

TOWN OF SALEM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
December 2, 2008

Present: R. Asafaylo, J. Fogarty, A. Krodel, R. McKenney, and R. Ross (First Selectman)

Guests: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman, R. Ross:

- Called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm, and
- With the Board's consensus, moved *AGENDA* item *A) BOYS & GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER* to be heard prior to item *1) APPROVAL OF MINUTES* on tonight's agenda.

4) **AGENDA:**

A) **BOYS & GIRLS MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER**

R. Ross, First Selectmen:

Stated that present at tonight's meeting were the Salem Middle School Boys and Girls Soccer teams and their coaches.

Both teams won their respective categories in the Middle School Large Division.

He presented each coach, C. Acuna for the Boys team and L. Ghirardi for the Girls team, with a framed letter of congratulations and appreciation, including the names of the members of each coach's team, on behalf of the Town of Salem.

1) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** **November 3, 2008 - Regular Meeting**

M/S/C (Fogarty/Krodel) to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Salem Board of Selectmen amended as follows:

Page 1, in the second line of the paragraph above 2) *CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS*; change *it was the Commission's consensus* to "..... it was the Board's consensus" .

Page 3, under *E) Purchasing Procedure*, in the first sentence, change the word *Commission* to "..... Board" .

Page 5, under *L) Public Safety*, change *RST* to ".....Resident State Trooper" .

Vote: approved unanimously.

2) CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Pfizer Global Research and Development - a thank-you and a donation to the Salem Volunteer Fire Department for allowing them to use the fire-training house on East Haddam Road (house behind House of Doors) for the Pfizer training.
- The Southeastern CT Council of Governments and the Council of Small Towns both have the matter on their agendas in regard to when evictions take place in a town, the town has the responsibility and must use their Public Works crew to move the belongings that have been left by the person evicted and then house those belongings. If they are not claimed by the person evicted after a certain period of time, it is then the responsibility of the town to either try to find that person or sell, donate, etc. his or her property.
- Colchester KX - their annual budget approval meeting will be held on 12/11/08. R. Ross will attend. He stated that 2008/2009 was the third year that Salem's fees to the 911 Center have gone down due to consolidations with other towns.
- Town Engineer - letter in regard to inspection at the Kobyluck Quarry.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no *PUBLIC COMMENTS* at this time.

3) AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:

There were no *AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS* to the agenda this evening.

4) AGENDA:

A) **Boys & Girls Middle School Soccer**

This item was moved and heard before 1) *APPROVAL OF MINUTES* on tonight's agenda.

B) **Greg Weston - Eagle Scout Project**

G. Weston, Life Scout, appeared before the Board;

For his Eagle Scout project, (see copy of his project presentation to the Board of Selectmen attached to the filed copy of these minutes) he is planning to develop and post an alternate route marking system in the event that Routes 82 or 85 need to be shut down in the event of an emergency.

He is presently working with the Town Civil Defense Committee (who will be financing the project), the two Fire Department chiefs and the Town Fire Police.

A minimum of 26 signs will be needed, but it may be 50 or more after the plan has been finalized.

The project has been approved by the troop, and after the Board of Selectmen's approval he will be able to send it in for approval as his Eagle Scout project.

The Board of Selectmen agreed that this was a very worthwhile project and their consensus was that they approved of it.

C) Appointment to Town Vision Committee (Sam Rindell)

M/S/C (Asafaylo/Fogarty) to appoint Sam Rindell as a member of the Salem Town Vision Committee. Vote: approved unanimously.

D) EDC Business Champion Process

D. Abetti and F. Sroka, Economic Development Commission (EDC), appeared before the Board:

F. Sroka:

The Salem EDC has been revitalized.

Salem derives 6% of its revenue from businesses; most towns are at 15%.

The EDC has been working on the following two (2) approaches:

1. Support of the present Salem businesses.
The Commission has been concentrating on working on this in the Four Corners area.
2. A Business Champion Process.
This process would allow for a streamlined response by all town Boards and Commissions to new business concepts proposed for Salem.

D. Abetti:

Reviewed the following documents (see attached to the filed copy of these minutes) presented to the Board:

- *Salem New Business Champion Process - Swift, Certain, Simple, and*
- Paper copies of a PowerPoint presentation titled: *Economic Development Commission Business Evaluation Methodology Sample, Salem, Connecticut, October 2008*

The Board was very impressed with the Committee's work.

It was their suggestion that the EDC should also investigate three-phase power in town.

When the economy comes back, the town should be ready.

It was the Board's consensus that the Business Champion Process presented this evening is a great start.

E) Purchasing Procedure

R. Ross stated that this matter was not yet ready.

M/S/C (Asafaylo/McKenney) to table the matter of the Purchasing Procedure to the January 6, 2008 Salem Board of Selectmen Regular Meeting agenda. Vote: approved unanimously.

F) Approval of 2009 Board of Selectmen Meeting Dates

M/S/C (McKenney/Krodel) to approve the 2009 Meeting Dates for the Salem Board of Selectmen as presented. Vote: approved unanimously.

(See a copy of the meeting dates attached to the filed copy of these minutes.)

G) Tax Collector Refunds

No spreadsheet was received, as there is only one (1) Motor Vehicle refund for this month.

M/S/C (McKenney/Fogarty) to direct the Treasurer to refund to Edward Windhom the amount of \$292.83 as certified by the Tax Collector. Vote: approved unanimously.

(See a copy of the *Request for Abatement or Refund of Property Taxes* attached to the filed copy of these minutes.)

H) Other Business

There was no *OTHER BUSINESS*.

5) REPORTS:

- A) **First Selectman** - the new website is up and running and there has been much positive feedback in regard to it; attended the Council of Small Towns (COST) budget brief; Special Events Permit - had distributed a copy of a memo he had sent to the PZC chair in regard to the these regulations being written by the Commission. (It was the Board's consensus that the regulations are becoming much too complicated and that maybe the best route to take in this matter would be for the Board of Selectmen to draft a simple ordinance.); the Multi-Purpose Path construction is underway and its parking lot on Music Vale Road is being cleared; construction has begun on the tennis/basketball courts on Round Hill Road and they will be completed in the spring of 2009.
- B) **Public Works** - a member of the Town Crew who had left the town's employ has been rehired.
- C) **Building Department** - an energy audit is being conducted on all town buildings.

- D) **Salem School Building Committee** - R. Asafaylo: the Committee is holding their second meeting with Kaestle-Boos this evening; they are going in a very positive direction.
- E) **Board of Education** - J. Fogarty: grievances were being heard in open session at the last Board meeting.
- F) **Board of Finance** - has published their schedule for the 2009/2010 Budget presentations; they are looking for a 0% overall budget growth.
- G) **Planning and Zoning Commission** - working with the Kobyluck Quarry owners for compliance; the site plan for the Multi-Purpose Path was approved; a date for the public hearing for the Multi-Purpose Path's Special Exception has been set for 12/16/08; the proposed amendment, the addition of Section 5A.4 *AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN YEAR-ROUND USES*, has been approved.
- H) **Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** - approved two (2) amendments to the Salem Inland Wetlands and Watercourses (IWW) Regulations in regard to the application procedure and the fee schedule so as to make the Salem IWW Regulations in line with the DEP Model Regulations; gave a Jurisdictional Ruling for a two (2) lot resubdivision at 196 West Road; approved Regulated Activity at 60 Gungy Road for the placement of utility poles and for the Multi-Purpose Path.
- I) **Economic Development Commission** - the Board heard the EDC's presentation this evening.
- J) **Zoning Board of Appeals** - no meeting was held in November.
- K) **Recreation Commission** - A. Krodel: no report.
- L) **Public Safety** - The Board reviewed the *Police Activity Report for November of 2008* and the *Police Activity Report for 2008* (see copies of both attached to the filed copy of these minutes) that had been submitted by the Salem Resident State Trooper.
- M) **Transfer Station** - fences are being repaired at the site.
- N) **Library Board** - R. McKenney: no report.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no *PUBLIC COMMENTS*.

7) **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:**

- **BOS yearly calendar "Tickler List"**
- **Town Vision**

M/S/C (Krodel/McKenney) to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

Doris A. McTigue, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary
Robert T. Ross, First Selectman