

## **TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 12, 2010 MEETING**

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

Others Present: Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Joe Boisclair-Highway; Cheryl Baldwin-Georgi Museum; Mo Patrick-Planning Board; Anthony Kafritz-Youth Commission

Absent: Councilwoman Dottie Schneider; Historian-Al Cormier (report provided); Fire Dep't.-Chief Bob Graham (report provided); DCO-Jessica Barrett (report provided)

6:30-Review & signing of warrant #5 & highway abstract #5 for approval and payment  
7:00-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Pitts, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Review of minutes from April 14, 2010 meeting. Motion made by Councilman, Bruce Ferguson, to correct minutes to add wording under Courthouse report as follows: 'repairs will be made at no cost by the contractor/architect who worked on the original project'. Motion seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to accept the minutes as presented with the above change. Passed unanimously.

After review of bills, motion made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson to pay warrant #5 and highway abstract #5 as presented. Passed unanimously

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Fire Department-** Report given by Supervisor Pitts in absence of Chief Graham; attached to minutes.

Donna Farringer thanked both Supervisor Pitts and Highway Sup't. Joe Boisclair for re-surfacing Beattie Hollow Road. New stone dust was used with calcium chloride on top of the stone dust. Road was extremely dusty prior to resurfacing.

**Courthouse-** Donna Farringer reported that the steps to the Courthouse have been redesigned and rebuilt and should be back on within the next week. They were not shirred properly and the wood was not dry enough. The two rooms are still being restored and work is progressing nicely. People from Fort Miller are doing a great job. SAVE initiative up and running, with trips to Hannaford and Price Chopper currently being made. First chamber music concert was held on April 18, 2010 and was very well attended. Second in the series will be held on May 16, 2010@ 3 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 each. You may call ahead for tickets or purchase at the door. June 04, 2010, will be

a day for planting the community garden at the Courthouse with children from Salem Central School. Rep. Kirsten Gillibrand as well as many other dignitaries have been invited. Donna has invited the Town Board to attend as well. Talent trials will be held on June 05, 2010 @ Fort Salem Theatre. Eighth annual Al Fresco tickets will go on sale June 07, 2010. This will be held the weekend of Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Dinner tickets are available at a cost of \$50.00 each. The Chefs' Brunch will be held on Sunday from 12-2 pm @ a cost of \$25.00 each. Fresh local produce and arts and crafts items will be on sale on Sunday.

Councilman Bruce Ferguson, liaison from the board regarding the Courthouse, inquired if a small committee could be formed to review the memorandum of understanding that currently exists between the Town and the Courthouse Association since some time had passed since the agreement had been drawn up. Mr. Ferguson requested that he, Councilwoman Dottie Schneider, Donna Farringer and another member from the Courthouse Board make up the committee. The board was in unanimous agreement with Mr. Ferguson's suggestion and agreed to the committee members suggested. Mrs. Farringer also agreed that the document needed reviewing and that the same had come up for discussion in a meeting at the Courthouse in recent weeks. Councilman Joe Wever suggested that this would also be a good time for the committee to discuss the possibility of turning over the courthouse property to the association. A meeting will be held as soon as a date can be set and pending appointment of another representative from the Courthouse Board.

**Highway Department**- Highway Sup't. Joe Boisclair reported that paving will be done soon on Perry Hill Road. Not much else currently going on. Still waiting on CHIPS monies!!

**Georgi Museum**-Cheryl Baldwin also thanked Sup't. Boisclair and his crew for picking up brush, etc. prior to official clean-up on May 01, 2010. 90% of the goals for clean-up were accomplished on that day. There will be a plant sale on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 10 am-12 pm. Digging in the perennial beds can only take place every two years; hence the sale this year. Items purchased from BOCES will be sold. There will be a 'Gems of the Georgi' meeting on May 20, 2010 @ 7 pm. It is hoped that this popular event will be held again in the fall. A five-week young writer's studio program will begin on June 30, 2010. Currently there are six weddings booked @ the Georgi. The cost is \$400.00 for Salem residents and \$800.00 if outside the Salem and Shushan zip codes. A Georgi Advisory Board will be formed consisting of Cheryl Baldwin, Councilman Harold Gilchrest, Councilman Bruce Ferguson and Salem resident, Judy Flagg to review long range plans and goals.

**Planning Board**-Mo Patrick reported that there will be a public hearing on the subdivision of two acres from Big Green Farms (Peter/Dean Hanks) to the Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery at the regular meeting on May 27, 2010 @ 7 pm. Board currently working on updating Mobile Home Law, which needs to be completed asap. Mo indicated that the Town of Greenwich currently has the most stringent mobile home laws.

Will keep the Town Board updated as to the progress of the same.

**Historian's Report**-Al Cormier absent; report provided and will be attached to minutes.

**DCO Report**-Jessica Barrett absent; report provided for minutes. She took care of a dog bite incident and her first round of rabies shots has been completed.

**Comprehensive Plan**-No report in absence of Councilwoman, Dottie Schneider. Our sympathy and prayers go out to Dottie at this time at the loss of her brother. Next meeting will be on June 29, 2010, 7-9 pm @ the Town Office. July meeting cancelled. August meeting back to regular schedule of second Monday of the month--August 9, 2010 from 7-9 pm.

**Salem Area Youth Assn., Inc.**-Anthony Kafritz reported that there was a meeting held on May 11, 2010. The snowboarding/skiing program through Salem Central School was very successful this past winter season. 'Make a Splash' will be conducted from July 8-August 12, 2010. Pro tennis player, Roland LeBlanc, will be offering lessons to 8-11 year olds in two different sessions beginning in July. Registration forms will be available @ school. Information on the swim program @ Lake Lauderdale and Lunch, Learn N Play went out to students via the school. Waiting for feed-back on numbers. Youth helped with town-wide cleanup; not many volunteers were out.

Lunch, Learn n Play Program--Jr. High students can sign up to help and high school students can become counselors. Registration for 'Foot on the Grass' will be held @ Proudfit Hall on May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 for soccer camp to be held from July 19-23, 2010 for 7-12 year old age groups.

Town-wide Tag Sale will be held on Saturday, May 29, 2010, sponsored this year by the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce. Spaces will be available for rent on the courthouse grounds for \$10.00 with the monies going to the Youth Group. If you would like your home spot marked on the map to be published, please call either Mary Kilpatrick or Laura Dunham. Salem Farmers' Market will take place from 10 am-2 pm in the village park; fireman's chicken bar-b-que will be held from noon until 2 pm, take-outs only, @ Proudfit Hall; and Bancroft Library food and plant sale will begin in the morning. Much activity over Memorial Weekend--Hoorah!

Harvest Fest, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, and to be held in September of 2010, will have a great many kids activities available throughout the day. If anyone has any ideas, please contact Anthony Kafritz or Roseanne Savage.

**Correspondence**-Glens Falls Hospital requested site map of the health center property. Would prefer that people enter parking lot from Main Street and exit onto Railroad Ave.

**Public Comment**-None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Evergreen Cemetery**-Highway Sup't. Joe Boisclair and his crew fixed roads and installed gravel in the cemetery. Much better driving around inside the grounds now.

**Town-wide Clean-up**-Was held April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Not a lot of help was available. Snow Drifters, Chamber of Commerce, Youth Assn. all helped.

**Dog Law Policy**-Still being worked on through Jessica Barrett, DCO with review/help from Town Attorney, Alan Wrigley.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Village Gas Project**-Willie Linendoll should be finishing up with everything next week.

**Resolution #21**-Introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilcrest, to move money from DA5142.4 Contractual to DA9050.8 Unemployment in the amount of \$380.97, balance due on first quarter unemployment. Resolution #21 passed unanimously.

**Resolution #22**-Introduced by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to move money from DB5110.4 Contractual to DB9050.8 Unemployment in the amount of \$7,000.00 to cover unemployment for the next two quarters. Resolution #22 passed unanimously.

**Landfill**-Should part of the landfill be cleaned out, i.e. removing brush and taking out trees. This possibility was introduced by Councilman Bruce Ferguson as something to think about for a future project.

**County Updates**-Supervisor Pitts reported that he had shadowed County Social Services workers for a day and can appreciate the job and visits that the employees have to perform. He had quite an experience!

**Megan's Law**-If anyone is convicted of DWI, breathalyzers must then be carried in their vehicles at all times. Should be done at expense of person getting ticket, not the County. Furloughs will probably not be granted to employees at this time.

There will be an RFP for vendor bid program for PVI , Hospice and Home Care.

**Long-Range Computer Plans**-need to be looked at for Clerk to Supervisor, Kathleen Chambers as she is currently using her own computer to run all Town programs. There will be a finance school in Saratoga and Kathy will meet Seth at noontime to talk to vendors at the school regarding different programs available.

**Property Reval**-Bill McCarty will come to our meeting next month to discuss this possibility. Approximate cost will be around \$55.00/parcel.

**Economic Development Plan**-Supervisor Pitts would like everyone to be thinking about some kind of plan for the future. Maybe another economic summit????

**Lock Box Keys**-Still not found for box at Glens Falls National Bank. Motion on floor by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to wait thirty days to see if anyone can find the same. Carried unanimously. Box will have to be drilled at Town expense in order to get into the box.

**DECALS Program**-Some discussion on whether to continue issuing hunting/fishing licenses in future. Program still not up and running currently as approval hasn't been given by DEC; training done by Town Clerk on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Not much money is taken in by the Town and Clerks are not now required by law to offer this service. Permission given to Town Clerk Gilchrist to contact the State to either pick up equipment or figure out what has to be done to get the program up and running. Currently, Jackson Traders offers this service so it is available in the town.

**Next Meeting**-Will be held on Wednesday, June 09, 2010, @ 7:00 p.m. in the Town Office. (Highway Abstract and Warrants to be reviewed before the meeting @ 6:30 pm.)

**Motion to Adjourn**-Motion made by Councilman Joe Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 pm. Passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Gilchrist  
Town Clerk