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**MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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**Regular Meeting of
May 11, 2009**

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

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

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16 **ABSENT:** Chairman Arthur E. Barnes III

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19 **CALL TO ORDER**

20 Selectman Lyons began by calling the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He joined the Board in the
21 Pledge of Allegiance and introduced the Board and Town staff.

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23 **1. Meeting Minutes**

24 There were no minutes available for approval at this time.

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26 **2. Chairman Comments**

27 There were no comments from the chairman.

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29 **3. Request to Construct Cul-de-Sac at End of Trolley Lane**

30 Mr. Sistare introduced the topic, handing over to Mr. Ross Moldoff, Director of Planning, to
31 answer questions.

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

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34 **MOTION:** by Selectman Hargreaves

35 *Move that the Salem Board of Selectmen does hereby approve the construction and paving of*
36 *an 84 square foot diameter cul-de-sac on Town owned land at the end of Trolley Lane as*
37 *required by the Planning Board at their March 26, 2009 public hearing on the site plan*
38 *approval of the Santorelli limited use storage yard; further that the cul-de-sac area shall not*
39 *be used for parking or loading/unloading as stipulated on the attached plan; and further that*
40 *the paving shall be supervised by the Salem Public Works Department.*

41 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

42 **VOTE:** 4-0-0

43 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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45 **4. Offer by NH D.O.T. to Purchase State Land**

46 Mr. Sistare introduced the topic, explaining the land has been reviewed internally, and the
question before the Board is whether it wishes to purchase the land from the state. Mr. Moldoff
explained that no-one at the town level felt this parcel of land was of use to the town.

1 In response to Selectman McBride's request for clarification on what is being asked of the
2 Board, Mr. Moldoff explained that the town has formal right of refusal to purchase this land, and
3 Mr. Sistare read directly from the letter they had received from the state.
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5 **MOTION:** by Selectman Hargreaves

6 *Move that the town inform the N.H. Department of Transportation that they do not wish to*
7 *purchase the parcel of land on Shadow Lake Road/Route 111*

8 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

9 **VOTE:** 4-0-0

10 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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12 **5. Depot Intersection Redevelopment Update and Committee Establishment**

13 Mr. Sistare provided an introduction to the topic, handing over to Mr. Bill Scott, Community
14 Development Director. Mr. Scott explained he has been working with abutters to obtain an idea
15 of their needs. He then provided a presentation on keys to improving the transportation
16 infrastructure of the town.
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18 He spoke about the Depot area Economic Revitalization Plan and leveraging private investment
19 additionally covering the following points:

- 20 • Purpose of the plan is to establish community vision
- 21 • Abutters are open to new ideas and the town needs to balance project needs. There was a
22 meeting of abutters in April and Mr. Scott explained the progress made so far.
- 23 • Various approaches – land use, infrastructure circulation
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25 Mr. Scott handed over to Mr. Martin Kennedy, Engineer from VHB who described:

- 26 • Three principal options which had been discussed with the abutters
- 27 • Traffic flow considerations and the preferred option to improve access, connectivity and
28 efficiency
- 29 • Explanation of the three major alternatives for the intersection
- 30 • Pointed out they are looking at providing additional access in each direction of the Depot.
- 31 • The preferred option of abutters would be a four-way intersection with additional access
32 points. This is a concept only but it would accommodate development in the various
33 quadrants shown on the conceptual plan.
- 34 • Narrowed down that abutters generally like the possibility of connecting various 'parcels'
35 of land if they are developed.
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37 Mr. Scott confirmed they will work closely with the property owners, and there is a clear
38 preference for a four-way intersection. He also spoke about the important elements to be taken
39 into account, and about development of a committee, with suggestions on the composition of the
40 committee. He stated the Community Development office will work with the consultant in
41 developing a scope and a timetable for a call for committee members. He then talked about the
42 next steps.
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44 **Discussion:**

45 Selectman McBride provided his opinion of the various options for the intersections on the
46 conceptual plan, and there was a discussion with Mr. Scott on taking traffic around the depot.

1 Selectman Hargreaves confirmed the development will be done in phases. Selectman Roth
2 voiced her concern regarding the relationship between this committee and the Economic
3 Development Action Committee (EDAC), stating she thought the Chairman of EDAC should be
4 an ex officio member of the Depot Intersection Redevelopment Committee and there followed
5 further discussion on the composition of the proposed committee.
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7 **MOTION:** by Selectman Roth

8 *Move that the Board of Selectmen establish a committee called the Depot Area Revitalization*
9 *Committee, to consist of four abutters, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one Planning*
10 *Board member, three members of the general public and the Chairman of the town's*
11 *Economic Development Committee will serve as an ex officio member. In addition the*
12 *chairman or his or her designate also be a member of the town's Economic Development*
13 *Committee*

14 **SECOND:** Selectman Hargreaves

15 **VOTE:** 4-0-0

16 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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18 *Discussion:*

19 In response to a query from Selectman Lyons, Mr. Scott stressed the roads are conceptual and
20 they will have flexibility with these depending upon development in the quadrants. Selectman
21 Lyons invited Mr. Ed Callahan, a resident of Salem who works at Rockingham Park to speak.
22 Mr. Callahan stated he supported the idea of the project and commented that the zoning at
23 Rockingham Park has recently changed.
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25 Mr. Dave Beshara, a Salem resident and member of the Board of Director of the Salem Co-
26 operative Bank, stated he also supported the project and would like to see it move faster. There
27 followed a discussion regarding the changes to zoning at Rockingham Park. Mr. Scott closed by
28 stating he would work at tying together the committees.
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30 **6. Property Assessment Values**

31 Selectman Lyons reported that discussion on property assessment values has been delayed.
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33 **MOTION:** by Selectman McBride

34 *Move to table the discussion of property assessment values*

35 **SECOND:** Selectman Hargreaves

36 **VOTE:** 4-0-0

37 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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39 **7. Financial Update**

40 Mr. Sistare reported he had conducted a review of the town's financial status, providing a
41 summary report for the Board. He stated that while there is reason for concern, he did not
42 believe the Board needed to take any action at this time. He suggested reviewing the situation
43 again in June when the state budget has been finalized. There followed a discussion between the
44 Board and Mr. Sistare regarding the points he had raised, with Selectman McBride suggesting
45 they look at stabilizing the tax rate by taking money out of the Unreserved Fund Balance. He
46 also suggested approaching the unions about the possibility of furloughs. Selectman Lyons

1 suggested taking the Haverhill Road Bridge money and putting it into the Capital Reserve Fund.
2 Mr. Sistare confirmed he will continue to monitor the situation each month.
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4 **8. Town Manager's Report**

5 Mr. Sistare discussed with the Board his interpretation of the current hiring chill in town. In
6 response to a query from Selectman McBride, Mr. Sistare stated he thought the prosecutor
7 position was one of the most important positions to fill and there followed a discussion on this.
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9 Selectman Hargreaves asked whether it might be time to eliminate positions as staff retire, and
10 Mr. Sistare suggested doing this as part of the budgeting process. There followed a discussion on
11 staffing and Selectman Lyons pointed out that the residents passed the budget with the current
12 staffing levels. He also confirmed that Mr. Sistare was stating that he can execute the budget
13 which was passed at Town Meeting.
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15 **9. Selectmen Reports/Correspondence**

16 Selectman Roth apologized for being late in arriving. She handed out some minutes and asked
17 the Board to approve these. Selectman Hargreaves requested the spelling of his name should be
18 amended in both sets of minutes.
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20 **MOTION:** by Selectman Roth

21 *Move to accept the sealed minutes of the Non-Public session on April 20, 2009 as amended*

22 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

23 **VOTE:** 4 -0-0

24 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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26 **MOTION:** by Selectman Roth

27 *Move to approve the sealed minutes of the Non-Public session on May 4, 2009 as amended*

28 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

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

30 **The motion carried unanimously.**
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32 Selectman McBride spoke about the special election on May 19 and put out a call for support for
33 the sewer bond. He clarified for the benefit of viewers what the interest would be on the bond.
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35 Selectman Hargreaves announced the details of the Memorial Day Parade, and thanked the Boy
36 Scout Troup 267 for helping to put new flags at the Pine Grove Cemetery.
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38 In response to Selectman Hargreaves' query, Mr. Sistare confirmed that the town is responsible
39 for repairing damage to lawns done by town plows and he would check the properties reported to
40 Selectman Hargreaves.
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42 Selectman Lyons asked Selectmen Roth and McBride to decide which polling stations they
43 would be responsible for checking.
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45 **10. Old Business/Table Pending**

46 There was no old business tabled or pending.

- 1 • **Additions and/or Requests by Public or Board by Vote**
 2 There were no additions or requests by the public or Board by vote.
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- 4 • **Upcoming Meetings**
 5 ○ June 1, 2009
 6 ○ June 8, 2009
 7 ○ June 22, 2009
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- 9 • **Upcoming Events**
 10 ○ May 19, 2009 Special Election – Charter Commission, and Ballot Vote on Canobie Phase
 11 II/Stimulus
 12 ○ Memorial Day Parade – 2:00 p.m. from the High School to Veterans Cemetery
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14 **MOTION:** by Selectman Roth

15 *Move to adjourn to a Non-Public Session under RSA 91-A:3,II(c)*

16 **SECOND:** Selectman McBride

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 18 **Selectman Lyons polled the Board.**

19 **McBride – Yes**

20 **Hargreaves – Yes**

21 **Roth - Yes**

22 **Lyons – Yes**
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24 **VOTE:** 4 -0-0

25 **The motion carried unanimously.**

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 27 Without further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m. and the Board moved to Non-
 28 Public session as mentioned above.
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30 Notes/Minutes Taken by: Sandra Maxwell

31 Approved: Board of Selectmen

32 Date: June 1, 2009
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