

**Salisbury Select Board
Regular Meeting – January 24, 2017
Minutes – Approved February 14, 2017**

Chair Martha Sullivan called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present for the Board: Pat Dunn, Tom Scanlon, Martha Sullivan, Paul Vazcy
Absent: Pedie O'Brien

Others Present: Brenda Burchard, Sue Scott, Mary Anne Sullivan (Minute Taker), and three members of the Salisbury Volunteer Fire Department: Justin Allen, Devin Dwire, and John Hughes Jr.

Changes to Agenda: Added executive session to discuss a personnel issue added

After a motion by Tom Scanlon, the Board unanimously voted to **“Approve the minutes of January 10 as written.”**

Public Comment: Three members of the SVFD attended the meeting primarily to talk with Board about hydrants in the village. Justin Allen reported that the hydrant which is part of the bridge project, is in danger of freezing up during winter. In order to use it, someone needs to go down and open the valve, and then climb up and open the hydrant. If the valve freezes and there is a fire, the consequences could be severe. It needs insulation and some kind of small building to enclose it. GMP wants to put a meter on the hydrant to see how much water is drawn from it – there is no charge to the town for this. If other fire companies are called in, they might not know where the valve mechanism is. Other members spoke about the old hydrant nearby that is too costly to repair and maintain. Their feeling is that it should be abandoned. Paul Vaczy will speak to the road foreman removing it. Finally, they informed the Board that the fire department will no longer be dispatched through the Shelburne police department as dispatching has been transferred to Middlebury at MERS facility.

Officer Reports:

Town Clerk – Sue Scott

Rabies Clinic is set for March 14th from 6:30 to 7:30
Estimates for web site work from Gov.office forbids purchase.

Town Treasurer: - Brenda Burchard

Audit should be finished this week.
W2s and 1099s sent out by deadlines

Highway: Paul Vaczy reported that they are able to keep up with sanding and salting as weather requires.

The town's insurance will not pay for the new guardrails for the swamp bridge. Cost will come out of bridge account.

Landfill : No report

Correspondence: Annual Report from ACTR
Notice of VLCT seminar

Old Business: None

New Business: After a review of documents,

Tom Scanlon moved that the **“Select Board approve a General Budget of \$218,019.67.”** Motion carried 4/0. This is a 9% increase over last year's budget.

Tom Scanlon then moved that the **“Select Board approve a Highway Budget of \$466,004.14.”** Motion carried. This represents a 5% increase from last year.

Town Warning: After a final review, Paul Vaczy moved that **“The Select Board approve and accept the Town Warning for the 2017 annual town meeting.”** 4/0

Pat Dunn then moved that **“We discuss financials , sign orders, and authorize the treasurer to pay the bills.”** 4/0

Paul Vaczy moved that **“We go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.”** 4/0

Select Board entered executive session at 7:49.

Select Board resumed open meeting at 8:10 whereupon Pat Dunn moved **“ We adjourn,”** and after unanimous approval, they did.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Anne Sullivan
Minute Taker.