

**SALEM BOARD OF SELECTMAN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2014
SALEM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING, 7:00**

PRESENT: Kevin Lyden, Bob Ross, Elbert Burr, Ed Chmielewski

ABSENT: Lew Buckley

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) October 7, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes¶

M/S/C (Burr/Lyden) to approve the October 7, 2014 Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.

Pg 3, Adjournment-(Burr/Ross)

Vote: Approved. In favor-Lyden, Burr, Chmielewski. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Ross

B) October 23, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes

M/S/F (Ross/Burr) to approve the October 23, 2014 Special Meeting Minutes as amended. Vote: Failed. In favor-Lyden, Ross. Opposed-Burr, Chmielewski. Abstaining-none.

2. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENT

K. Lyden stated he received correspondence from the Salem School of a vacancy on the Board of Education.

There was no Public Comment

3. ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:

Add Executive Session to discuss update of legal issues as item 6A

Add Consider and act on additional appropriation for line 5-126-208, Town Counsel as item 6B

4. AGENDA

A) Approve Meeting Dates for 2015

M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting dates for 2015 as presented. Vote: Approved Unanimously

B) New Vision Systems presentation

Cheryl Dunlevi from New Vision presented proposed new software enhancements for the Town Clerks office. She stated the enhancements would accomplish three services which would benefit residents and title searchers who do business in the clerk's office. Cheryl stated the town has been using New

Vision since 2007 for the scanning and searching of land records. The new software installed last year allows for superior search capabilities but it also has the ability to expand for a more automated land records process. To provide these new services a new server would have to be purchased which the Town Clerk will buy with the historic preservation grants. The new server will cost \$5000 and would enable the system to be internet based for the land record searches.

Residents can search land records to see if liens have been put on their properties, mortgages released, and other index data information of their homes.

There is also the ability for the town to offer subscriptions for title searchers or others who regularly access land records. They would pay a yearly fee which would go directly to the town.

The second feature would be electronic recording of the land records. The system would operate in seconds. Attorneys would be able to file the index data electronically. The clerk would be able to access the information in her office and be able to approve, stamp, validate and record, and the information would be available immediately.

The third feature would automate the town clerk reports to the state.

The clerk's office is requesting the contract be extended for three years through 2020.

New Vision has 16 towns using the new enhanced software.

M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) to extend the New Vision contract from 2017 to 2020.

Vote: Approved Unanimously.

C) TAX COLLECTOR REFUND(S)

M/S/C (Lyden/Burr) to direct the Town Treasurer to issue refunds in the amount of \$1072.42 as recommended and certified by the Tax Collector to the Board of Selectman on November 5, 2014. Vote: Approved. In favor-Lyden, Burr, Chmielewski. Opposed-none. Abstaining-Ross

5) REPORTS

A) First Selectman's Report

Mobile Food Pantry serviced 50 families

Salem School received a school security competitive grant

Low Buckley will chair the public safety committee. The members will be in place Dec. or Jan.

Blum Shapiro will have an open discussion for all parents and residents on the school efficiency study. It will take place on Nov. 6.

The DOT schedule for 2015 is out.

B) Public Works-no report

C) Building Department-no report

D) Salem School Building Committee

There will be one more meeting to review the balance of the bonding that was withheld from the builder. There may be one or two small projects left to be completed

E) Board of Education

Dennis Pimentel resigned from BOE.

The school received an award of excellence for communication and an honorable mention for their budget website.

The teacher evaluation plan was approved.

There are two student representatives from ELHS to the Salem School

F) Board of Finance

The audit was received and it was the first time in 16 years there were no comments. The town received an A-.

G) Planning and Zoning

Discussing housing in Salem and will be going to public hearing soon.

H) Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission-no report

I) Economic Development

They are close to completing their brochure

J) Zoning Board of Appeals-no report

K) Recreation Commission

The Rec. Sponsored dance raised \$800 for the needy fund

Interim Principal Rafferty and Rec. Chairman and Program Director met

Tree Lighting on Dec. 7

L) Public Safety-no report

M) Transfer Station

There will be no more commercial haulers using the transfer station

N) Library-no report

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

George Jackson-Hilltop Trail, liaison from the BOE presented the school organizational chart as well as the 10 year capital plan.

The Board took a five minute break at 8:10

6 A) EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS LEGAL ISSUES

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to go into Executive Session at 8:15. Vote: Approved Unanimously

M/S/C (Chmielewski/Burr) to exit Executive Session at 8:24

6 B) ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION

M/S/C (Ross/Burr) to approve the request for an additional appropriation of \$10,000 for Town Counsel, 5-126-208. Vote: Approved Unanimously.

7) ADJOURNMENT

M/S/C (Ross/Chmielewski) to adjourn at 8:26.

Respectfully Submitted

Sue Spang

Recording Secretary