

**TOWN OF SALEM**  
**REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING-TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD**  
**JANUARY 13, 2015 MINUTES**

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

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

Absent: DCO-Nancy Quell

Public Present: Garth Kenyon; Cait Johnston-Journal Press; Ashleigh Morris-The Eagle Newspaper

6:30 pm-Review & signing of **Warrants #1** and **Highway Abstract #1 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 December 02, 2015, dissolution meeting; **motion** made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, to approve the minutes from the 12/02/15 dissolution meeting; passed 4-0. **Motion** made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to approve the minutes from the 12/09/15 regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed 4-0. **Motion** made by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, seconded by Councilman Joseph Wever, to approve the minutes from the 12/30/2015 year-end meeting; passed 4-0. After review of Warrants and Highway Abstract, **motion** made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to pay **Warrants #1** and **Highway Abstract #1 of 2016** as presented; passed 4-0. After review and signing of **Supervisor's Reports**, **motion** made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Bruce Ferguson, to approve the monthly **Supervisor's Reports** as presented; passed 4-0.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Salem Fire Department-** Chief Graham reported 6 calls for the month of December: Salem-6 (1-EMS lift assist; 1-good intent call; 1-wood pile fire; 1-MVA; 1-alarm activation; 1-carbon monoxide call)

**Training-**Santa detail for 12/20 Christmas parade; did all monthly mandates; make up training hours in SCBA, driving, extrication & water rescue; annual ladder testing-all ladders passed; 21 members for annual fit test; started yearly physicals

**Meetings-**Fire Dep't. monthly meeting & election of officers for two-year terms: Fire Chief-Bob Graham; 1<sup>st</sup> Ass't. Chief-Willie Linendoll; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ass't. Chief-Steve Saunders; 3<sup>rd</sup> Ass't. Chief-Steve Susee; Captain-Kevin Baylor; 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant-Bill Mitchell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant-Alex Keys; Fire Police Captain-Howard Fifield

Board of Director two-year terms: Joe Wever & Willie Linendoll

**Motion made by** Councilman Bruce Ferguson, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, to accept the above line officers for 2016-2017; passed 3-0 with 1 abstention by Councilman Joseph Wever

Year-End Report for 2015 provided-107 calls for the year-Report will be filed

**Total hours** for year 2015-8,175; report will be filed

**Courthouse-**No report; Donna Farringer absent

**Highway Dep't.**-Joe Boisclair reported that the 2007 pay loader has had the transmission rebuilt twice and it is not under warranty now. Needs new tires now; they are leaking and will cost approximately \$16,000.00 to replace. Highway was trading every five years; most towns now trading every three years. Joe will check trade-in value and see what can be done with piggy backing; looking at new-not used. Report from 12/10/15-01/13/16 will be filed.

**Georgi Museum-**Wendy Bordwell reported that the Georgi is now mold free and the work was all completed before January 1, 2016. Furniture was all moved from mid-November through the December holiday season with the help of Harold 'Butch' Gilchrest and his helpers. Ceiling will be painted to prevent further mold. There are trees that need to be taken down. North Country Janitorial bill includes a dehumidi-

fier at no additional cost. The flooring should be sanded down and refinished at some point. Square footage needs to be figured out for painting and the flooring.

Grants for 2015: LARAC-\$2,217; Stewarts-\$500 for 'Picnic in the Park' and \$500 pledged for "Fairies in the Hamlet" event in June of 2016; Glens Falls Nat'l. Bank-\$400 for 2015 community events; Hannaford-\$25 for JoAnne Peters Steele's exhibit and \$100 support for 2016 community events.

Received a generous 2016 Community Arts Grant from LARAC for 'Fairies in the Hamlet'; other 2016 grant applications have been submitted to SCA Tissue, the Glens Falls Foundation and Alfred Z. Solomon Trust.

2015 Year-End report provided and will be filed.

**Planning Board**-Chairman Patrick reported there was one site plan application for Jim & Cheryl Chambers and that there would be a vote on the Solar Garden on Rte. 153 this month. He also reported that they were looking for a tablet to use at meetings to pull up maps, etc. at a reasonable cost. Janet Donoghue's terms ended on December 31, 2015; Moe will have to confirm that she wants to be re-appointed for another seven year term.

**Historian**-Al Cormier reported that the Records Management grant would be addressed after dissolution. Al took a Webinar on Monday of this week re the grant application process; the state prefers shared grant applications. 2010 records were evaluated and archived.

**Historic District**-Annual report for the district was filed. He is reviewing the Historic District Law with the attorneys for dissolution and feels that some things need to be modified. Will keep us updated on this.

A lot seems to be going on around the Amy Allen house on South Main Street; no transfer as yet on the books. Crystal Burch will be moving her business out of the Village and moving into a new location at the former Jackie Carney property south on Route 22. Pure n Simple Soaps will be moving into that spot.

Village Board of Appeals-had a meeting for a change in use from agriculture on property being donated to the Salem Athletic Assoc. from Woody Hill.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**-None

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Received new contract with A.E. Knapp & Associates for flood management. Mr. Knapp would like to address the board regarding issues with the County Code Enforcement LRCC-1's and other issues. Supervisor Pitts will invite him to the February meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Village Dissolution**-Lighting & Water District Public Hearings will be held at the Town Office on January 21 beginning at 6:30 & 6:45 p.m. (As soon as one is concluded, the other will begin.)

**County Updates**-Supervisor Pitts reported that the County is appointing committee members/chairs. He has been appointed to Chairman of the DPW Committee

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**White Creek Watershed Meeting**-Will be held at the Town Office on Friday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Time Warner was scheduled to redo phone/internet service that same day from Noon-4 p.m. but Supervisor Pitts will re-schedule them.

**Association of Towns Annual Meeting**-The Association requires that a Certificate of Designation be filed with them no later than February 5, 2016, appointing someone to attend the Annual Business Session of the Association of Towns of the State of New York to be held on February 17, 2016, to cast the vote of the said Town pursuant to S6 of Article III of the Constitution & Bylaws of said Association. On a motion from Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilchrest, Supervisor Seth M. Pitts was appointed to be the voting delegate on behalf of the Town of Salem. Certificate of Designation will be filled out and filed by Town Clerk Gilchrist and mailed in by February 5, 2016. Passed 4-0

**Motion to Adjourn**-Motion made by Councilman Joseph Wever, seconded by Councilman Harold Gilcrest, to adjourn the regular monthly meeting. Passed 4-0; meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**Public Hearing Meeting**-There will be a special meeting/public hearing on the Water & Lighting Districts on Thursday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2016 @ 6:30 p.m. in the Salem Town Office. Any other necessary business that may come before the Board that night will also be acted upon.

**Zoning Commission Public Hearing**-A public hearing will be held on the new Zoning Regulations on Thursday, January 28, 2016, at the Salem Town Office. This meeting was called by the Zoning Commission as required by law.

**Next Regular Monthly Meeting**-The next regular monthly meeting of the Salem Town Board will take place on February 10, 2016; review of Warrants #2 and Abstract #2 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