

TOWN OF SALEM
SPECIAL MEETING-TOWN BOARD-GEORGI
FEBRUARY 19, 2020

Present: Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; Town Council: Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Laura Dunham; Pat Gilchrist-Town Clerk; Kathy Chambers-Clerk to Supervisor

Others Present: Wendy Bordwell-Georgi

Absent: Councilwoman Brenda Levey (on vacation)

Pubic Present: Greg Cuda-Trout Unlimited; Ken Bordwell; Amanda Baldwin; Stacy Rogers; Christopher Smith; Jessica Roesel; Bob Henke (Argyle Supervisor)

6:00 p.m.-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Guest, Greg Cuda from Trout Unlimited-belongs to Albany Clearwater Chapter & does river restoration work on the Battenkill, mostly in Vermont (cover & shelter thru Fish & Wildlife in VT w/their Albany Chapter). Currently three chapters--Adirondack Chapter; Clearwater Chapter; Southwestern Vermont Chapter. No current agenda; more work will be done in NYS than has been done in the past. Trout Unlimited has a 501 (c)(3) not-for-profit status already & can write grants that might benefit the Georgi; the organization has done several grants in the past. National Trout Unlimited has hired Grant Federman, whose main focus in protecting cold water resources. There is currently a lack of habitat on the river—need to look at how the river functions. Would like to keep access through the river @ the Georgi Park. Fly fishing classes could be held on the Battenkill at the Georgi. Could do stream improvement project(s) there on river that would help both the fish & the community. They have partnered w/the Audubon Society in the past for water work w/DEC which might be another possibility. All these ideas/partnership w/Trout Unlimited would need to be brought before his Board, also; none of this has been discussed w/them.

The Battenkill Room in the Museum could be developed w/information on river (July Flagg has wanted to do this for a long time).

Deaccessioning of furniture-Attorney General's representative wants to come inspect the furniture but have not rec'd. a definite date as to when that might happen.

) Capital Projects/Repairs

1-North Country Janitorial has done another mold assessment-mold is gone.

2-Jack Hall Heating & Plumbing-inspected furnace; this is O.K. A dehumidifier line is blown out--approximately \$3,500 for new one; Sulphur water is frozen

3-Need spray foam in top half of Museum & under bldg. in interior perimeter (very small space--can't get to gallery part of bldg.. from here). Install rubber roofing material underneath

4-Block off chimney to fireplace

5-Issue w/wall by restrooms

6-Need to put in 2nd well; current well is used for both Community Room & Museum; pipe is too shallow & will freeze. Probably in area of \$8,000; cost \$6,000 from a quote in 2017. Could rent year round

7-Roof on Community Room-Tom Cassidy inspected this-says if not leaking currently, leave alone for now.

Won't get any money now from the bad shingles that were recalled.

No money in current 2020 Budget for major repairs.

Event Coordinator-Wendy would like to hire someone to be available from mid-April-October, approximately ten (10) hours/week to set up for weddings, meet w/prospective bride & parents, tear down afterwards, etc.

\$15/hr. up to \$3,000; advertise for position. Wendy will get description to Clerk Gilchrist to put in newspaper.

NEED TO ESTABLISH & APPOINT A GEORGI COMMITTEE-This was not done at Organizational Mtg. in January

Wedding Wire Contract-Contract needs renewing for another year at a cost of \$2,850.00; can be cancelled after six (6) months. **Resolution #28-Motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to renew the Wedding Wire Contract for another 12 months @ a cost of \$2,850.00, with the

ability to cancel after six (6) months if there are not enough bookings coming in through Wedding Wire. Passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Laura Dunham; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (in absence of Councilwoman Brenda Levey)

E-Documents-Wendy would like the ability to have people be able to rent on line; this should be quicker & easier. **Resolution #29-Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck to sign w/E-Documents at a cost of \$10/mo. for \$120.00/year (this allows five (5) documents/mo.); Passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Laura Dunham; Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary (in absence of Councilwoman Brenda Levey)

Spectrum Service-This needs to be upgraded @ the Georgi so there is a static IP address. The security system is not active & cannot be restored until this is done.

Resolution #30-Supervisor Clary advised the Board that the Lease w/HSCPA (Courthouse) needed to be renewed for five (5) more years; **motion made by** Councilman Howard Law, seconded by Councilman Marcus Blanck, to renew the HSCPA Lease for another five (5) years @ a cost of \$120.00/year.

Municipal Letter of Acknowledgement/No Objection-for the Tour of the Battenkill to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020, allowing the use of Town roads for the race. **Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, instructing Supervisor Clary to execute the Municipal Letter of Acknowledgement/No Objection, allowing the use of **only Town roads** for the Tour of the Battenkill road race on Saturday, May 9, 2020, with the understanding that the roads would be picked up, especially of plastic bottles, after the event. This will be so noted on the letter. **Roll Call Vote:** Councilwoman Laura Dunham-Yes; Councilman Marcus Blanck-No; Councilman Howard Law-Yes; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary-Yes; passed 4-0 in the absence of Councilwoman Brenda Levey

Motion to Adjourn-**Motion made by** Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the special meeting of the Salem Town Board; passed 4-0 by the following Board members: Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Laura Dunham; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; meeting adjourned @ 7:50 p.m.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting-will be held on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, at the Salem Town Office; review of Warrants #3 & Abstract #3 to begin @ 6:00 p.m., followed by regular monthly meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem