

**TOWN OF SALEM**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING-TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD**  
**JULY 08, 2015 MINUTES**

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Bruce Ferguson; Joseph Wever; Harold Gilchrest; Dorothy Schneider; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist

Others Present: Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Al Cormier-Historian; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board; Wendy Bordwell-Georgi; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Dep't.

Absent: DCO-Nancy Quell

Public Present: Kimberly Erbe-Bancroft Library Board; Ed Hutchins-Bancroft Library Board; Linda Lewis-Bancroft Library Board; Cait Johnston-Journal Press; Ashleigh Morris -The Eagle

6:30 pm-Review & signing of **Warrants #7** and **Highway Abstract #7 of 2015** for approval and payment

7:00 pm- Monthly Meeting of Salem Town Board called to order by Supervisor Seth Pitts, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Review of minutes from June 10, 2015, regular monthly board meeting; **motion** made by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, to approve the minutes of June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2015, regular monthly board meeting. Passed unanimously 5-0. Review of minutes from special Dissolution Meeting held on June 17, 2015; motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, to approve the minutes of the special Dissolution Meeting of June 17, 2015. Passed unanimously 5-0. After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, **motion** made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, to pay **Warrants #7 and Highway Abstract #7 of 2015** as presented. Passed unanimously 5-0. After review and signing of **Supervisor's Reports**, **motion** made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, to approve the monthly **Supervisor's Reports** as presented. Passed unanimously 5-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Salem Fire Department-** Chief Graham reported a total of 4 calls for the month of June, 2015. 2-Salem (1-alarm activation; 1-MVA); 1-Jackson (trees on power lines arching); Mutual Aid: 1-Hebron (MVA)

Training: Monthly multi gas meter check & monthly air pack

Meetings: Monthly fire dep't. mtg.; town board mtg.; firehouse building committee mtg.

Fund Raising: Preparing for July 4<sup>th</sup> Carnival three-day event

Chief Graham asked the Town Board to approve the following people for membership into the Department: Kari Mancini, Cathy McKeighan, Joey Susee, and Christian Payne. Motion made by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to approve Kari Mancini, Cathy McKeighan, Joey Susee and Christian Payne for membership into the Salem Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. Passed unanimously 5-0  
Total training hrs. – 3,725; Report will be filed.

**Courthouse-**Donna Farringer reported that scaffolding is up and in place for the restoration work that will soon be commencing on the cornices, gutters and the roof.

Lunch, Lean n Play commenced on Monday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, with over 100 children and counselors. Registration will be closing on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Donna thanked the Civil War Committee for all of their hard work to make the celebrations over the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend so successful.

Washington County Band will be performing in the Courtroom on Friday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Al Fresco tickets are still available for \$60.00 each for Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.

S.A.V.E.-After over five years as van driver, Ken White is stepping down. Donna acknowledged all of Ken's hard work and commitment to the program over his years of service and was happy to report that she thinks she has found a replacement. Ray Rasmussen has volunteered to take over driving.

**Highway Dep't.-**Joe Boisclair reported that everything has been pretty quiet. The metal roof on the highway barn is leaking in several different places. The roof was patched five years ago but was built back in

1969. The roof will have to be looked at to determine what the best course of action is before putting the same out to bid.

The County is dropping stone across the road from the highway garage in anticipation of paving work to be done on County Route 64. Stone will be mixed and ground at the garage before combining it with asphalt. It is then laid down and cures for approximately 30 days and is then sealed.

**Georgi Museum**-Wendy Bordwell reported that the trees had been removed and you can now see the Museum from the Battenkill River. Roof work is continuing under the direction of Art Hempel. Art has reported that there is a mansard roof on the museum and it should be ventilated with a fan on a thermostat. Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to instruct Art Hempel to install the roof ventilation system at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Lunch, Learn n Play kids will be visiting the Georgi next week for some fly fishing/fly tying demonstrations. Washington County Band will be performing a free concert on the grounds of the Georgi on Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. The Rotary will be serving ice cream sundaes.

Café Lena will be hosting an event on July 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Cost of tickets, all presold, is \$12.00.

Mettawee Players will present a free presentation of 'Out of the Past' on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, @ 8:00 p.m., on the grounds of the Georgi.

Hubbard Hall Theatre presents 'Love Labours Lost' at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Free presentation Café Lena presents 'Decho' at the park on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Presold tickets only on line at brownpaperbag.com.

Photo Exhibit-Joanne Steele will be closing out her photo exhibit on July 19<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets still available for the photo Joanne is donating.

Washington County Code Enforcement-has inspected the Yotel stove that was already installed in March. Patrick Freeborn, inspector, reports everything is good except for hooking up the smoke detector and the carbon monoxide detector.

Desert Auction-Patrick & Peggy McLenithan would like to use the Community Room to host a desert auction as a fund raiser for Rob Hall. Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to waive the \$60.00 rental fee for the Community Room for this event; it will be open to the public. Passed unanimously 5-0.

Picnic in the Park-will be held again on the grounds in September of 2015. Wendy submitted her estimated budget for the same. Cost of a 40 x 80 tent rental was around \$1,800.00. Someone will check with Hebron Fire Department as one of the board members thought their rental price was \$1,000.00.

Ian Gilchrest will be hired part-time for doing odd jobs around the Georgi (such as setting up and tearing down for special events), working under Wendy's direction.

Wendy reported that there has been some tearing up of the parking lot; wheelies/donuts are very obvious in the grass and have been quite deep.

**Planning Board**-Mo Patrick reported that one application for Site Plan for a screened in porch and one application for a sub-division had been received so far this month.

**Historian**-Al Cormier reported that a very successful weekend was held July 3, 4, & 5 with the various exhibits/events/demonstrations going on throughout the community. The troops from Georgia had an excellent time and loved our area. Encampment went well in spite of the rain and the cannon was shot off and the rifles were fired. The book that Edie Baldwin Meikle wrote for these events entitled "The 123<sup>rd</sup> Regiment New York Volunteer Infantry-The Washington County Regiment 1862-1865 Their Story" is selling very well. Books still available at the Town Office. Mugs and medallions are selling well, also. There are pictures on line at McMorris Photo of events that took place at the train depot prior to the parade.

There will be a free concert at Fort Salem Theatre on Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 'Historic Perspective of American Composers', with flutist, Rebecca Cormier Jeffreys, and pianist Kent Baker.

Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>-Fyffes & Drumms of Olde Saratoga @ 11:00 a.m., followed by Steve Trimm as Ulysses S. Grant @ 12:30 p.m. on the grounds of the Georgi in Shushan, NY.

Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>-Civil War History Fair for the students at Salem Central School

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>-9 a.m.-3 p.m.-There will be a History Fair sponsored by the Washington County Historical Society, with displays and guest speakers throughout the day at both the School and the Courthouse.

**DCO Report**-Nancy Quell absent; Report provided indicating dog pick-up @ Pizza World on 06/14/2015; picked up next day by owner and all monies paid to Town Clerk (on June's monthly report). Picked up Shepherd and Beagle on County Route 61; picked up by owner. Money turned in at Town Office in July, 2015 (will be on July's monthly report). Report will be filed by Town Clerk.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Kim Erbe from Bancroft Library Board**-Explained to the Town Board that a NYS requirement to grant the Library's new Charter was for the Town Board of the Town of Salem to approve funding of the Bancroft Public Library. NYS requires guaranteed resources for ten (10) years. Currently the Town contract with the Library for \$13,000.00 and the Village contributes \$13,500.00 for a total of \$26,500.00. Upon dissolution of the Village, the Town will only act as Successor Trustee of the Benjamin Bancroft Trust as far as the library is concerned. The Board asked Kim if she knew what the current heating, lighting, maintenance and employee costs were for the library, paid now by the Village. She did not know but was certain that Village Clerk, Rebecca Brown, would have the answers and would be willing to meet with Supervisor Pitts to go over the costs currently associated with the Village.

**Resolution #52**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, to approve the Certificate of Establishment in the amount of \$26,500.00, necessary as one of the steps required by NYS in obtaining the new charter for Bancroft Public Library. Roll call vote: Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Joseph Wever-Yes; Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider-Yes; Supervisor Seth M. Pitts-Yes; passed unanimously 5-0.

**Wendy Bordwell**-Inquired as to the status of the Route 29 property collecting all the washer, dryers, etc. on the lawn. Supervisor Pitts reported that the issue is currently being addressed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Village Dissolution**-See above Public Comment and Resolution #52.

**Shushan Post Office**-Currently, nothing new to report.

**Teamster's Contract Update**-Supervisor Pitts signed the contract, mailed the same and has heard nothing.

**Leberge Sewer Study Update**-Letters done by Town that were required and sent out; nothing new at this time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A Planning Commission needs to be established by Resolution according to Laberge to review the current Village zoning and make any recommendations/changes necessary once the dissolution is final on March 31, 2015, and the Town takes over on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. The Commission **will not** be investigating town-wide zoning and will only be looking at zoning **within the limits of the current Village**.

**Resolution #53**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to establish a Planning Commission in accordance with the dissolution process to review the zoning laws currently in effect for the boundaries of the current Village of Salem, appointing the current Village Zoning Board of Appeals members Sheldon Brown, Peter Dunigan and Jack Phillips. Roll call vote: Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Joseph Wever-Yes; Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider-Yes; Supervisor Seth M. Pitts-Yes; passed unanimously 5-0.

**Resolution #54**-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, to proceed with the application process through the Greenway Grant program with Barton & Loguidice, since the money was already paid by the Town. Submittal time for the grants is in September of 2015. Passed unanimously 5-0.

**Resolution #55**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, for a budget increase to recognize Georgi principal funds coming in from the Georgi Trust as follows:

GM510 Estimated Revenues	\$ 30,200.00	
GM 2705		
GM960 Appropriations		\$ 30,200.00
GM7450.4		

Passed unanimously 5-0

**Resolution #56**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, for a Georgi budget increase to recognize funds from LARAC as follows:

GM510 Estimated Revenues	\$ 2,215.00	
GM27051		
GM960 Appropriations		\$ 2,215.00
GM7450.41		

Passed unanimously 5-0

**Resolution #57**-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, for a transfer as follows:

DB5110.4 General Repairs	\$ 5,921.00	
DB5112.2 Improvements		\$ 5,921.00
Shortage		

Passed unanimously 5-0

**Resolution #58**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, for a transfer as follows:

A8810.1 Cemetery Personnel	\$ 875.00	
A8160.4 Landfill Closure		\$ 875.00
(Overage-Phoenix, Laberge & Kevin Baylor's brush hogging bill, presented 07/08/15)		

Passed unanimously 5-0

**Resolution #59**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, stating that employees will become eligible for health, dental and vision insurance after their ninety (90) day probation period had ended. Passed unanimously 5-0

**County Updates**-Paving should begin soon on County Route 64 in designated areas; culverts have been put in. Candidates interviewed for Kevin Hayes's job of County Administrator. Decision should be forthcoming. Surveys going out from County to residents regarding internet/broadband service; return as soon as possible.

**Motion to Adjourn**-Motion made by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilcrest, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board. Passed 5-0; regular monthly meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting**-The next regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board will take place on August 12, 2015; review of Warrants and Abstract to begin at 6:30 p.m., meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk

