

Salisbury Select Board
Special Meeting
December 15, 2020
Draft minutes

Call to Order: Chair Paul Vaczy called the meeting to order at 7:03PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Paul Vaczy, Jonathan Blake, Sheila Conroy and Pat Dunn on Zoom, Pedie O'Brien via telephone

Others Present: Brenda Burchard, Sue Scott, Willem Jaring and Beverly Wyman (Top Floor) on Zoom

Changes to Agenda: none

Approval of December 8, 2020 minutes: Tabled

Public Comment: Beverly Wyman from Top Floor was present to give an overview of potential needs and figures regarding computers in the Town Office and Garage.

Currently the server is five years old and must be replaced during year six. Concerns regarding the pricing and needs were discussed. Beverly stated that a portion of cost is the Microsoft licence and the Care Pack which provides the extended warranty and ensures quicker service and replacement if needed. The SQL program is required by the Patriot database used by the Listers and Zoning Administrator. The price of the care pack/warranty can be reduced to three years as an immediate cost savings but would need to be re-upped for the additional two years which negates the savings.

Currently the Town of Salisbury owns six computers. All were purchased at the same time which creates the problems with upgrading. These computers are also Business class versus Consumer class which increases the cost. It was stated that approximately twenty hours of time for Top Floor would be required for install and set up computers with a new server.

There was a conversation about Top Floor providing a separate email for Town employees, Selectboard, etc. The cost would be \$48.00 per person per year. This idea was tabled to be discussed later.

Budget

Discussion followed on both the Highway and General Budget.

Executive Session

In accordance with Vermont's Open Meeting Law requirements, Pat Dunn moved that the Board find that a premature general knowledge of the consideration of pending personnel issues would clearly place the Selectboard at a substantial disadvantage, because the SelectBoard risks disclosing its discussions pertaining to the remuneration for an employee if it discusses the pending personnel issues in public.

Pat Dunn further moved that the Board enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues under the provisions of Title 1, Section 313 (A) (1) of the Vermont Statutes at 8:13PM. Motion passed unanimously 5/0

The Board came out of executive session at 8:37PM

Action Taken

Jonathan Blake made a motion to provide Sue Scott and Brenda Burchard a Christmas bonus of \$500. each as thanks for all their extra efforts during this pandemic year, to be issued in 2020. Motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Adjournment

Pedie O'Brien made a motion to adjourn at 8:39 PM. Motion carried unanimously 5/0.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Vaczy