

**SALEM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2016, 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

PRESENT

Robert Ross
Edward Chmielewski
Stuart Gadbois
David Kennedy

ABSENT

Kevin Lyden, First Selectman

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Acting First Selectman Ross called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Tuesday, September 6, 2016, Regular Meeting

M/S/F: Kennedy/Gadbois, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 2-0-2. Voting in Favor: Selectmen Gadbois and Kennedy. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Selectmen Chmielewski and Ross.

M/S/C: Ross/Chmielewski, to table the approval of the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 6, 2016. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.

M/S/C: Chmielewski/Kennedy, to add the following item to the Agenda:

5(A) Appoint Jim Mulholland to the Planning & Zoning Commission

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.

4. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Acting First Selectman Ross reminded everyone that Amnesty day will be held this weekend on Saturday, October 8; Sunday, October 9, and; Wednesday, October 12, 2016.

Michael Siebert stated that he has returned to serve on the Board of Education (BOE) as the newly elected Chair. He encouraged anyone who is interested in serving on the Board to apply for one of the two (2) available vacancies. Details are available on the website and candidate interviews will be held on October 26, 2016. He also stated the need for the Salem School Building Committee to meet and complete its obligations and reported that they plan to work with East Lyme to revive the Five-Year Strategic Plan.

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Selectman Chmielewski, who served with Chairman Siebert for several years on the Board, stated that it is great to have him back on the BOE and in a leadership position as the Chair. The Selectmen welcomed him back and expressed their appreciation.

Though First Selectman Lyden, as the BOE liaison, reports any news to the Board, Chairman Siebert was invited to attend their meetings and speak with the Board at anytime.

5. AGENDA:

Selectman Ross stated that he has spoken with the Chairs of the Planning & Zoning and Recreation Commissions to ensure that that they are both agreeable with the appointments of the following candidates:

- A. Appoint Terri Natoli to Recreation Commission
M/S/C: Gadbois/Kennedy, to appoint Terri Natoli to the Recreation Commission. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.
- B. Appoint Jim Mulholland to the Planning & Zoning Commission
M/S/C: Chmielewski/Gadbois, to appoint Jim Mulholland to fulfill a vacancy on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussion: Mr. Mulholland previously served on the Commission. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.
- C. Endorse additional appropriation of \$1,800 to Library Line 5-158-415.
M/S/C: Kennedy/Ross, to endorse an additional appropriation of \$1,800 to Library Line 5-158-415. Discussion: As part of the State of Connecticut's budget cuts, the funding for the Connecticut Education Network (CEN), which provides internet access for the Salem Free Public Library, has been eliminated, passing the cost to the Town. Should the Board of Selectmen endorse the appropriation, the item will go to the Board of Finance for approval. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.
- C. Tax Refunds
M/S/C: Chmielewski/Gadbois, to direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds, recommended and certified by the Tax Collector, as presented to the Board of Selectmen in the amount of \$1,870.98 (one thousand eight hundred seventy dollars and ninety-eight cents) on the 4th day of October 2016. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.

6. REPORTS:**A. First Selectman**

Emergency Management Preparations for the incoming storm(s), including ensuring that all of the fuel tanks and pumps are at full capacity after the last school bus run this week to avoid the possibility of a fuel shortage, is underway.

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The First Selectman is currently out of Town and the Town has sent their condolences to the First Selectman and his family as well as flowers to the Memorial Service for their recent loss.

B. SALEM SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Selectman Ross will reach out to the Salem School Building Committee to schedule a meeting for the purpose of completing any outstanding items and paperwork.

C. BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE) – *see item 4*

D. BOARD OF FINANCE – *no report*

E. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Planning & Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing regarding the establishment of a Special Event Facility at The Salem Herbfarm. The Salem Herbfarm will continue to grow plants for both the facility as well as the events, maintaining their connection with the farm. Acting First Selectman Ross was happy to see all of the members of the Board present at the Public Hearing to voice their support. First Selectman Lyden, who was unable to attend the meeting, submitted a letter of support. The application is currently being reviewed by the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission and will return to the Planning & Zoning Commission for discussion and approval.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Commission voted to support the application for The Salem Herbfarm and a letter of support was submitted to the Planning & Zoning Commission. In addition, EDC Chairman Frank Sroka attended the Public Hearing to personally voice his support. The EDC is continuing to work on the Business Owner Survey and the creation of a Business Owner Database.

G. RECREATION COMMISSION

All of the Fall Programs have begun and a new walkway between the lower parking lot and the Babe Ruth Field has been installed. The Trick or Trunk event will be held at the Salem Pavilion on October 29, 2016. Everyone was encouraged to visit the Town website for information regarding all of their programs.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY – *no report*

I. LIBRARY BOARD

Director Vicky Coffin has been doing a fine job and they are happy to have her as part of the team.

J. INLAND WETLANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Commission discussed the application for The Salem Herbfarm and scheduled a site walk of the property, which took place on September 24, 2016. The application will be further discussed at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** *None*

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C: Chmielewski/Gadbois, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem

UNAPPROVED