

**SALEM BOARD OF SELECTMEN
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, MAY 1, 2018, 7:00 P.M.
SALEM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

PRESENT

Kevin Lyden, First Selectman
Edward Chmielewski, Jr.
David Kennedy
Ron LaBonte
Hugh McKenney

ABSENT

none

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 3, 2018 Regular Meeting

M/S/C: Chmielewski/LaBonte, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2018.

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

4. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A. Letter of Appreciation from East Hampton Town Manager Mike Maniscalco for the Salem Volunteer Fire Company (SVFCO) for their help in extinguishing a recent fire.

It was noted that both the Salem and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Companies helped with the fire. First Selectman Lyden thanked both SVFCO Chief Gene Maiorano and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Company (GLVFCO) Chief Jim Savalle.

5. AGENDA:

A. Appointments to Bicentennial Committee (Action Item)

1. Ryan Little – Full Member

M/S/C: Chmielewski/Kennedy, to appoint Ryan Little as a Full Member of the Bicentennial Committee. Discussion: Mr. Little is a member of the Board of Education and is looking forward to involving the Salem School students in the Town's Bicentennial Celebrations. In response to Selectman McKenney regarding majority/minority party representation, First Selectman Lyden stated that the Town Clerk would ensure that both parties are properly represented. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

2. Dan Holle – Alternate Member

M/S/C: Lyden/McKenney, to appoint Dan Holle as an Alternate Member of the Bicentennial Committee. Discussion: Mr. Holle is an active member of the Salem Lions Club. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

B. Emergency Responder Incentive Program Stipends (Action Item)

A list of Firefighters and Emergency Medical Personnel who have met or exceeded the qualifications to receive either the \$1,000.00 tax abatement on personal property or a \$550.00 stipend was submitted to the Board.

M/S/C: Lyden/Chmielewski, to direct the Tax Collector to apply the appropriate tax abatements for members who qualify for abatements after review by the Fire Marshal. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

First Selectman Lyden thanked both SVFCO Chief Maiorano and GLVFCO Chief Savalle and all of their members for doing a great job in serving the town.

C. Contract Extension for Transfer Station (Action Item)

M/S/C: Lyden/Kennedy, to extend the Contract for Municipal Services for Transfer Station Operations and Support Services with Contractor/Operator Gary Alligood for a period of one year, effective July 1, 2018. Discussion: The Contractor/Operator's contract includes a 2% pay increase, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen. Contractor/Operator Gary Alligood, who holds his own liability and workmen's compensation insurance, was commended for running a clean, safe, and orderly Transfer Station. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

F. Tax Collector Refunds

M/S/C: McKenney/Kennedy, 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 \$470.81 (four hundred seventy dollars and eighty-one cents) on the 1st day of May 2018. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.

6. REPORTS:**A. FIRST SELECTMAN**

Volunteer Elizabeth Lane will be receiving an award from the Friends of CT Libraries for her time and dedication to the Library. For the past eight (8) years, Ms. Lane has donated her time, goods, and services to building and organizing a successful Plant & Used Book Sale benefiting the Salem Free Public Library. A four-day event, the Sale raises approximately \$1,200.00 to \$1,500.00 annually. First Selectman Lyden thanked her and her team of dedicated workers for their efforts.

A well-attended Baseball Opening Day was held last Saturday. The Public Works Department was especially thanked for maintaining the fields that are often commended by the coaches as being the best in the area. First Selectman Lyden also commended and thanked the coaches on a great job.

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Senior Liaison Pam Henry has coordinated with *Two Brothers Restaurant* to hold a Senior luncheon at the Restaurant on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. A set menu is served and half of the bill is paid for by the Salem Seniors for its members. Seniors interested in joining the Salem Seniors may contact Senior Liaison Henry; the membership fee is \$5.00. Selectman Chmielewski added that the Seniors support the Town in a number of ways and this is a nice way to give back to them and support a local business at the same time.

First Selectman Lyden encouraged everyone to attend the Annual Town Meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m., at Salem School to discuss the FY2018/19 Budget. Copies of the budget are available online at saalemct.gov and the Town Clerk's office. Copies will also be available at the meeting.

B. BOARD OF EDUCATION (BOE)

A Special Meeting was held to discuss a reduction in their budget of \$13,930.00 due to a recent notice by their insurance carrier that their rates remain flat.

The BOE is currently in the process of developing a new mission statement for the School.

First Selectman Lyden added that a new, wider sign that will be donated by the Salem School PTO is currently under review by the CT Department of Transportation (DOT).

C. BOARD OF FINANCE

The Board of Finance will be holding their Regular Meeting the day following the Referendum. Selectmen LaBonte and McKenney commended Board of Finance Chairman George Householder on a very well conducted Public Hearing. The Selectmen agreed and expressed their gratitude to the Board of Finance for their hard work and the development of a successful budget process.

D. PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Feeling that the Act would hold no benefit to the Town, the Commission unanimously voted to opt of Public Act No. 17-155, An Act concerning Temporary Health Care Structures, following a Public Hearing for the same. The resolution will be presented to the Board of Selectmen next month for final review and approval.

The Commission will begin reviewing and re-writing sections of the Town's Regulations in an effort to make them more palatable.

First Selectman Lyden expressed his appreciation to the Commission for their hard work on the Age-Restricted Housing Regulation. The Town's first Age-Restricted Housing is currently in progress on Centre Street and interest has been expressed for an additional development.

E. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION – no report

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F. LIBRARY BOARD

Selectman Chmielewski reported that the Library is financially doing well. Upcoming programs include an Eyesight Screening for Children, which will be held in partnership with the Lions Club and Jedi Training. The Friends of Salem Library will be funding the liability insurance for outside vendors who present to the Library. The Library's Display and Exhibits Policy/Application has been updated. In celebration of Library Appreciation Week, the Friends of Salem Library purchased gift certificates for the staff in recognition for their hard work.

First Selectman Lyden added that Librarian Vicky Coffin commented that, in her twenty years as a Librarian, she has never seen such a committed and involved group of Friends of the Library as in the Town of Salem.

G. MILITARY LIAISON

The 100th Anniversary of Women in Service is currently being planned and the CT Department of Veterans Affairs is actively in search of WWII women veterans. Those who are aware of any such veterans may contact him or visit Veterans Affairs website.

Selectmen Chmielewski and LaBonte will be attending a Municipal Veterans Representative Training Session in Rocky Hill.

GLVFCO Chief Savalle stated Lt. Colonel Retired Joe Danao is currently the Deputy Commissioner of the Veterans Hospital in Rocky Hill and might be a helpful resource in locating women veterans.

7. ADJOURNMENT

**M/S/C: Kennedy/Chmielewski, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 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