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## SGC 23 Covers Historic Saturday Elections

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This year's Election Day was a historic day in Salem, NH. March 18, 2017 marked the first time elections were ever held on a Saturday.

SGC 23 covered three polling locations throughout the day and the live election special on Saturday night. Assistant Town Moderator from the Soule School talked to us about the Saturday turnout and Bernie W. Campbell talked to us about his run as Zoning Board candidate. Mike and Nanci Carney hosted the live election special and got to talk to Selectmen candidates Mike Lyons and Gary Azarian, both now Selectmen.

Susan Wall, Cheryl-Ann Bolouk, and John Sytek all ran unopposed, retaining their positions of Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Treasurer, respectively.

Steven Goddu and Thomas Plante were elected to the Budget Committee, Bev Donovan and Bob Gibbs won the Planning Board race, and Bernard Campbell and Jeffrey Hatch were elected to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.



Town Moderator Chris Goodnow presents Salem election results live on SGC 23

| Office                     | Name                  | Votes |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Selectman                  | Patrick Bick          | 494   |
|                            | Adam Frederick        | 305   |
|                            | Michael "Mike" Lyons  | 1428  |
|                            | Mike Phillips         | 527   |
|                            | Gary Azarian          | 1206  |
| Town Clerk                 | Susan Wall            | 2032  |
| Tax Collector              | Cheryl-Ann Bolouk     | 2030  |
| Treasurer                  | John Sytek            | 1956  |
| Budget Committee           | Steven Goddu          | 928   |
|                            | Sean Lewis            | 776   |
|                            | Thomas Plante         | 1008  |
|                            | Kenneth Tarara        | 629   |
| Library Trustee            | Kathleen Norton       | 1931  |
| Trustee of the Trust Funds | Russell Frydryck      | 1882  |
| Planning Board             | Beverly "Bev" Donovan | 1228  |
|                            | Robert (Bob) Gibbs    | 970   |
|                            | David Mulry           | 577   |
|                            | Robert Uttley         | 728   |
| Zoning Board of Adjustment | Robert Uttley         | 848   |
|                            | Bernard W. Campbell   | 1463  |
|                            | Jeffrey Hatch         | 1153  |



SGC 23's Susan McLoughlin interviews Assistant Town Moderator Don Sorcinelli at Soule School

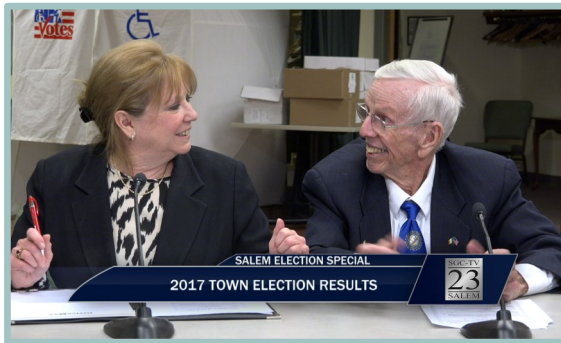
Thank you to everyone who came out to vote and to those who worked hard to set up and staff the voting locations.

# APRIL 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27  | 28  | 29  |
| 30  |     |     |     |     |     |     |

## Schedule of Meetings

- } April 4— Zoning Board, 7 PM
- } April 5— Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } April 10— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } April 11— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } April 12— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } April 17— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } April 18— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } April 24— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } April 25— Planning Board, 7 PM



Nanci and Michael Carney host SGC 23's live election coverage from the Ingram Senior Center

## Town Ballot Questions

| Article  | Amount       | YES  | NO   |
|--|--------------|------|------|
| 9. Depot Intersection Land Acquisition – Bond  | \$3,127,150  | 1602 | 815  |
| 10. Wastewater and Stormwater Asset Management Plan – SRF                              | \$60,000     | 1734 | 637  |
| 11. 2017 Road Construction and Engineering Program                                     | \$3,785,332  | 1862 | 545  |
| 12. 2017 Operating Budget  | \$44,479,297 | 1482 | 932  |
| 13. Salem Administrative and Technical Employees Union Collective Bargaining Agreement | \$77,231     | 1527 | 929  |
| 14. Salem Public Administrators Association Collective Bargaining Agreement            | \$38,103     | 1420 | 1017 |
| 15. Transfer Unassigned Fund Balance to Snow Expendable Trust Fund                     | \$45,342     | 2021 | 430  |
| 16. Add Parcel and Conservation Easement to the Town Forest                            |              | 1923 | 510  |
| 17. Amend Purpose of Snow Expendable Trust Fund Previously Established in 1998         |              | 1846 | 539  |
| 18. Allow Printing of Trustee of Trust Funds Reports in Summary Form                   |              | 1635 | 674  |
| 19. Designate #2, #6 & #8 Emery Road as Conservation Land                              |              | 1574 | 772  |
| 20. Fund Rockingham Community Action   | \$15,000     | 1932 | 503  |
| 21. Fund Kelley Library Employees' Economic Benefits                                   | \$6,808      | 1859 | 582  |
| 22. Fund Painting of the Kelley Library Exterior                                       | \$13,500     | 1831 | 602  |
| 23. Adopt All Veterans Tax Credit  |              | 2055 | 412  |

## Zoning Ballot Articles

| Article   | YES  | NO   |
|---|------|------|
| 2. Allow Charitable Gaming as Permitted Use                             | 2108 | 427  |
| 3. Change Accessory Apartment Requirements                              | 1823 | 510  |
| 4. Revise Senior Housing Overlay District Requirements                  | 1724 | 606  |
| 5. Modify Large Scale Redevelopment Ordinance                           | 1099 | 1172 |
| 6. Revise Conditional Use Permit for Wetlands                           | 1190 | 1162 |
| 7. Adopt 2015 NFPA 1 Uniform Fire Code and 2015 International Fire Code | 1964 | 345  |
| 8. Adopt 2015 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code                                 | 1863 | 356  |

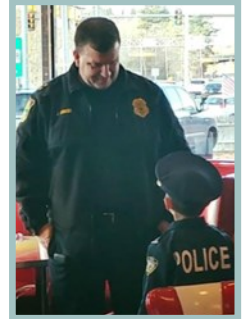
# Coffee with a Cop

The idea behind Coffee with a Cop was first sparked during a 2011 brainstorming session of the Hawthorne, California Police Department. It was a simple proposal to break through barriers and build community through a cup of coffee. Since that time, Coffee with a Cop events have been held in all 50 U.S. states, as well as interna-



tionally. The key to Coffee with a Cop's growing success is that it opens the door for interactions outside of the crisis situations that typically bring law enforcement officers and community members together.

Salem Police Department's Community Service Unit has adopted the practice and has now held three Coffee with a Cop events at McDonald's and Mary Anne's. This is a great opportunity to meet with the Chief, Deputy Chief, Captains and Community Service Unit to ask questions, voice concerns, and just chat about things going on in Salem. As of right now, an event is being planned each quarter, with the next one being held either the end of April or beginning of May. Stay tuned for more updates!



## SFD Offers Valued-Added Programs

The Salem Fire Department is pleased to offer two value-added programs to our residents. The first is our Community CPR program, held once or twice a month, usually at Central Fire Station on Main Street. This is a Heart-Saver program that teaches Adult, Child, Infant and CPR, as well as Automatic External Defibrillation, Heimlich maneuver, and we discuss Naloxone administration for opioid overdoses. The class is generally about 2 hours in length, and costs \$15 (for the card).

The second program is a child safety seat inspection appointment. Trained SFD members will inspect residents' car safety seats to ensure they are installed to the manufacturer's recommendations. This program is offered by appointment only, and takes approximately 30 minutes per seat. Installation instructions will be reviewed with the parents by the SFD members.



To register, please contact  
Lieutenant Brian Allard,  
Director of Emergency  
Medical Services at  
(603) 685-6518 or  
[ballard@ci.salem.nh.us](mailto:ballard@ci.salem.nh.us).

## Planning

### Recent Planning Board approvals include:

OMJ Realty\* – 96 unit townhouses – Central Street  
OMJ Realty – 256 apartments – Pleasant Street  
OMJ Realty – road and utility plans – South Broadway  
DHB Homes – 60 unit senior housing – Lawrence Road  
Copper Door – restaurant – South Broadway

\*OMJ Realty is handling the redevelopment of Rockingham Park into the Tuscan Village project.

### Projects recently starting construction include:

Space Place – 99,000 sq. ft. self-storage facility – Lowell Road

Enterprise Bank – 6,000 sq. ft. bank – Main Street

Stonebrook – 14 lot subdivision – Zion Hill Road

### Other large projects recently reviewed by the Planning Board include:

OMJ Realty – 2.1 million sq. ft. mixed retail/restaurant/office/residential – Rockingham Park Blvd.

Seritage Properties – 10 screen cinema and 4 restaurants – Mall Rd.

# Community Services

## Senior Services

We have individuals that have expressed interest in the following programs. If you would like to participate in these programs, please contact Salem Senior Services:

- Outdoor Walking Club
- Zoomers Softball program
- Writing Group
- Chair Pilates
- Individual counseling services
- Integrated Energy Therapy
- Video Classes

New programs that have started at the center, but still have more space include:

- Bereavement Support Group
- Book Club
- Gal Gabbers
- Chair Yoga
- Mindfulness Meditation
- Beginner Tap

The AARP tax program will be wrapping up on April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center. Non-resident usage of the center will be discussed at the Board Of Selectmen's April 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Currently, there is a bid out to fix the roof of the Senior Center. You can find the RFP on the Town's website or by clicking [here](#).

## Recreation

- Applications are still being accepted for Hedgehog Park Lifeguards and Attendants
- Registration deadline for field sports program is April 10<sup>th</sup>
- Dodgeball program for children 8-12 starts on April 13<sup>th</sup>
- Registration deadline for outdoor flag football is April 12<sup>th</sup>
- Rockingham Christian Church's Community Egg Hunt is on April 15<sup>th</sup>
- Fishing Derby Donation from the Greater Salem, NH Rotary Club will go before the Board of Selectmen on April 10<sup>th</sup>



Salem Community Services

# Finance

- The Finance Department is hard at work processing payroll, paying vendor invoices, answering utility billing questions, ensuring departmental purchases comply with the town's purchasing and procurement policy, and providing support for other departments in town.
- The 2016 financial statement audit is currently in process. The auditors Plodzick and Sanderson were in Town Hall March 3 – March 9<sup>th</sup> to work on the initial stages of the audit.
- The Town of Salem's 2017 operating budget passed at the Town election. Thank you to everyone who came out to vote.



# Garabedian Drive Economic Revitalization Zone

Salem's Community Development department has recently submitted an application for the Garabedian Drive Economic Revitalization Zone (ERZ). The ERZ will provide opportunities for the development of vacant land and expansion of underutilized buildings and sites. The proposed ERZ area is shown on the below map and the proposed zone will be located in the Commercial/Industrial C Zoning District.

Included in the proposed ERZ area is the 32-acre former Waste Water Treatment Facility parcel located on SARL Drive (I43-9475) and north end of Garabedian Drive, offers an incredible opportunity for the redevelopment of a highly underutilized property. This project has the potential to spur the revitalization of the entire ERZ area. Road improvements as a part of this project may provide a needed link between Garabedian Drive and Route 28 (South Broadway), greatly increasing connectivity and access and creating additional opportunities for growth. In addition, the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor runs along the eastern border of the proposed ERZ, bringing foot and bicycle traffic and of-

fers future area workers recreational opportunities.

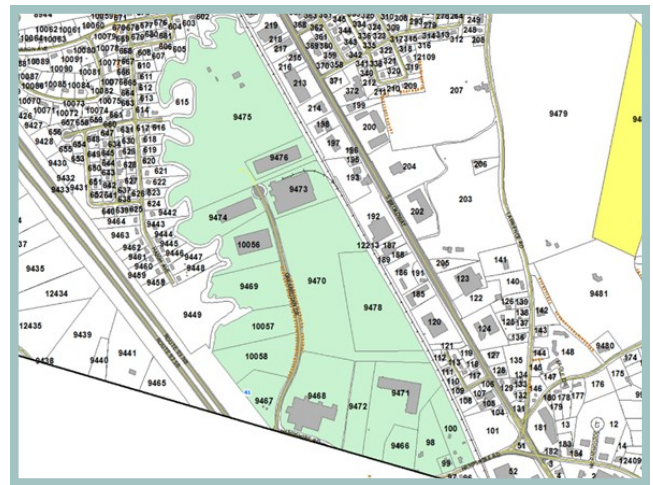
This ERZ area represents over 130 acres split into 17 lots with total property values of nearly \$30 million. The average property value of the parcels is \$1,706,888. In addition to the former Waste Water Treatment Facility site, there are five vacant lots located in the zone which offer opportunities for development. The existing buildings are not all occupied to their full capacity, offering even more opportunities for business expansion.

For a business to qualify for an ERZ tax credit, it must create a least one (1) new job in the state and meet the following criteria:

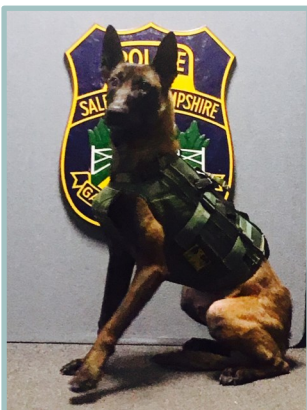
- The business must be physically located in an approved ERZ;
- Investment in plant or equipment must be made directly by the business applying for the ERZ tax credit;
- Jobs created must be full time, direct employees, and not be contracted or 'temp' jobs;
- The investment and the job creation must take place within one calendar year

The maximum amount of tax credit is \$240,000 per application, and the maximum applied per year by a taxpayer is limited to \$40,000.

Salem will be notified by April if the zone has been approved by the Commissioner of the Department of Resources and Economic Development.



**The proposed ERZ will encompass 17 lots in the area of Garabedian Drive and the site of the former Waste Water Treatment Facility.**



**K9 Officer Dash sporting his new protective vest**

## K9 Officer Dash Receives Vest

K9 Officer Dash recently received his new bullet-resistant vest! The Salem Police Department and K9 Officer Paul Benoit would like to thank local businessman Mark Bishop of Bishop Window Cleaning for spearheading the donation drive to outfit Dash in a duty vest. Mark saw Officer Benoit in line at a local coffee shop and struck up a conversation with him. Mark asked if Dash had a vest and

when Officer Benoit said no, Mark took it upon himself to start a donation campaign where he was able to secure \$1760 from several local businesses. We would also like to thank the Exchange Club, Tuscan Brands, Attorney Steven Shadallah, A.B. Supply Company, and Avatar Properties for their donations to this project as well. Way to go!





## New Pumper Under Construction

Construction of the new pumper at Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin is well underway. The funding for this pumper was appropriated at the 2016 Town Meeting. As you can see by the pictures, these trucks are literally built by hand from the frame up. In these pictures you can see the galvanized frame rails and stainless steel fuel tank and straps. These were specified to combat the effects of liquid calcium chloride and rock salt on our apparatus. We expect this apparatus will be completed sometime in late April. When it is commissioned in service it will be assigned to Engine Company I out of Central Station on Main Street.



*Clockwise from top left: frame and drive train; pump house; cab; fire body*

## Salem Bike-Ped Corridor

Many Salem residents and visitors have been enjoying use of the first phase of the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor since its completion in October, 2016. Some new safety features in the intersections of Route 28 and Range Road and Route 28 and Old Rockingham Road will be coming soon this spring.



**A portion of the completed Phase I section in late March 2017**

Phase II will pick up where the first phase left off at Old Rockingham Road and will continue approximately 3,000 feet to Willow Street where it will connect with the section already completed in the area of Tuscan Market. The Town has been working with CMA

Engineers on the Feasibility Study phase of the project. After Phase II is complete, Salem will have approximately 1.8 miles of paved trail. Future projects will continue south along the corridor to the border.

See you on the trail!



**A Preferred Alternative meeting will be held on Monday, April 10 at the Board of Selectmen meeting. The Town's consultant from CMA Engineers will present the proposed alternative selected for this project and will answer questions.**



# SALEM MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Roy E. Sorenson - *Director*

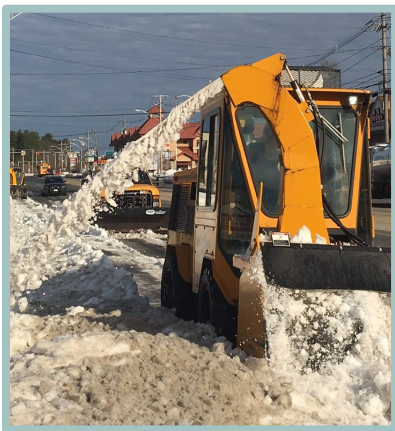
## ENGINEERING DIVISION

Now that Town Elections are complete, the Engineering Division is finalizing award of construction contracts for the 2017 Road Program. This year's program includes construction on Haverhill Road, Klein Drive, Parker Circle, Commercial Drive, Woodland Avenue, Bradford Drive, Hampstead Road, Brookdale Road, Salem Street, Clare Lane, Equestrian Road, Off Marie Avenue, Sullivan Court, First Street, Leaside Drive, Marie Avenue, Marianna Road, and Stanley Brook Drive. Given the favorable construction bids received this year, we plan to add a few additional roads to the 2017 program. We thank the residents of Salem for your continued support of this important program.



Engineering continues to provide permitting for construction activities and technical review of projects before the Planning and Zoning Boards, the largest being the Tuscan Village project. In addition staff continues with engineering oversight of the former wastewater treatment plant demolition and major water and sewer improvements on South Broadway.

## PUBLIC WORKS DIVISION



March certainly has come in like a lion. After mild temperatures in the month of February winter came roaring back with a large snowstorm dropping 16" of heavy wet snow on March 14th—15th. Staff set up voting booths for the rescheduled Town election on Saturday and removed political signs in the right of way the following week. Extensive snow clearing has been ongoing over the past week to open up sidewalks and push back snowbanks where visibility is an issue. Routine maintenance has increased of late for mailbox repairs and pothole patching while staff keeps up with the fleet working on cutting edges and calcium systems. Streets Section personnel continue to support the Fleet Section with both maintenance and repair of vehicles and equipment. There were two burials performed at Pine Grove Cemetery. Planning and coordination has started for the upcoming paving and construction season including review of the mill and overlay work.

## UTILITIES DIVISION

The floors at the Canobie Lake raw water pump hose house were scraped and coated with new epoxy to better facilitate cleaning up splash and debris when removing the screens for cleaning. Along with daily plant operations the clarifiers and filters were washed to remove alum and floc buildup. Town water continues to be served by Arlington Pond with an average of 1.7 million gallons per day during the winter months. The Sewer Master Plan has been finalized and drafted with review by staff before final presentation in April. A training meeting was held for the work order system - Viewworks as part of the water asset management grant. Day to day operations have been busy in regards to digsafes and pre-construction meetings for the upcoming season including the redevelopment of Rockingham Park. The Exit 2 Water Project - Commercial Drive booster station and Manor Parkway rehabilitation is nearing completion with the installation of the pumps with start up and testing to be performed next month.



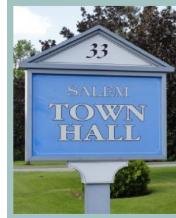


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**INDUSTRY - COMMERCE - RECREATION**

# Do you have a question about Salem PD?

The Salem Police Department welcomes questions from Salem residents to help them understand why we do what we do. This program was created by our Community Services Unit in an effort to educate Salem residents of our operations, procedures, and to demonstrate our transparency.

If you have a question you would like to ask, please submit it one of the following three ways:

1. Email your question to Sergeant Chad Clark at [cclark@salempd.com](mailto:cclark@salempd.com) or Officer Matthew Norcross at [mnorcross@salempd.com](mailto:mnorcross@salempd.com)
2. Mail a letter to Sergeant Chad Clark or Officer Matthew Norcross at Salem Police Department, 9 Veterans Memorial Parkway, Salem, NH 03079
3. Drop off a letter at the Salem Police Department addressed to the attention of Sergeant Chad Clark or Officer Matthew Norcross

*Please note that we cannot legally respond to questions involving personnel matters, juvenile names, or in regard to an on-going criminal investigation.*



Click on the image to watch Sergeant Chad Clark and Officer Matthew Norcross in their first video in the Ask Us series