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**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Regular Meeting of
May 4, 2009**

10 The Board of Selectmen held a meeting on Monday May 4, 2009 at Salem Town Hall, 33
11 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH.

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

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CALL TO ORDER

19 Chairman Barnes began by calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He joined the Board in the
20 Pledge of Allegiance and declared the public hearing open, suspending it until later. He then
21 introduced the Board and Town staff.

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1. Meeting Minutes

26 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lyons

27 *Move to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular meeting on April 13, 2009*

28 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

29 **VOTE:** 4-0-0

30 **The motion carried unanimously.**

31 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lyons

32 *Move to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Regular meeting on April 20, 2009*

33 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

34 **VOTE:** 4-0-0

35 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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2. Chairman Comments

44 Chairman Barnes had no comments.

45 Selectman Roth joined the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

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3. Public Hearing - Proposed Acceptance of Parcel for Widening on Route 28

54 Chairman Barnes re-opened the public hearing handing over to Mr. Sistare for further
55 information. Mr. Sistare briefly explained the reason for the hearing and handed over to Mr.
56 Mr. Moldoff, Director of Planning who provided an explanation that RSA 674:40-a requires
57 that the Board accept the easements to get the road improvements completed in this area for
58 the Lowes project. There was no public input.

59 **MOTION:** by Selectman Lyons

60 *Move pursuant to RSA 674:40-a, that the Salem Board of Selectmen does hereby accept all*
61 *rights and easements of two parcels adjacent to Route 28 (South Broadway), to be used to*
62 *widen Route 28 along the Stateline Shopping Center and the Stateline PaySaver sites as*

1 *part of the Lowes project previously approved by the Planning Board with off-site*
2 *improvements previously approved by the Board of Selectmen, and as detailed in easement*
3 *deeds attached hereto*

4 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

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

6 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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8 **4. NH Department of Transportation – Updates on Projects**

9 Mr. Sistare handed over to Mr. Pete Stamnas, I93 Project Manager with the DOT who
10 provided an update on the I93 widening project. Mr. Stamnas reported that more information
11 on the project could be found on the web site www.rebuildingI93.com. He reported that both
12 projects at exit 2 have been completed, and that work at exit 1 is currently 80% complete,
13 and they continue to make progress. In his presentation Mr. Stamnas covered the following
14 points:

- 15 ■ The DOT is focusing on bridge work at South Policy and ramp and bridge removal work
16 over the northbound and southbound main line.
- 17 ■ They will be making a number of traffic shifts when doing the bridge work on South
18 Policy during the summer months.
19 Selectman Roth asked whether they would be making any special accommodations for
20 the opening and closing of Canobie Lake Park, and Mr. Stamnas responded they will try
21 to maintain one lane of traffic but they will make accommodations if it creates significant
22 traffic backup. He stated he would bring Selectman Roth's concern to the attention of the
23 contract administrator.
- 24 ■ Exit 1 work will be complete October 2009 and will remove traffic from eight red listed
25 bridges along the corridor.
- 26 ■ Upcoming I93 main line projects – exit 2 to south of exit 1 scheduled for January 2011.
- 27 ■ Brookdale Road bridge replacement has been delayed, due to a change in priority, and is
28 now scheduled for June 2011.
- 29 ■ Hoping to advance these projects one year.
- 30 ■ Would like to get the municipal agreement signed regarding Stile/Manor Parkway
31 improvements
- 32 ■ Prior to advancing work on a DPW access road, the DOT would like to enter into an
33 agreement with the town regarding future responsibilities for maintenance of this, and
34 they will work with town departments to bring this before the town. The DOT continues
35 to work on drainage easements as part of the Cross Street project. A temporary use
36 agreement is complete and has been forwarded to the town for Cluff Crossing Road.
37 Also a dry standpipes agreement has been completed for construction of standpipes at
38 multiple bridge locations along the I93 corridor for emergency responder use.

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40 Mr. Dan Primo, Design Engineer on the I93 widening project provided an update on the
41 work at exit 2 covering the following points:

- 42 ■ There is a three year construction time frame
- 43 ■ An explanation of the plan he referred to during his presentation
- 44 ■ Scope of the project included expanding the layout of I93 to four lanes in each direction.
- 45 ■ Involves change in ramps in southbound direction
- 46 ■ Includes some water quality basins and erosion control

- 1 ▪ The proposed layout of Pelham road including sidewalks and intersections.
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3 In response to a query from Selectman Roth as to why the design concept stops to the east of
4 the intersection at Stiles Road and Manor Parkway, Mr. Stamnas explained the DOT
5 envisioned work on that intersection would have been completed by the town by the time the
6 DOT got to this area. In response to Selectman Roth's query about Keewaydin Drive and
7 possible changes, he responded that they were waiting on information on a traffic study and
8 will provide the town on feedback from the study, and continue to work with the town to
9 ensure all the town's objectives are met.
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11 Selectman Lyons stated he concurred with Selectman Roth's opinion that the state's work
12 should include the intersection at Stiles Road and Manor Parkway. Regarding the
13 southbound off ramp, he asked whether it would make sense from a traffic standpoint to align
14 with Keewaydin Drive, and Mr. Stamnas responded that the traffic analysis suggests this
15 would not be appropriate. Selectman McBride also concurred with Selectmen Roth and
16 Lyons.
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18 Mr. Primo continued with an explanation of the proposed off and on ramp changes.
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20 Chairman Barnes asked what the plans are relative to signage to ease traffic lane changes for
21 traffic going to Canobie Lake. Mr. Stamnas reported the design is not yet complete. There
22 was discussion regarding signing an alternate route to Canobie Lake during construction and
23 Mr. Stamnas stated he would note the Board's recommendation and try to make
24 accommodations for this.
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26 Mr. Primo reported they are looking closely at Pelham Road traffic flow, and spoke about
27 coordinating underground utilities.
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29 Mr. Stamnas reported he will return to let the town know when changes are about to take
30 place.
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32 Chairman Barnes asked Mr. Bill Scott, Community Development Director, to provide an
33 overview of a meeting with the Commissioner and the proposal the town put to him for
34 involving the intersection at Pelham and Stiles.
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36 In response to a question from Selectman McBride, Mr. Stamnas clarified that Brookdale
37 Road is the only area for which they are hoping to obtain stimulus funding.
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39 Mr. Scott clarified how funding can be obtained through grants if the town has to be at the
40 Pelham/Stiles intersection first. There was a discussion with the Board regarding the
41 importance of making this project happen, and the importance of coordinating with the DOT
42 and Mr. Stamnas stated he would ensure the necessary meetings would happen.
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44 Chairman Barnes declared a five minute recess, calling the meeting to order again at 8:05
45 p.m.

5. Water Connection Request – Alfred Drive

Mr. Sistare handed over to Ms. Savastano for further explanation on her request for connection to town water at her home on 2 Alfred Drive, Salem. Ms. Savastano explained why she had come before the Board requesting to tie in to town water, stating her well is contaminated and unsafe for human use. She also provided some background information regarding the Blake Road project and about the difficulties she has been experiencing due to high levels of silt in her well.

Discussion:

Selectman McBride enquired whether the town could provide water to 2 Alfred Drive. In response to a query from Selectman Hargreaves, Mr. Puff, Director of Engineering, reported that connection would cost between \$10,000 and \$20,000. In response to a query from Selectman Hargreaves regarding how much permitting would be required, Mr. Sistare explained no permitting would be required if they go down Alfred Drive as they would not be going through wetlands. They continued to discuss the options for connection.

Chairman Barnes clarified with Ms. Savastano that her well had been identified as having MTBE at the original time of the Blake Road project, and that the project at that time was to provide water to those residences where wells had MTBE. He also clarified that Ms. Savastano had been told that the town would connect her house when they got to North Main Street. Chairman Barnes requested that these facts be entered into record.

In response to a query from Selectman McBride, Mr. Puff reported the connection distance if they were to come from the fire station connection is approximately 600 feet. It was confirmed for Selectman Roth that Ms. Savastano's house is the only one on Alfred Drive without town water.

Selectman Lyons clarified the points raised by Chairman Barnes, and there was further discussion among members of the Board.

MOTION: by Selectman Hargreaves

Move to direct DPW and the Director of Engineering to extend the water line 600 ft to complete the Blake Road water line and connection to the North Salem Fire Department

SECOND: Selectman McBride (for discussion)

Mr. Mark Savastano introduced himself and raised the point that they would have to wait five years before North Main Street could be dug up to complete this work, which he stated he found unacceptable. Following input from Mr. Puff the motion and second on the floor was withdrawn, and there was further discussion regarding the appropriate wording of the motion.

MOTION: by Selectman Lyons

Move to direct the Town Manager and DPW Director to hook up to the town water system to the residents at 2 Alfred Drive in the most economical way possible

SECOND: Selectman Hargreaves

VOTE: 5-0-0

The motion carried unanimously.

1 In response to a request from Mr. Savastano that the Board waive the DBA charge, Chairman
2 Barnes responded there was an administrative process which the request should go through to
3 enable the Board to weigh in and make a decision on this.
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5 **6. North Main Street Repairs**

6 Mr. Sistare introduced the topic and handed over to Mr. Russell, Director of DPW who spoke
7 about the options available for the Board to consider regarding this project.
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9 In response to a query from Selectman McBride, Mr. Puff stated he is awaiting a proposal to
10 bring before the Board, and it was their intent to get the bridge designed over the next six to
11 nine months so that they can get ready for the warrant. It was confirmed the town could
12 conceivably have two bridges designed and ready to go to the 2010 warrant, and Selectman
13 McBride stated he supported moving forward with this.
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15 In response to a query from Selectman Lyons, Mr. Puff talked about the benefits and
16 disadvantages of doing both the road and the bridge at the same time. Mr. Sistare stated he
17 thought the town would still have sufficient unreserved funds available for this, and Mr. Puff
18 stated no cost has been established for the road, but he would have a better idea regarding of
19 this in about four weeks.
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21 In response to Selectman Hargreaves, Mr. Russell explained why he would recommend
22 milling off the top layer of the road. It was the consensus of the Board to move forward with
23 this project. Mr. Sistare stated he would come back to the Board when the bids have been
24 received. Mr. Russell stated that he hoped the work could be done in July/August.
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26 **7. Appoint Representative to Conservation Commission**

27 Chairman Barnes read information contained in the Town Manager's meeting notes
28 regarding this appointment.

29 **MOTION:** by Selectman Hargreaves

30 *Move to appoint Mr. Patrick McDougall to the alternate position on the Conservation*
31 *Commission*

32 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride
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34 The motion was amended by Selectman Hargreaves and seconded by Selectman McBride at
35 the suggestion of Selectman Roth as follows:

36 *Move to appoint Mr. Patrick McDougall to complete the term of Ms. Julie Vondrak on the*
37 *Conservation Commission as an alternate member*

38 **VOTE:** 5-0-0

39 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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41 **8. Town Manager's Report**

42 **Water Supply** - Mr. Sistare reported, as mentioned in his weekly report, the DES has
43 suggested that a watershed study of the Spickett River be conducted and the Army Corps of
44 Engineers has on their list and have some grant money to fund half the cost (approximately
45 \$100,000). He pointed out the state will not put any money in and the town will need to
46 fund the other \$100,000. Mr. Sistare asked for the Board's thoughts are on this. Chairman

1 Barnes asked about the time line and Mr. Sistare reported they are looking to spread the cost
2 out over two fiscal years. There followed a discussion with the Board and it was the
3 consensus of the Board that they would discuss this at their meeting on June 1, 2009.
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5 Mr. Sistare requested a Non-Public meeting under RSA 91-A:3,II(b).
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7 **9. Selectmen Reports/Correspondence**

8 In response to a query from Selectman Lyons, Mr. Russell, DPW Director confirmed it was
9 his intention to prolong the life of the road on North Main Street until such times as the road
10 could be resurfaced. Mr. Puff clarified that these repairs will not hold up well in the long
11 term. Selectman Lyons asked if there was anywhere else the town could be spending money
12 to extend the life of the roads. Mr. Puff offered to get back to the Board with a list of roads.
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14 Selectman McBride requested through Mr. Sistare that a computer be installed at the transfer
15 station to reduce time and costs in obtaining information for the reports they need to produce.
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17 Selectman McBride reported he had received requests from residents regarding weed control
18 and asked Mr. Sistare whether this could be done this year. He also asked that money for this
19 be put in the budget for next year if it cannot be done this year. He also asked whether the
20 trash could be cleared at Lawrence Road and Cluff Road near BJ's every six weeks.
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22 In response to Selectman McBride's query regarding whether three Selectmen could be
23 appointed to the Charter Commission, Mr. Sistare confirmed this was acceptable provided
24 they restricted discussion to Charter Commission business and did not discuss Board of
25 Selectmen business at the meetings.
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27 In response to a query from Selectman Hargreaves regarding clean up of the fallen trees from
28 the ice storm and submitting paperwork for the storm, Mr. Sistare stated the town would be
29 responsible for \$25,000 of the clean up and he had received feedback from the Board that
30 they were not interested in spending that amount of money to clear debris from private
31 properties. Regarding the paperwork, Mr. Sistare confirmed this has been submitted and the
32 town will receive first part of the reimbursement within the next couple of days.
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34 In response to a query from Selectman Hargreaves regarding vehicles with Massachusetts
35 plates using Salem dumpster stickers, Mr. Russell explained that sometimes there are people
36 with camps around the lake from Massachusetts and they use the transfer station. He
37 confirmed there is a procedure for exceptions at other times.
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39 Selectman Hargreaves reported he thought the town is missing a revenue opportunity as they
40 do not charge for dropping off electronics and household appliances. Mr. Russell provided
41 statistics and following discussion with the Board Chairman Barnes requested that Mr.
42 Russell put together a fee structure for the Board's June 1 meeting.
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44 **10. Old Business/Table Pending**

45 Selectman Hargreaves raised the issue of an update on property evaluations from Mr.
46 Pelletier, and it was the consensus of the Board that this would be beneficial. Chairman

1 Barnes requested Mr. Sistare to arrange for Mr. Pelletier to come before the Board at their
2 June 1 meeting.

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4 • **Additions and/or Requests by Public or Board by Vote**

5 There were none.

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7 • **Upcoming Meetings**

- 8 ○ May 11, 2009
- 9 ○ June 1, 2009

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11 • **Upcoming Events**

- 12 ○ May 19, 2009 Special Election – Charter Commission, and Ballot Vote on Canobie Phase
- 13 II/Stimulus Funds – Selectman McBride urged everyone to support explaining financial
- 14 assistance will obtain.

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16 **MOTION:** by Selectman McBride

17 *Move to adjourn to a Non-Public session under RSA 91-A:3,II(b)*

18 **SECOND:** Selectman Hargreaves

19 Chairman Barnes polled the Board

20 **VOTE:** 5-0-0

21 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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23 Without further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m. and the Board moved to Non-
24 Public session as mentioned above.

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26 Notes/Minutes Taken by: Sandra Maxwell

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28 Approved: Board of Selectmen

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30 Date: June 1, 2009