

TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 11, 2011 MEETING

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Joe Wever, Dottie Schneider, Bruce Ferguson; Harold Gilchrest; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist
Absent: Jessica Barrett-DCO; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Chief
Others Present: Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board; Al Cormier-Historian; Herb Perkins-Youth Ass'n.
Public Present: Jay Bellanca; Art Hempel; Jennifer Waite-Harsha-Eagle Newspaper
6:30 pm-Review & signing of Warrants #5 of 2011 and Highway Abstract #5 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 April 13, 2011, regular board meeting. Motion made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to accept minutes as presented. Passed unanimously.
After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to pay Warrants #5 and Highway Abstract #5 of 2011 as presented. Passed unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Salem Fire Department-Report provided in absence of Chief, Bob Graham. There were eight calls for the month of April, 2011. 5-Town of Salem (1 power pole; 1 propane smell; 2-EMS calls to provide driver; 1-carbon monoxide); Mutual Aid Calls: 1-Rupert (1-standby); 1-Hebron (MVA); 1-Cambridge
Total Hours for the year: 5,234
Report will be filed.

Courthouse- The second and third Chamber Music series will be held on May 15th and June 12th.
May 20th and 21st-Poster contest, fashion show w/ song and dance the in Courtroom @ 7 p.m., dessert auction both nights. Proceeds will benefit Lunch, Learn n Play. Auctioneer will be Charlie Perry . Susie Trombley will be choreographing and producing the show with the help of Salem Central School students.
Plans are already underway for the community garden; a new tiller was obtained to help ease the work load.
June 3rd will be planting day w/students from Salem Central on hand, as well as Sen. Betty Little and Assemblyman Tony Jordan, Supervisor Pitts and anyone else who would like to attend. Come in old clothes to help with the planting!
May 01 was the beginning of the Open Rail Exhibit in the great hall. It has been very well attended.
Talent show will be held on June 4th, 7:30 p.m. @ Fort Salem Theater. Many talented adults and students to participate, 25 so far. Get your tickets for a great evening of entertainment.
Al Fresco tickets will go on sale on June 4th--\$50.00 for the dinner and \$25.00 for the brunch; \$5.00 for ages 5-12. The dates this year will be Saturday, July 23rd, for the dinner and Sunday, July 24th for the brunch.
Lunch, Learn n Play will begin on July 5th and end August 12th, with swimming lessons in the morning @ Lake Lauderdale for those wishing to participate. Should be a great summer again for the kids!

Highway-Joe Boisclair reported that the Town was borrowing the county grader for the time being. Received approximately \$4,200.00 from steel around the barn.

Will be paving the rest of Perry Hill on May 12, 2011. Fuel costs are up. Report will be filed.

Georgi Museum-Cheryl Baldwin reported clean-up was done on Saturday, May 7, 2011 with a 4-H group helping. Cleaned 60% of the lawn and Joe Boisclair will pick up brush and pine logs.

Painting class w/Janine Thomas is going well with nine entrants and continues until the end of May.

Ted Berndt from Cambridge is offering fly fishing for women the weekend of June 11th & 12th.

The first wedding of the season is on June 25th.

Cheryl met with a mason and carpenter seeking bids thru capital improvement for repairs that need to be done. Peter Baldwin will be mowing the lawn again this year and will fertilize that part of the lawn that wasn't done last year.

Planning Board-Mo Patrick reported that the Planning Board reviewed a sub-division application of approximately 2 +/- acres received from Dawn Pierson on a parcel of land she owns in Shushan; a sub-division application from Neil Adams to his granddaughter, Cassandra Adams and George Conety and a site plan review for a home they plan to put on that parcel; site plan review for Justine Trainor on a garage she is building.

Historian-Historian, Al Cormier, reported that the iron rail exhibit began May 1 and continues through June 10 at the great hall in the Courthouse. Business Club from Saratoga Springs High School reviewed the rail exhibit. To help celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Tom Raymond from Oregon will be doing some articles for the 'Eagle' and 'Salem Press'. The Perkins Hollow School, located at the Washington County Fairgrounds, received an award.

Stewart's grand opening will be held on Saturday, May 14th, @ noon. All are invited. Stewart's is modifying the old store for NAPA Auto Parts, who hope to move in sometime in early June.

Glens Falls National Bank will no longer be building a two-story structure and there will be no basement. The building will still be brick and the materials will stay the same. They were over budget and had to cut corners. The gas tanks are also gone at Matthew's Garage.

7:16 P.M.-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to hold the public hearing that was advertised on Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2011, amending the Dog Control Law of the Town of Salem to include a provision for the licensing of purebred/kennel dogs within the current law. Copies of Local Law No. 1 of the Year 2011 and the legal notice for posting of the same were available at the Town Office, filed with the Town Clerk. Supervisor Pitts asked for discussion and/or questions on Local Law No. 1 of Year 2011. Historian, Al Cormier, asked if there were a lot of kennels/purebreds in the Town and Clerk Pat Gilchrist only knows of one or two, but with a lot of dogs. Tags were ordered for both the kennel and the individual dogs and should be arriving soon. There being no further questions, objection, or discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, to close the public hearing. Passed 5-0. Motion then made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to adopt Local Law #1 of 2011. Passed 5-0.

Dog Control Officer-Jessica Barrett absent.

Comprehensive Plan-Nothing to report.

Youth Commission-Youth association meeting was held on May 10th and was very well attended. Received a \$100.00 donation that was much appreciated.

Youth would like to be able to keep the weight room @ school open during the summer; Keith Kelly and Kerry Lynn Bessie are working on this project. Winners of the poster contest will be announced @ the fashion show on May 20th and 21st. Town-wide tag sale will be held May 28th; rental space will again be available on the courthouse grounds for a cost of \$10.00/space, with proceeds going to youth association. Association would like to purchase tubes to rent out for anyone interested in tubing down the Battenkill this summer. This would be a great way to raise money. Liz Donaldson and Beverly Dumas are working on this. Youth will help w/Harvest Fest on September 10th. On October 1st, Dieter Drake and Dan Clary will sponsor a cycle cross event @ SAW that will end with a competition at the end of the day.

Keith Kelly and Dave Linendoll are working at turning some of the snowmobile trails into hiking trails. Next meeting of the association will be June 14th. Supervisor Pitts reported that there would be a \$100.00 increase in bust costs for the swim program this year, which is a lot less than expected!

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Pitts reported that he has received \$13,725.00, plowing money for County Route 153.

Sales tax money should be around \$8,700.00 for half the year and a check was received from NYS re the Comprehensive Plan grant in the amount of \$14,320.00.

The equalization rate went up from 49% to 52.5%.

Public Safety committee at the county level considering doing away with Code Enforcement; Villages and Towns would have to do their own.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

OLD BUSINESS

Landfill Update-DEC officials would like to come and look at the landfill site. They may require water samples and are requesting the names of area landowners. Councilman Ferguson will provide to CT Male.

Mowing Bid for Georgi Museum-Peter Baldwin will be mowing again this year; he was the low bidder.

Cemetery Update-The main issue is to remove the water and repair the wall. Supervisor Pitts would like to form an ad hoc committee to work on the water problem and possible designing if it ever gets that far!

Town-wide Cleanup Day-Not well attended; only about six families. Supervisor Pitts thanked all who did help.

Courthouse Generator-All State Power met with Herb Perkins on moving the generator outside the Courthouse. They felt it was best to buy a building to hold the same. Preferable to use metal storage building, which would cost somewhere around \$200.00-\$300.00 from Lowes. This would have to be inspected by the County and hopefully the slab to set it on won't cost anything. Willie Linendoll estimates the cost for moving to be around \$1,600.00. Town Attorney, Alan Wrigley, would do an MOU with Sheldon's, as the building would go over on their property line.

Motion made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilcrest, to introduce Resolution #24 to move the current generator, now located inside the Courthouse, to the outside to provide more space for Courthouse programs at a cost not to exceed \$3,500.00. Councilman Harold Gilcrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Joe Wever-Yes; Supervisor Seth Pitts-Yes; Councilwoman Dottie Schneider recused herself as President of the Courthouse. Passed 4-0.

Courthouse Feasibility Study-The prior Feasibility Study was provided to Supervisor Pitts, who shared the same via e-mail with board members. If the Salem Town Office absolutely had to move to the Salem Historic Courthouse, the space could be worked out. All records would have to be stored in the basement, which won't work out well with some of the Town Clerk's records not being in preservable form now. Supervisor Pitts will contact the Successor Executrix of the Estate of Carlene J. Banks to see if they would like to renew their Lease Agreement with the Town, beginning January 1, 2012. In the meantime, if the building sells, the Town would definitely have to develop a Plan B!

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution honoring Floyd Linendoll-Motion by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joe Wever, honoring Floyd Linendoll as a fifty-year member of the Salem Fire Department. Certificate given to Floyd a fire meeting. Passed 5-0.

Two-way Radio Plan-Councilman Joe Wever reported that as of January 1, 2013, all radios will have to be reprogrammed to narrow banding. Town Highway Dep't. currently on w/Town of Granville. Need to devise an updated plan in 2012. New radios do not have to be bought. Approximate cost to be on w/Greenwich and Argyle would be \$24.00/month.

Upgrade Welcome Sign @ Corner of Route 29 & Black Creek Road-Sign originally built by Salem Rotary Club for Chamber of Commerce, then Chamber didn't want anything to do with maintain, rebuilding, etc. Rotary repainted the signs when needed. Motion made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to repaint and plant flowers around the sign at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. Councilman Joe Wever-Yes; Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilwoman Dottie Schneider-Yes; Supervisor Seth Pitts-Yes Passed 5-0.

Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, to adjourn the regular monthly Town Board meeting. Passed 5-0. Meeting adjourned @ 8:35 p.m.

Next Meeting-Next regular meeting of the Salem Town Board will be held on June 08, 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

Motion to adjourn-Motion to adjourn the regular monthly Town Board meeting was made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilwoman Dottie Schneider. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting-Next regular meeting on May 11, 2011 @ Town Office @ 7:00 pm, with review of warrants and abstract for payment @ 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A Gilchrist-Town Clerk