

**TOWN OF SALEM**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING-TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD**  
**MARCH 09, 2016 MINUTES**

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Bruce Ferguson; Joseph Wever; Harold Gilchrest; Howard Law; Town Clerk-Patricia Gilchrist  
Others Present: Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Wendy Bordwell-Georgi; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board  
Absent: Al Cormier-Historian; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Chief; DCO-Nancy Quell  
Public Present: Rebecca Brown-Village Clerk; Arthur Hempel; Garth Kenyon; Bobby Sullivan-Sheriff's Dep't.; Cait Johnston-Journal Press; Aaron Jansson-The Eagle Press  
6:30 pm-Review & signing of **Warrants #3** and **Highway Abstract #3 of 2016** 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 January 21, 2016, Public Hearing on Water & Lighting Districts; January 28, 2016 Zoning Commission Public Hearing/Special Town Board meeting; regular monthly meeting of the Town Board on February 10, 2016; and March 01, 2016, Public Hearing on Zoning Law; **motion** made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to approve the minutes from all of the above listed meetings; passed unanimously 5-0. After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, **motion** made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to pay **Warrants #3** and **Highway Abstract #3 of 2016** as presented; passed unanimously 5-0. After review of January & February, 2016, Supervisor's Reports, **motion made by** Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to approve the Supervisor's Reports for January and February, 2016; passed unanimously 5-0. Bank statements were provided and reviewed by at least two of the board members.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Salem Fire Department-** Chief Graham absent; no report.

**Courthouse-**Donna Farringer reported that she has one last invoice to submit for payment on construction project. Virginia Lynn Anderson is currently the artist on exhibit in the Courthouse.

**History Lectures-**March 10<sup>th</sup> will feature a talk on Shay's Rebellion in 1787; Al Cormier will be doing a presentation on Civil War with Valerie Sheldon on March 17<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup> will feature a talk on Revolutionary War Archeology. All talks begin at 7:30 p.m. in the Archive Room.

**Jail Bail-**will once again feature some of Salem's finest being 'locked up' beginning Friday, 03/11/16 to raise money for the Lunch, Learn n Play Program. You might be asked to donate towards someone's bail money to get out of jail!

**Highway Dep't.-**Joe Boisclair reported that work is currently being done filling pot holes. He reported that he had just attended a meeting in Albany and there should be an increase coming in CHIPS money. Excess of salt this year due to mild winter; 200 +/- tons still to come. Where can it be stored? If excess not needed, don't pay for it. Crew has been taking trees off bank by the Chamber's house and cutting and chipping. Also cut and chipped on Woodcock Lane and at the Georgi and on Blind Buck Road; grading pot holes. Report for 02/11/16-03/09/16 will be filed.

**Georgi Museum-**Wendy Bordwell reported that Wayne Trimm will be doing a program on April 28<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room beginning at 7 p.m. May 20<sup>th</sup> will feature Steve Trimm doing a historic portrayal of Saint John Honeywood, also @ 7 p.m. in the Community Room. May 22 & May 28<sup>th</sup> will feature the Georgi Plant & Tag Sale, beginning @ 9 a.m. in the Community Room; vendor space is available for \$10/table.

June 18-19-'Fairies in the Hamlet' outdoor exhibit of fairy houses and dwellings created by area artists.

June 20-Illuminary walk; June 23 will feature a picnic for Lunch, Learn n Play (there will also be two weeks of events for the Lunch, Learn n Play kids this year).

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**Personal property value appraisal through Dudley & Dudley**-to go through the freight depot items and the Community Room items to see what to keep, what might need disposing of, and also what needs to be stored and how to do it. **Resolution #28**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson to hire Dudley & Dudley for a consultation on the items stored in the freight depot and the Community Room at a price not to exceed \$1,500.00. Passed unanimously 5-0

**Security**-For the Community Room and the Parking Lot-NY Fire & Signal's price was \$2,762.00 and Mahoney Notifier was \$3,365.00. Councilman Wever asked if either one or both could eventually add off-site monitoring and more cameras if needs. Wendy will have to contact both and get prices for the meeting on March 23, 2016.

Wendy presented her 'wish list' of items that she feel needs to addressed in the Community Room and the Museum. The list needs to be prioritized first as to the most urgent to take care of. Mr. Hempel met with Wendy and had given her a figure of approximately \$26,500.00 for what was on the list.

**Resolution #29**-Motion made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to allow Wendy Bordwell to pursue grant funding through NY Parks & Recreation for Pavilion Funding; passed unanimously 5-0.

**Planning Board**-Chairman Patrick reported there was an application for a camp addition.

**Historian**-Al Cormier absent; Supervisor Pitts reported that work was continuing on the Historic District, which would be in the area of the former Village only.

**DCO Report**-Nancy Quell absent; no activity reported.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-None

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Letter from Dieter Drake regarding the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of the Battenkill taking place on Saturday, May 21, 2016, using the same course at 2015. This will be a single day event only to reduce the impact on local roads and residents. A map was attached showing the course. He also thanked the Board for their past support and reported that more than \$10,000.00 in donations was received in 2015 to distribute to local civic groups.

**Motion made by** Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, to grant the use of Town Roads for this year's race on May 21, 2016, and to support the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Tour of the Battenkill. Passed 5-0

Letter received from Melanie Fronhofer on behalf of the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fronhofer Tool Triathlon to be held at Lake Lauderdale in Jackson on August 6, 2016, asking for permission to use any town roads that they might be going over for their race. Competition would suspend is the need arises for any emergency vehicles to get through any of the roads on the day of the race. **Motion made by** Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to support the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Fronhofer Tool Triathlon and the use of any Town Roads on race day--August 6, 2016. Passed 5-0

**Planning Board Letter**-Copy of letter received from Kimberly Erbe, Planning Board Clerk, which was sent to Monolith Solar/Solar Energy Properties, LLC regarding their Site Plan application. At the February 18, 2016, meeting, the Planning Board voted against (3-1) approving their application to install a ground mounted solar pv system on property located at 1653 County Route 153, tax map parcel i.d. #193.-1-19.15. Monolith has 30 days to appeal the Planning Board's decision to the Town Board. Clerk Gilchrist received a copy of the letter and so did the Town Board.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Village Dissolution**-Property/equipment transfers from Village to Town; need a Resolution so that the property/equipment can transfer to NYMIR through our agent, Dick Look, with Northern Insuring.

**Resolution #30**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce

Ferguson, to allow Supervisor Seth M. Pitts to do whatever paperwork is necessary to make the transfer of whatever former Village of Salem property/equipment is coming to the Town to NYMIR through our agent, Dick Look; passed unanimously 5-0

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**Surrogate’s Court Paperwork**-Supervisor Pitts advised that Mary E. Kissane of Fitzgerald, Morris, Baker & Firth sent an e-mail regarding both the Proudfit Trust and the Bancroft Trust. A Consent and Designation form must be signed by Supervisor Pitts and notarized and a Waiver and Consent must be signed by the Supervisor, as required by Surrogate’s Court for the appointment of the Town Board as Successor Testamentary Trustee for the Proudfit Trust. A copy of the Petition to Resign as Trustee and Appoint a Successor Trustee, signed by Mayor Sonya Trulli, was also received regarding the Proudfit Trust.

**Final Village Dissolution Meeting**-will be held at the Village offices at 7:00 p.m. on March 22, 2016.

**Final Town Dissolution Meeting**-will be held at the Salem Town Office at 6:30 p.m. on March 23, 2016.

**Main Street Development Grant**-Meeting was held with the Chamber; working on more publicity.

**Corrective Action Plan**-Supervisor Pitts reported that he should have the Plan ready for the Board to look at for the regular April meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. This is the five-year plan requested by the Comptroller’s Audit.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Alton Knapp from Knapp & Associates**-Flood Plain Managers-Will have to review the new flood plan that Mr. Knapp left for the Planning Board, incorporating the Village into the plan. This has been updated from 1999 to 2007.

**Library**-A Bancroft Trust account will need to be set up at the bank to monitor income and expenses.

**Village Water Treatment**-Supervisor Pitts and Councilman Ferguson met at water barn with a representative from the NY Health Department. Water currently being treated for manganese and iron.

**County Updates**-An attorney in Hoosick Falls has sent the County a FOIL request for all paperwork regarding the Archibald Street Bridge and any and all issues pertaining to the same.

**Resolution #31**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to approve the final resolution on the adoption of the Town of Salem Zoning Law, which was approved by the Washington County Planning Department. **Roll call vote**: Supervisor Seth M. Pitts-Yes; Councilman Bruce Ferguson-Yes; Councilman Harold Gilchrest-Yes; Councilman Joseph Wever-Yes; Councilman Howard Law-Yes; passed unani-mously 5-0

**Resolution #32**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, appoint ing the following, effective April 1, 2016:

Cleaner	\$ 2,625.00
Crossing Guard	4,100.00
Library Tech	15,300.00 -increase 2% 6/1/16
Library Technicians (3)	13.09/hr. -increase to \$13.35
6/1/16	
Water Treatment Technician	4,050.00
Water Treatment/MEO	16.68/hr.
Water Treatment Clerk	16.54/hr.

Passed unanimously 5-09

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**Resolution #33**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Harold Gilchrest, for a budget increase to reflect money received from NYS-LG CREG as follows:

A510 Estimated Revenues	\$ 15,852.69
A1989 Other Governments	
A960 Appropriations	\$ 15,852.69

A6989.4V Economic Development

Passed unanimously 5-0

**Motion to Adjourn**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Passed unanimously 5-0; meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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**Dissolution Meeting**-Town of Salem final dissolution meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. in the Salem Town Office. Village officials are welcome to attend.

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting**-The next regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board will take place on April 13, 2016; review of Warrants #4 and Abstract #4 to begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by regular monthly meeting to begin at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk