

**TOWN OF SALEM  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.  
SALEM TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

*none*

**CALL TO ORDER:**

First Selectman Lyden called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 REGULAR MEETING**

**M/S/C: Kennedy/Chmielewski, to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2018, with the following amendment:**

**Page 4, Item 5(A), First Paragraph, Third Sentence:**

Selectman Chmielewski added that he has received several positive comments regarding the fencing and upgrades to the Center, *enhancing the safety of the crosswalk*, during his recent conversations with the Center's business owners.

**Page 6, Items 5(F), First Sentence:**

*Selectman Chmielewski reported that the ~~The~~ Library continues to be ...*

**Page 6, Items 5(G), First Sentence:**

*Selectman Chmielewski stated that Veterans are encouraged to ...*

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

**3. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS: *none***

**ALTERATIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

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

**4(D) Motion to authorize the Resolution for the Emergency Management Performance Grant**

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

**M/S/C: Lyden/McKenney, to add the following item to the Agenda:**

**4(E) Bicentennial Committee Update**

**Discussion: The item will be added to future agendas under Reports. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.**

**4. AGENDA:**

**A. Appoint Kimberly Bradley as an Alternate Member of the Eight Mile River Watershed Coordinating Committee**

**M/S/C: Lyden/Labonte, to appoint Kimberly Bradley as an Alternate Member of the Eight Mile River Watershed Coordinating Committee. Discussion: Ms. Bradley is currently a member of the Inland Wetlands & Conservation Commission and has been actively involved with the Eight Mile River Watershed Coordinating Committee for several years. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.**

**B. Per Section 10.09-A of the Salem Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen endorse a supplemental appropriation for the Salem Volunteer Fire Company, Line 5-222-618, Repair/Maintain Vehicle for the repair of the Fire Company's 1991 Pumper Truck.**

**M/S/C: McKenney/LaBonte, to endorse a supplemental appropriation of \$13,365.23 (thirteen thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars and twenty-three cents) to line item 5-222-618 – Salem Volunteer Fire Company, Repair/Maintain Vehicle, per Section 10.09-A of the Salem Town Charter. Discussion: Salem Volunteer Fire Company Chief Gene Maiorano reported that the company that serviced the truck will be paying for \$17,000.00 for the cost of the repairs. First Selectman Lyden stated that the repair is viewed as an unforeseen expense. The new truck that will be replacing the vehicle is scheduled to be delivered in the Spring of 2019. Selectman Chmielewski expressed his gratitude to both the Salem and Gardner Lake Volunteer Fire Companies, ambulance crews, and emergency service providers for all of their hard work and dedication, specifically citing their immediate response to a recent family incident. The item will be referred to the Board of Finance. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.**

**C. Tax Collector Refunds**

**M/S/C: Chmielewski/LaBonte, 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 \$2,944.70 (two thousand nine hundred forty-four dollars and seventy cents) on the 2nd day of October 2018. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.**

**D. Motion to authorize the Resolution for the Emergency Management Performance Grant**

**M/S/C: Kennedy/LaBonte, to authorize the Resolution for the Emergency Management Performance Grant. Discussion: The matching grant will cover specific items that have already been allocated in their budget. The item requires their action prior to November 1. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.**

**E. Bicentennial Committee Update**

Selectman and Bicentennial Committee Co-Chairman Chmielewski reported that he and Bicentennial Committee Member Ryan Little co-facilitated a multimedia presentation to the Board of Education at their regular meeting last night. Selectman and Bicentennial Committee Member Kennedy has also provided a presentation to the Recreation Commission. The Committee is in the process of scheduling presentations to other groups and organizations.

**5. REPORTS**

**A. First Selectman**

First Selectman Lyden reported that both the Gardner Lake and Salem Volunteer Fire Companies, along with those of Colchester, East Haddam, Hebron, Bozrah, Chesterfield, and Lyme, among others, and the State Police and State Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), responded to a call involving a propane truck rollover causing a road blockage on West Road in Colchester, approximately 300 feet from the Salem Town Line. Fortunately, no individuals were seriously injured and no Salem residents were evacuated. He expressed his gratitude to the Fire Companies which were at the scene for approximately 12 hours. He thanked both Fire Companies, stating that the Town is very fortunate to have them.

The Transfer Station Bulky Waste Amnesty Days will be held on Saturday, October 20; Sunday, October 21, and; Wednesday, October 24. He reminded the Board that the Public Works Department does work overtime hours to help out at the Transfer Station on Amnesty Days and reminded the public that mattresses, electronics, and metals may be brought to the Transfer Station at any time.

The United Way Mobile Food Pantry will be behind Salem School at 5:00 p.m. tomorrow, October 3. A record number of 130 families were served last month. He encouraged everyone to spread the word. The Mobile Food Pantry is available on the first Wednesday of every month. There are no income qualifications and the Lions Club is available to deliver food for those who are unable to attend the Pantry.

As the Town continues to embrace risk management as an organizational priority, it has developed an inclusive, collaborative Safety Committee comprised of members from all of the Departments to meet and discuss potential safety issues. By empowering their employees to feel safe in their work environment, a number of minor, yet important, enhanced safety measures have been/are being instituted. Selectman McKenney suggested the possibility of sharing these thoughts and ideas with the Superintendent for the possible formulation of a similar Committee at the School.

He expressed his appreciation to George Householder, who recently moved to the Town of Montville. Mr. Householder has provided two decades of service to the town, including serving as the Chairman of the Board of Finance as well as a number of volunteer positions. His wife, Liz, has also served on several committees. Mr. Householder will remain an active

member of the Salem Lions Club and the Salem Congregational Church. He thanked them for their many years of dedication and service to the community.

Lastly, he congratulated Board of Finance Member Skip Dickson, a long-time active member of the Town, for his recent unanimous election as the Chairman of the Board of Finance. The Town Hall staff is looking forward to working with him.

**B. Board of Education (BOE)**

Selectman McKenney reported that the vacant seat on the BOE has not yet been filled.

The BOE reviewed the SBAC (Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) scores and discussed remediation procedures.

On behalf of the BOE, he questioned the possibility of allowing the school to utilize the Transfer Station, which would save them approximately \$9,000.00. In response, First Selectman Lyden stated that, due to the volume of trash generated by the school, transporting the garbage to the Transfer Station could prove difficult. He will speak with the Business Manager regarding obtaining competitive pricing through the Town's resources.

Due to the humidity, \$27,000.00 was unexpectedly expended to remediate moisture and mold issues in the classrooms. Public Works Director Bourdeau presented plans to prevent any future moisture issues.

The BOE performed an evaluation on the Superintendent and voted to approve a 2.5% salary increase.

As previously mentioned, the Bicentennial Committee provided a presentation to the BOE.

As of September, 413 students are officially enrolled at Salem School.

**C. Board of Finance**

As previously stated, First Selectman Lyden reported that Skip Dickson will be serving as the Chair, replacing George Householder; the staff will be closely working with him to ensure a smooth transition.

**D. Planning & Zoning Commission**

Selectman Kennedy reported that the Commission is currently working on re-writing the RCOZ (Riparian Corridor Overlay Zone) Regulation to make it more understandable for current and future landowners. Selectman McKenney requested that he remind the Commission that the Regulation was created to satisfy the requirements for the Eightmile River's designation as a wild and scenic river and that they ensure that those items that are required for the protection remain in the Regulation.

**E. Economic Development Commission**

Selectman Chmielewski reported that the Commission is continuing their work on the Business Directory and welcoming new businesses, including the recently opened

landscaping business at the old Salem Feed & Grain store and the sale of 4 Centre Street. He commended the First Selectman for working with the EDC, Town Hall staff, and local business owners to ensure that they are personally informed and welcomed to the Town.

**F. Library**

Selectman LaBonte is looking forward to meeting with the Library Board this month.

**G. Military Liaison**

Selectman Chmielewski reported on the receipt of a notice from the Commissioner of Veterans Affairs regarding Public Act 18-47, which “extends certain state and municipal benefits that are currently available to veterans honorably discharged or released under honorable conditions from active service in the armed forces, to veterans who received an Other than Honorable (OTH) discharge characterization.” Additional information is available at the CT Veteran’s Affairs website and will be forwarded to the First Selectman’s office to be posted on the website and/or e-blasted to the residents.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C: Chmielewski/LaBonte, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Discussion: None. Voice vote, 5-0, all in favor.**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Agnes T. Miyuki, Recording Secretary for the Town of Salem