

**TOWN OF SALEM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 6, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

PRESENT

Kevin Lyden, First Selectman
Edward Chmielewski
Stuart Gadbois
David Kennedy
Robert Ross

ABSENT

none

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen, First Selectman Lyden congratulated all of the graduating eighth grade, high school, and college students. With the firm foundation provided by their families and community, they are confident that they will do very well and wished them every success in all of their future endeavors.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. May 2, 2017, Regular Meeting

M/S/C: Ross/Gadbois, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 2, 2017 with the following amendment:

Page 4, Item 6(A):

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Town Meeting to consider the budget for fiscal year 2017-2018, *which* will be held at Salem School

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0-1. Voting in Favor: Selectmen Gadbois, Kennedy, Lyden, and Ross. Voting in Opposition: None. Voting in Abstention: Selectman Chmielewski.

4. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS: *none*

5. AGENDA:

A. Letter from Salem Historical Society (Discussion & Action Item)

A letter, dated May 25, 2017, proposing the transfer of property located at 184 Hartford Road (Whittlesey property) to the Town of Salem from the Salem Historical Society for \$50,000.00 with payments to be made in a non-interest bearing note of \$5,000.00/month for a period of ten years was received. If transferred, the Town of Salem would agree to pay for

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all legal and closing costs, maintain and ensure that the property remains wind- and water-tight, and not demolish the home for a period of ten years. The funds received by the Town would be utilized by the Historical Society to preserve, restore, and store their documents and photographs. The item is being presented to the Board of Selectmen for approval to send the transfer of the property to a Town Meeting.

Dating back to the 1700s, the home is known as the oldest historic house located in the Town of Salem. Historical Society Member Bill Schultz stated that the home was purchased four years ago, but due to the inability to secure the necessary funding for the project, the Historical Society has, regrettably, agreed to abandon the project. They strongly feel that the Town should own the property to safeguard the Town's historical district, similar to a number of towns that also currently own and maintain such homes within their respective historical districts.

If transferred, the property would be utilized for storage. Additional fees following the purchase of the home include approximately \$250.00/year to insure the property and any necessary maintenance costs. Selectman Ross felt that language should be included in the agreement should an interested party who would like to maintain the historical value of the property arise within the ten year stipulation. Selectman Chmielewski agreed that the current proposal is restricting and was in favor of including verbiage allowing for some flexibility. Selectman Kennedy also agreed and recommended that any estimated expected costs be provided to the public at the Town Meeting. First Selectman Lyden agreed and will contact the Town Attorney regarding the correct verbiage to include in the agreement. The item will be revisited at their next meeting.

- B. Resolution withdrawing from Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission (Action Item)
The Federal Highway Administration will no longer be pursuing the completion of the Route 11 Greenway due to environmental concerns. The members of the Commission, i.e., municipalities of East Lyme, Montville, and Waterford, will also be voting to terminate the Commission.

M/S/C: Gadbois/Kennedy, to withdraw from the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission.

WHEREAS, in accordance with Public Act 00-148, the Town of Salem adopted an ordinance establishing and becoming a member of the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2016 the Federal Highway Administration published notice in the Federal Register that it is rescinding its Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for Route 11, resulting in the Connecticut Department of Transportation no longer pursuing the extension of Route 11; and

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WHEREAS, at their meeting April 28, 2017 the members of the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission voted to terminate the Commission pending the vote of the member municipalities of East Lyme, Montville, Salem, and Waterford to withdraw as provided for in Public Act 00-148 and the Town of Salem ordinance establishing the Commission; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Salem hereby withdraws from the Route 11 Greenway Authority Commission.

This resolution shall be effective June 6, 2017

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kevin T. Lyden, as First Selectman of the Town of Salem, Connecticut, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Salem, Connecticut, and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents, including, but not limited to, executing and delivering all agreements and documents contemplated by such documents.

The undersigned further certifies that Kevin T. Lyden now holds the office of First Selectman and that he has held that office since November 17, 2009.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has executed this certificate this 6th day of June, 2017.

Linda Flugrad, Salem Town Clerk

Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

- C. Schedule Board of Selectmen Special Meeting for June 28, with a Public Hearing, to act on Proposal Form NAA 01 from the Antique Carriage and Sleigh Museum (Action Item)

The Proposal would allow the Antique Carriage & Sleigh Museum, Inc. to seek funding from various organizations/corporations for educational outreach programs. In response to Selectman Chmielewski, should the funds be granted to the Museum, it would not be to the detriment of other organizations seeking the same funding as there are no other proposals being presented this year. The costs incurred for the Public Hearing will be funded by the Museum. It was clarified that the Proposal is for educational outreach, not for the establishment of the Museum, itself. First Selectman Lyden will investigate whether there may be any additional costs, speak with the Auditors as to whether there is any necessary oversight, and speak with the Town CPA regarding any required paperwork.

M/S/C: Gadbois/Chmielewski, to schedule a Special Meeting with a Public Hearing for Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m., at Salem Town Hall to act upon Proposal Form NAA 01 from the Antique Carriage & Sleigh Museum, Inc.
Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.

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E. Tax Collector Refunds

M/S/C: Chmielewski/Ross, 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 \$245.20 (two hundred forty-five dollars and twenty cents) on the 6th day of June 2017. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 4-0, all in favor.

6. REPORTS

A. FIRST SELECTMAN

First Selectman Lyden reported that the Town of Salem will be turning 200 years old in 18 months. To commemorate this Bicentennial milestone, he proposed that the Board appoint a Bicentennial Committee of five to seven members and encouraged anyone, who is interested in either serving on the Committee or providing any services to the celebration, to contact his Administrative Assistant, Louise Tyszkiewicz.

He invited the Selectmen to attend the upcoming D.A.R.E. Graduation on June 8, 2017, 1:30 p.m., at Salem School. The program is sponsored by the Salem Lions Club and taught by Salem Resident State Trooper Luke LaRue to “Teach students good decision-making skills to help them lead safe and healthy lives”.

The status of the Town-owned one-bedroom condominium located on Horse Pond Road was briefly discussed. The purchasing process will take approximately two to three months and would be contingent upon approval by the Board of Selectmen and the townspeople at a Town Meeting. Valued at approximately \$24,000.00 - \$27,000.00, he proposed and the Board agreed to hire the services of a Real Estate Agent to list the property for \$24,000.00. The condominium complex is currently being re-sided and the windows are being replaced and the unit, itself, is in need of some updating.

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE)

The Auditors will be meeting with the BOE this week.

C. BOARD OF FINANCE

The cuts to the Town’s funding by the State continue to be in question. The Town’s Unassigned Fund Balance is currently very healthy at 15.9% and, unfortunately, the Town may be penalized by the State for its fiscal responsibility.

D. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

The Commission has begun reviewing their Plan of Conservation & Development (POCD).

E. INLAND WETLANDS & CONSERVATION COMMISSION – *no report*

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) is awaiting responses from the postcards that have been mailed to local business owners to generate their list of businesses.

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G. RECREATION COMMISSION

For a full listing of the Recreation Department's Summer activities, please visit the Town website. Spring baseball season is coming to a close.

H. LIBRARY

For a full listing of the many Summer and Fall Library activities, please visit the Town website.

RESIDENT STATE TROOPER REPORT

During the month of May 2017, the Resident and Troop K State Troopers have responded to a total of 267 Calls for Service and issued 68 Traffic Citations and Written Warnings in the Town of Salem. Noteworthy events include the investigation of the robbery of Dunkin' Donuts at the Salem Round-a-Bout, resulting in the arrest of two individuals that same night. The Salem Resident State Troopers have also engaged in a number of positive community policing activities including Safety Awareness Day at Salem School and providing traffic control for the Memorial Day Parade. The Troopers were highly commended for their invaluable service to the Town. The State has not yet determined whether they will be raising the cost of the Program. The Town currently budgets approximately \$2,000.00 to be spent on incidental items, e.g., office supplies, calibration of speed guns, etc. for the Troopers.

Selectman Gadbois requested that the Salem and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Companies be requested to provide a similar report regarding their monthly activities.

7. ADJOURNMENT

**M/S/C: Gadbois/Chmielewski, to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Discussion: None.
Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem