

A public hearing was held by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Salem and the Town Board of The Town of Salem on Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 7 PM in the community room of Proudfit Hall. Present were Mayor Anne Dunigan and Trustees Joe Childs, Carol Rives, Joe Wever, and Paul Kobyluch, and Supervisor Steve Alexander and Board members Judy Flagg, Harold Gilchrist, Seth Pitts, and Dorothy Schneider. Also present were Town Clerk Mary Kilpatrick, Village and Town Historian Al Cormier, Town Attorney Alan Wrigley, FD consultant/attorney Bill Young, and members of the press and public.

The purpose of the meeting was to allow the public an opportunity to be heard and to determine whether it was in the public interest to establish a joint fire district encompassing the Village of Salem and the Salem Fire Protection District in the Town of Salem.

After allowing for public comment, answering questions from the public, and discussing the options for either a referendum (vote on Town or Village initiative) or a permissive referendum (petition forcing a vote), Supervisor Alexander initiated a roll-call vote of the Town Board on whether to adopt a resolution authorizing the creation of a joint fire district. Dorothy Schneider made a motion, Seth Pitts seconded, to adopt the resolution. Harold Gilchrist, Judy Flagg, and Steve Alexander voted no. The Village Board of Trustees elected to vote on the resolution so that its determination would be on record. Joe Childs made a motion, Paul Kobyluch seconded, and the Board of Trustees voted four yes and one abstention.

Adjourned.

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