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**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**MEETING OF
February 25, 2008**

10 The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Monday February 25, 2008, at Salem Town Hall, 33
11 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH.

12 **PRESENT:** Chairman Everett P. McBride, Vice-Chairman, Elizabeth A. Roth, Secretary Arthur
13 E. Barnes, Selectman Michael J. Lyons, Selectman Patrick Hargreaves and Town Manager Mr.
14 Jonathan Sistare.

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CALL TO ORDER

18 Chairman McBride began by calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He then joined the Board
19 in the Pledge of Allegiance, and introduced members of the Board and Town staff.

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1. Meeting Minutes

23 **MOTION:** by Selectman Barnes

24 *Move to accept the minutes of the Regular meeting on February 11, 2008 as written*

25 **SECOND:** Selectman Lyons

26 **VOTE:** 5-0-0

27 The motion carried unanimously.

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2. Chairman Comments

31 Chairman McBride had no comments.

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3. Council of Churches – Request to Hold Walking Way of The Cross

35 In response to a query from Selectman Barnes, the Board confirmed they had no concerns
36 that this request posed a conflict regarding separation of church and State. Selectman Barnes
37 agreed to perform the reading at the Town Hall station.

38 **MOTION:** by Selectman Barnes

39 *Move to approve the request of the Greater Salem Council of Churches to hold the
40 Walking Way of the Cross on Friday, March 21, 2008.*

41 **SECOND:** Selectman Lyons

42 **VOTE:** 5-0-0

43 The motion carried unanimously.

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4. Bill Carter - Conservation Commission Acquisition of 114 Lawrence Road Property

Mr. Bill Carter, Chairman of the Conservation Commission introduced himself, and
announced that the Conservation Commission now owns the property at 114 Lawrence Road.
He stated the Conservation Commission would meet on March 5th to discuss their plans for
the property. He informed the Board they would be donating two items on the property,
namely a dog pen and a wood shed. He asked for suggestions from the Board for the
donation of the shed and Selectman Hargreaves suggested it be donated to the Field of

1 Dreams. Mr. Carter stated he would take this matter up at the Conservation Commission's
2 meeting on March 5th. He pointed out that the property would be important in helping to
3 alleviate some of the flooding in the area when the commission has done work on it. Mr.
4 Carter also informed the Board it would be an ideal area for fishing and for a canoe launch.
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6 **5. Temporary Sign Request - Main Street 59, LLC – Planning Board Site Plan Approval**
7 **Requirement**

8 Mr. Richard Gregory of Breckenridge Associates, representing Devito's restaurant
9 introduced himself. He pointed out the parking lots which his company has built in the 'A'
10 district around Devito's restaurant which patrons of the restaurant can access. He further
11 explained that the Planning Board thought it would be a good idea to erect a temporary sign
12 (for a period of six months) directing people to the parking for Devito's restaurant and he
13 was here before the Board requesting their permission to put the sign up.
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15 **Discussion:**

16 Chairman McBride stated he did not have a problem with erecting a temporary sign,
17 provided someone at Town Hall approves the actual sign.
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19 Selectman Roth stated she was in favor of request, providing an explanation for the Planning
20 Board's suggestion.
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22 Selectman Hargreaves voiced his concern that the granite curbing around the edge is not yet
23 finished and this could pose a safety issue and a liability to the Town. Mr. Gregory pointed
24 out it cannot be finished until there is no frost. Members of the Board discussed the matter
25 further, and it was suggested that DPW survey the lot to see if anything needed to be done to
26 make it safer.
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28 **MOTION:** by Selectman Hargreaves

29 *Move to authorize a temporary off-street parking sign to be placed on Town property*
30 *located at 70 Main Street, ending August 31st 2008, conditional upon the sign conforming*
31 *to all municipal codes relative to the placement of signs and further movement of granite*
32 *slabs upon approval of the Town Manager and DPW.*

33 **SECOND:** Selectman Barnes
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35 **Discussion:**

36 Selectman Roth pointed out the public is already using the parking lot and suggested that the
37 Board simply say to have staff come and make sure it is safe. Mr. Gregory pointed out that
38 the Town Engineering department would have to sign off on the lot prior to them receiving
39 their occupancy permit. He also pointed out that the restaurant is not using the lot, but the
40 public is using it as it is a municipal lot. Further discussion took place, with Selectman
41 Lyons pointing out that if an unsafe condition exists it is a separate issue to be addressed at
42 another time.

43 **VOTE:** 0-5-0

44 The motion failed.
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1 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lyons

2 *Move to authorize a temporary off-street parking sign to be placed on Town property*
3 *located at 70 Main Street, conditional upon the sign conforming to all municipal codes*
4 *relative to the placement of signs and further to be removed by August 31st 2008*

5 **SECOND:** Selectman Barnes

6 **VOTE:** 4-1-0

7 The motion carried.

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9 **6. Town Meeting Update**

10 Mr. Sistare provided an update on the status of preparation for Town meeting, informing the
11 Board that the warrants have been posted, the Town report is due to go to the printer and will
12 be ready no later than next Tuesday, ballots are at the printer and everything is prepared for
13 Town meeting.

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15 **7. Town Manager's Report**

16 Mr. Sistare provided the Board with an update on the waste water treatment plant site, stating
17 they have obtained a little extra time to review the site, but that if the site fails the DOT is
18 looking favorably at the alternative site at Haigh Avenue.

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20 Mr. Sistare informed the Board that he has been made aware of residents indiscriminately
21 dumping water from their basements via their sump pumps onto streets, and causing ice dams
22 and accidents. He stated the Town would be stepping up enforcement under the State
23 statutes to have residents dump their water some place else and he would be notifying some
24 residents they would be facing fines if they did not move the water elsewhere.

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26 Referring to the Field of Dreams skateboard equipment, Selectman Hargreaves stated he did
27 not believe the equipment was being stored under cover. He stated he was concerned that
28 they were already half way through the warranty on the equipment and suggested the Board
29 needs to find a piece of land to locate the skate park as the Field of Dreams is not suitable.
30 He stated he was concerned that the taxpayers' money used to purchase the equipment would
31 be wasted if a location is not found soon. Chairman McBride confirmed the Town Manager
32 was looking at finding a site. Selectman Hargreaves suggested moving the equipment to the
33 Old North station until a site for the skate park is found so that it is protected, and Mr. Sistare
34 confirmed he would ensure the equipment is moved prior to next winter. Selectman
35 Hargreaves stated he was happy to go with the Recreation Director to take a look at the
36 equipment where it is currently located.

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38 **8. Selectmen Reports/Correspondence**

39 Selectman Hargreaves requested a list of encumbrances from Finance, which Mr. Sistare
40 stated he would provide at the end of the meeting.

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42 Selectman Roth thanked Gordon Frasier for his article in the Lawrence Eagle Tribune on the
43 work being done in relation to the Depot train station. She then handed over to Ms. Beverly
44 Glynn. Ms. Glynn, Chairman of the Historic District Commission introduced herself and
45 provided the Board with an update report on the status of the work currently taking place as
46 part of the Depot train station project. She stated the hazardous material has been removed

1 and is now safe for people to work in the station. She stated the cost of the work being done
2 on the inside would be paid for by donations and thanked various volunteers for donating
3 their time and money to the project. She also announced details of various contests which
4 would be taking place within the community relating to the Depot, and that there would be a
5 fund raising kickoff in the near future. Ms. Glynn provided details of where donations can be
6 sent and encouraged people to volunteer for the project.
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8 Chairman McBride announced that the Police department is doing tours from 9:00 am. –
9 Noon on Saturdays, but that anyone wishing a tour can contact them for an appointment.
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11 9. Old Business Tabled/Pending

12 There was none.
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14 • Upcoming Meetings

15 Board of Selectmen meetings

- 16 ○ March 3, 2008
 - 17 ○ March 15, 2008 – 2nd Deliberative Session
 - 18 ○ March 17, 2008
 - 19 ○ March 24, 2008
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21 • Upcoming Events

22 There are none.
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24 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lyons

25 *To adjourn the meeting and go into Non Public Session under RSA 91-A: 3, II (a)*

26 **SECOND:** Selectman Roth

27 **VOTE:** 5-0-0

28 Chairman McBride polled the members of the Board who voted unanimously for the motion, and
29 without further business, the Board adjourned at 7:35 p. m. and went into Non public session.
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31 Notes/Minutes Taken by: Sandra Maxwell

33 Approved: Board of Selectmen

35 Date: March 3, 2008