

**TOWN OF SALEM TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING-GEORGI
MARCH 17, 2021**

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

Others Present: Jeanne Smith

Pubic Present: None in person due to restrictions w/COVID 19

5:00 p.m.-Meeting called to order by Supervisor Clary, followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Councilwoman Levey tabled the discussion of removing items from the Proudfit Basement thru Lenny Keys for the time being.

Motion made by Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to hire Jeanne Smith to work at the Georgi, per hour @ current rate, meeting with prospective renters/clients, contract signings, checking/replying to e-mails, send out thank-you notes to new renters & members. She will be the back-up on the Georgi Facebook page for Brenda & take messages off the phone at the Community Room. Passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Marcus Blanck; Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Laura Dunham; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Questions for Attorney Wrigley:

1.-An Addendum will need to be added to the current & new contracts re COVID-19 guidelines; Attorney Wrigley will need to review first.

2.-Friends of the Georgi-Any progress on this? Town Board appoints 'Friends' Board; they create their own by-laws.

Councilman Howard Law checked w/Town's insurance agent, Melissa, re insurance--Town will need to have proof of event insurance from renters/clients to cover the Town.

Councilwoman Dunham & Councilwoman Levey will prepare a packet to hand out to prospective renters/clients with a list of area vendors from around the area (i.e., flowers, food catering, tent rentals, etc.), including *areas of Salem, Cambridge, & Greenwich. Might also suggest hiring a wedding planner to deal with all of the planning, plus NYS requirements for COVID-19 events (which keep changing!). Add language, such as: The Town of Salem does not make recommendations; this is a list of area vendors that may be of service to you. One renter had paid to use the Museum; need to contact that person to advise that the Museum will not be available for rent due to non-compliance w/ADA.

Looking for a current Georgi members' list; Clerk to Supervisor Chambers advised that the list would be in the Supervisor's Reports.

Councilwoman Levey called to meet w/Sandy Adams re the gardening/planting, but Butch Gilcrest had already contacted her. She will continue with the gardening. Laura & Brenda will meet w/Sandy to discuss gardening project for 2021, limiting annuals & concentrating on clean-up. Mowing contract has been approved through A & E Landscaping. Brenda is also still trying to reach Corinna Aldrich from Wash. Co. Soil & Water re the trees, brush, & bank issues. She has noticed a lot of garbage in various spots on the park grounds where fishermen and/or boaters (soon it will be swimmers) go in & come out of the river. Perhaps the Boy Scouts would be interested in putting a can down by the river for bottle deposits. There is currently a garbage can outside the bathroom area @ the Community Room for garbage. Maybe there could be a couple of cans placed on the park grounds but who will bring the cans up to empty & who will pick up garbage? Since everything has been closed for 2020, no garbage collection has been done. There is also a sign by the Community Room, as well as a dispenser with plastic bags, for people who walk their dogs down there. **PEOPLE NEED TO PICK UP AFTER THEIR OWN DOGS!!**

Community Room-Bag of garbage left in Community Room, perhaps from voting in November, that needs to be removed. Floors need to be sanded & re-finished in here; Tom White did the floors originally. Cupboards

are being cleaned out a little at a time as Brenda has time to go through things. Most files are now located in the Salem Town Office. Handle on inside coded door needs looking at. Cost of new roof for Community Room will be approximately \$15,000. Would like to compare pricing of standing seam vs. shingle. Flashing behind window frames needs to be installed. Councilman Law will have Tom Cassidy check both the roof and the window frames. Clean-up & painting in kitchen area is required. Would like to price a barn door divider between kitchen & larger room.

Much discussion was held on re-opening of the bathrooms--some Board members didn't think it would be a problem, while others are asking what the NYS guidelines are: How often do they need to be cleaned/sanitized, what spray to use, will someone have to be there the whole day of any events to do this, etc. Suggest staying w/air dryers to avoid cleaning up paper towel messes. Add automatic hand sanitizer dispensers here & around the park? There is a propane heater in ladies' room; Jeanne says this was a temporary location for the patio heater during closing. Councilwoman Dunham is working on getting information from NYS regarding this. Board decided to table re-opening of the bathrooms for now until more discussion/information becomes available.

Alarm at the Museum-is monitored by Monotronics. **Motion made by** Councilman Marcus Blanck, seconded by Councilwoman Laura Dunham, to put the following three (3) people on the Museum alarm call List: Harold 'Butch' Gilchrest, Jeanne Smith & Howard Law; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Marcus Blanck; Laura Dunham; Howard Law; Brenda Levey; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary

Which Projects to Begin?-Taken from prior lists:

Community Room Router-needs replacing

Community Room-Get estimate on deteriorating restroom wall (Councilman Law will have Tom Cassidy check this out, too.)

Tree survey/Dulmer Tree Service/no cost for estimate; Hydrangea bushes; apple-elm bore

Museum basement/crawl space survey-Adirondack Basements (no cost for estimate)

Museum-Replace hot water element

Museum-Skylights sealed & cleaned-check w/Art Hempel

Museum-Gutters need installing

Museum-Porch railings, slate stairs-Do they need repair?

List of Capital Projects-also provided by Councilwoman Dunham for over \$1,000; short-term projects of 1-2 years-\$500-\$1,000; maintenance/minor repair-under \$500

This did not get reviewed due to time constraints but please review the 3-page list provided for further discussion at a later date.

Motion to Adjourn: **Motion made by** Councilwoman Laura Dunham, seconded by Councilman Howard Law, to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Georgi Museum; passed unanimously 5-0 by the following Board members: Laura Dunham; Howard Law; Marcus Blanck; Brenda Levey; Supervisor Evera Sue Clary; meeting was adjourned @ 6:08 pm.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting of the Salem Town Board will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, @ Proudfit Hall, beginning @ 5 pm for Review of Warrants #4 & Highway Abstract #4 for payment; regular meeting to begin @ 6 pm. Public may attend via Zoom as numbers in person are still limited; masks must be worn for those in attendance & social distancing will be followed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Patricia A. Gilchrist-Town Clerk
Town of Salem

*Should only read Salem area businesses-not Cambridge & Greenwich

Corrected by Councilwoman Laura Dunham @ 04/14/2021 regular monthly mtg. of Salem Town Board