

**TOWN OF SALEM
REGULAR MONTHLY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 13, 2014 MINUTES**

MEETING FOR MARCH 12, 2013, POSTPONED TO MARCH 13, 2014, DUE TO ICE STORM

Present: Supervisor Seth Pitts; Town Council Members: Bruce Ferguson; Dottie Schneider; Joe Wever; Patricia Gilchrist-Town Clerk

Others Present: Donna Farringer-Courthouse; Al Cormier-Historian; Maurice Patrick-Planning Board

Absent: Harold Gilchrest-Town Council Member; Joe Boisclair-Highway Sup't.; Herb Perkins-SYO; Bob Graham-Salem Fire Dep't.

Public Present: Judy Flagg; Rob Gray

6:30 pm-Review & signing of Warrants #3 and Highway Abstract #3 of 2014 for approval and payment

7:00 pm-Regular Monthly Meeting of Salem Town Board called to order by Supervisor Pitts, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Review of minutes from February 12, 2014 regular board meeting; **motion** made by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, to approve the minutes of February 12, 2014, regular board meeting minutes. Passed 4-0 (Councilman Gilchrest absent)

After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, **motion** made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, to pay Warrants #3 and Highway Abstract #3 of 2014 as presented. Passed 4-0 (Councilman Gilchrest absent)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Salem Fire Department- Chief Graham absent. Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider reported that she had attended the Salem Firemen's Banquet, there was a good turnout, and the evening went very well.

Courthouse- Donna Farringer reported that they are moving along with the EPF Grant--\$200,000.00 awarded with a \$200,000.00 matching grant. History lecture series will begin March 20 with William Krattinger of NYS Division of Historic Preservation giving a talk entitled 'A Survey of Early Washington County Domestic Architecture; March 27-Our own Al Cormier will present 'The Search of Jane Gail-Salem's Silent Film Star', with biographical information and some of her movies. The Battenkill Kitchen will present two upcoming opportunities for cooking experiences: March 15-Open Hearth Cooking Class with Sally Brillon from 9:30 am-2:00 pm at a cost of \$60.00 and on Friday, April 25, from 6:00-7:30 pm, Reed Antis will do a workshop entitled 'Learn to Brew Your Own Beer' at a cost of \$30.00, with group rates available.

'A Year in Paint', the landscape paintings of Matt Chinian, will run in the Great Hall from March 7-May 2, 2014. Opening reception will be on Friday, March 7, from 5-7 pm.

Highway Dept.-Joe Boisclair, Sup't., was absent as he was up most of the night dealing with the storm. Crew has been plowing and sanding and removing and cutting trees as needed. Worked on the '98 and took grader apart to fix and replace hoses. Did some cold patching of roads getting ready for the storm. Report will be filed.

Planning Board-Maurice Patrick reported there were currently three applications: double wide replacing a trailer; building addition; solar panels being installed in Shushan. Public Hearing on a house being built in Shushan will be held again at the March meeting as there was some confusion about the hearing in February.

SYO-Herb Perking absent; nothing to report.

Georgi Museum-Councilman Harold Gilchrest absent. Notice will go in the paper for the mowing bid covering **two years (2014-2015)**.

Historian-Al Cormier reported that he had done an article for the Post Star newspaper. The Village Historic Preservation Committee has done a technical bulletin/brief dealing with building issues on historic homes and will be made available at Bancroft Public Library.

Al has also written a book, **Along the Battenkill**, which will be out on August 4th, 2014, printed by Arcadia.

DCO-Only one application has been received; board wants to wait to see if any more applications will come in by April meeting.

Comprehensive Plan-Chairman Bruce Ferguson reported that he hopes to have a meeting soon

Veteran's Park-Dorothy Schneider reported that there was nothing to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Judy Flagg-addressed the Board regarding the 250th Anniversary year of the granting of the Turner Patent, which was originally granted on August 7, 1764, to Dr. Thomas Clark and his congregation from Ireland, who travelled from Ireland to the United State and settled here in Salem. Judy also wondered if the 250th Anniversary could be the theme for the July 4th Fireman's Parade. Judy had samples of mugs that had been made for various occasions in Greenwich to present to the Board and asked if the Board could give \$500.00 for seed money to purchase mugs and for the dyes to put on the mugs. They would be sold and the Town would be re-imbursed their seed money. She was also going to check into a postal cancellation stamp that would be done for three days at the Salem Post Office on August 7th, 8th, and 9th. Resolution #22-Motion made by Council-man Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to donate the \$500.00 seed money towards the 250th Anniversary of the Turner Patent celebration. Passed 4-0 (Councilman Gilchrest absent).

Rob Gray-resident from Coon Lane, addressed the Board re the turnaround for the town trucks on Coon Lane. He reported that there had been partying going on in his field because of the turnaround, and he doesn't want everyone turning around on his property. Coon Lane is a dean end road. Mr. Gray reported that he had already talked to Joe Boisclair, Highway Superintendent, about the problem and that they were working it out.

CORRESPONDENCE:

\$4,768.17, the quarterly distribution from sales tax, has been received from the County.

Supervisor Pitts responded to Mr. Jeffords re the Georgi sign and told him to proceed with the same. Supervisor Pitts also received a letter from resident, Richard Hickland resigning from the Veteran's Park Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Economic Development- Meeting was held on Tuesday night; proceeding with the CFA grant and looking into installation of a sewer system in the Village.

Notice of Claim-Nothing received yet on fall at Courthouse.

Dog Control Officer-Ad going in The Eagle this week (March 13th edition) and also the week of March 20th, 2014, under Help Wanted.

NEW BUSINESS

County Update-The proposal for the 911 call center has been made to the Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Pitts informed the Board that he had voted no because of all the extra expenses with certain "perks" that were presented, not because he was against the call center.

Georgi Job Description-Clerk Patricia Gilchrist will advertise in The Eagle for an Events Co-Coordinator per description drawn up by the Georgi Board and presented to the Town Board. Include in the paper for weeks of March 20th, 27th, and April 3rd. It was also suggested that we advertise for the position of gardener and Judy Flagg will draw up what needs to go into the paper for this ad at the request of the Town Board to run for the same weeks as one ad for two separate positions.

Mobil Home Law-Supervisor Pitts handed out copies of the new proposed mobil home law as reviewed by the Salem Planning Board some time ago. Clerk Kimberly Erbe re-typed what the Planning Board had suggested be removed, added and/or changed so it would be easier to read and suggested that Supervisor Pitts review the same with the Board to see if anything from the old law needed to be merged with this proposal as, when filed, this becomes the new law and supersedes anything previously passed. Please review for the April meeting.

Town Barn Timber Management-Woody Hill Farm is cutting a lot of trees on Rexleigh Road and their timber manager, Jim Allen, approached Joe Boisclair, Highway Sup't. and Supervisor Pitts about clear-cutting on the Town's property on Rexleigh Road. He would pay on the stumpage and will present a proposal to the Town.

Civil Preparedness-Town Councilman Bruce Ferguson attended a Civil Preparedness Seminar on being prepared for disasters of any kind. Back packs were handed out full of needed supplies in case of a disaster, which Councilman Ferguson showed to those present and left the same in the Town Office in case anyone was interested in the same. Donna Farringer, Courthouse Director, informed Councilman Ferguson that she would be glad to organize a similar seminar at the Courthouse if he were interested. Everyone present thought that was an excellent idea and Councilman Ferguson and Donna will meet to set that up.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting-The next regular meeting of the Salem Town Board will be held on April 09, 2014, with review of Warrants #4 and Highway Abstract #4 at 6:30 p.m., meeting to begin @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilwoman Dorothy Schneider, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. Passed 4-0

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem