

## **TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM JUNE 08, 2011 MEETING**

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Joe Wever, Dottie Schneider, Bruce Ferguson; Harold Gilchrest; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist

Absent: Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Jessica Barrett-DCO; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Chief; Herb Perkins-SYA; Al Cormier-Historian

Others Present: Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board

Public Present: Jay Bellanca; Jennifer Waite-Harsha-Eagle Newspaper

6:30 pm-Review & signing of Warrants #6 of 2011 and Highway Abstract #6 of 2011 for approval and payment

7:00 pm-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Pitts, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Review of minutes from May 11, 2011, regular board meeting. Motion made by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to accept minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.

After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, motion made by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to pay Warrants #6 and Highway Abstract #6 of 2011 as presented. Passed unanimously.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Salem Fire Department**-Report provided in absence of Chief, Bob Graham. There were seven calls for the month of May, 2011. 2-Town of Salem (1 grass & brush; 1-good intent call); 2-Village of Salem (1-carbon monoxide; 1-power pole fire); 3-Mutual Aid (1-provide driver for Salem EMS; 1-Shushan Fire for water rescue; 1-Rupert Fire for MVA)

One firefighter class still going on; fire hydrant training has been done as well as drafting and relay pumping; bailout training done w/Shushan Fire Dep't.; attack 441 passes pump test; two members took thermal imaging camera training.

Chicken bar-b-que (take-out only) held Saturday of Memorial Day weekend

Total Hours for the year: 5,804

Report will be filed.

**Courthouse**- The third Chamber Music series will be held June 12<sup>th</sup>. \$3,500.00 grant received for Lunch, Learn n Play and the fashion show w/song and dance and the dessert auction raised \$4,000.00 for both nights. These proceeds will also benefit Lunch, Learn n Play.

The community garden was planted on June 3<sup>rd</sup> with help from Senator Betty Little, NYS Assemblyman Tony Jordan, Supervisor Pitts and students from Salem Central School. As usual, Councilwoman and President of the Courthouse, Dottie Schneider, is doing a fantastic job with the gardens.

May 01 was the beginning of the Open Rail Exhibit in the great hall and has been very well attended. The exhibit will be extended for an extra week.

Talent show that was held on June 4<sup>th</sup> raised over \$2,000.00 for the courthouse and was well attended.

Al Fresco tickets went on sale June 4<sup>th</sup>--\$50.00 for the dinner and \$25.00 for the brunch; \$5.00 for ages 5-12—and are already half gone! The dates this year will be Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, for the dinner and Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> for the brunch.

Lunch, Learn n Play will begin on July 5<sup>th</sup> and end August 12<sup>th</sup>, with swimming lessons in the morning @ Lake Lauderdale for those wishing to participate. Sign-up info will be sent home from school with the kids.

June 10<sup>th</sup> from 7-10 pm there will be a party for the kids in the side barn. Anyone willing to chaperone, please let Donna know or show up @ 7 pm!

Also on June 10<sup>th</sup>, you may recycle your old computers, monitors, keyboards, laptops, cell phones, printers, scanners, vacuum cleaners, etc. by dropping the items off @ the Courthouse at 10:00 am. TV's will cost \$10.00, air conditioners and dehumidifiers will cost \$5.00 each to get rid of. The items will be taken to the Covidien plant in Argyle on Saturday by Supervisor Pitts in conjunction with their electronics recycling day.

**Highway**- Report provided in the absence of Superintendent Boisclair, who is at school this week in Ithaca. Grader returned to Washington Count--ours is back and seems to be working fine. Report will be filed.

**Georgi Museum**-Cheryl Baldwin reported that Battenkill Alliance has once again done some repair on the bank and everything looks good. The town highway crew picked up the brush and wood and took down a tree. The gardens are almost done. There was not enough sign-up for the fly fishing class to be given by Ted Berndt so it was cancelled. The Washington County Bank concert will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm.

**Planning Board**-Mo Patrick reported that nothing has been received yet for this month's agenda. Code Enforcement is still in place at the County level, at least for another year. Supervisor Pitts requested that the by-laws be worked on by the Board. Mo reported that they have spent some time revising the same but because a quorum hadn't been present for some of the meetings, the Board wasn't able to act on anything. Mo reported that he had received several calls about a barn going up on County Route 30, but agricultural structures are **not** subject to the town or county planning boards. This is governed by NYS.

**Historian**-No report.

**Dog Control Officer**-Jessica Barrett absent but report provided. Responded to dog bite on Park Place and had to confine dog for ten days; found two Scotties on Co. Rte. 30 that were returned to the owner; black dog running loose in the Village and a call from an owner saying they could not find their dog. Dog matched with the owners and returned home. Dog found on Rte. 22 in Jackson--their animal control officer was called. Fawn colored small dog found on Archibald Street--person who found the dog will hold till the owner of the dog is found. Report will be filed.

**Comprehensive Plan**-Dottie Schneider reported that the report has been received with the maps and will be reviewed to make sure everything is as it should be. Will be filed w/NYS after review.

**Youth Commission**-Herb Perkins absent by Donna Farringer reported that Lunch, Learn n Play kids are signing up; everything going well with that.

### **Correspondence**

Supervisor Pitts reported that \$16,400.00 has been received in mortgage tax money.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**: Donna Farringer reported that there are pot holes on Beattie Hollow Road where the pavement meets the gravel. Supervisor Pitts reported that this was going to be looked at on Monday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of June, when Joe Boisclair returns. Donna also wanted to thank Councilwoman Dottie Schneider for all her hard work and tireless efforts with the community garden at the Courthouse, which Dottie tends to from the beginning of every season to the very end! Thank-you, Dottie!!

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Landfill Update**-DEC officials inspected the dump site w/Supervisor Pitts and Councilman Bruce Ferguson. DEC may require water samples from some nearby landowners. This will save the town a lot of money if the testing can be done every other year rather than every year.

**Cemetery Update**-Almost dry--the gravel will be spread next week and the stone wall repaired by Kent Foster. The committee will meet next Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup>, to discuss design.

**Salem Signage**-Sign painted and planting of flowers done at the junction of Route 29 and Black Creek Road. The Greenery advised Supervisor Pitts and helped with the plant selection. It looks great, Seth! Thanks to Jim and Mary Ann Boyter, also. Would like to do other area signs if not too expensive.

**Two-way radio update**-Councilman Joe Wever reported that as soon as Highway Sup't. Joe Boisclair returns from school next week, he will meet with Adirondack Two-Way Radio.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Mowing Contract w/County for Rte. 153**-Washington County will pay the Town of Salem \$1,350.00 to mow 5.4 miles on County Route 153 twice. Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, instructing Supervisor Pitts to enter into an MOU with Washington County for twice mowing of County Route 153. Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Joe Wever-Yes; Councilwoman Dottie Schneider-Yes; Supervisor Seth Pitts-Yes Passed 5-0.

**Resolution #26**-Introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to increase Town Office Petty Cash by \$100.00: A1620.4 Office \$100.00  
A210 Petty Cash \$100.00

Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Joe Wever-Yes; Councilwoman Dottie Schneider-Yes; Supervisor Seth Pitts-Yes Passed 5-0

**Motion to Adjourn**-Motion made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to adjourn the regular monthly Town Board meeting. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned @ 7:55 p.m.

**Next Meeting**-Next regular meeting of the Salem Town Board will be held on July 13, 2011, @ the Salem Town Office, with review of warrants and abstract for payment @ 6:30 p.m.; meeting will follow @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Gilchrist  
Town Clerk

