 4:00, with the exceptions as follows: Wednesday, July 6th, and Wednesday, September 7th.

C. Rand noted that the Selectmen's Secretary, Ginger Wagner, will be relinquishing the bulk of her duties to look after her new baby. Curtis expressed his thanks to Ginger for her help over the past four years. Ginger will continue to work on the Town Web-site and Town Sampler. She will also be on hand to help train her successor. Applicants are currently being interviewed for the position.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:50.

Submitted by Garrett Richardson
11/2/2010