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Salem Election Information

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The election coverage has begun. SGC 23 strives to provide Salem voters with all the information they need to be well-informed about the election.

Town Manager Chris Dillon provided an overview of the 2018 Warrant Articles and Citizen Petitions in The Town Manager Update. That show can be viewed on SGC 23 and with this online [link](#).

Future shows include specific Warrant Articles being reviewed by Roy Sorenson, Dan Hudson, Ross Moldoff, and Jeff Emanuelson. These shows are in the editing process and will be available shortly.

The filing period to sign up for an elected position came to a close on February 2nd. Once closed, SGC 23 invites all nominees to talk about why they are running and what they hope to bring to their nominated position. These political spots air on SGC 23 and will be on the election page as well. The same courtesy is open to any member of the public that wishes to express their concerns on a warrant article or citizen petition.

The Town Meeting Warrant for the February 10 Deliberative Session is available [here](#).



Town of Salem Warrant Article Review

January 10, 2018



Christopher Dillon
Town Manager

REMINDER

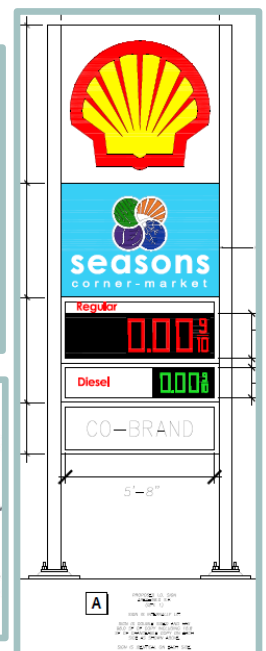
**Salem Municipal
Deliberative Session:
Saturday, February 10,
9 AM at the Salem
High School
Auditorium**

**Town Elections:
March 13, 7 AM-7 PM**

Sun	Mo	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

- } February 5— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } February 6— Zoning Board of Adjustment, 7 PM
- } February 7— Conservation Commission, 7 PM
- } February 8— Budget Committee, 6:45 PM
- } February 10— Budget Committee, 8:45 AM
- } February 10— Deliberative Session, 9 AM
- } February 12— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } February 13— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } February 14— Public Auction, 10 AM
- } February 14— Budget Committee, 7 PM
- } February 26— Board of Selectmen, 7 PM
- } February 27— Planning Board, 7 PM
- } February 28— Budget Committee, 7 PM

Zoning Board of Adjustment



The Zoning Board of Adjustment hears requests for variances (waivers) to zoning requirements. They meet the first Tuesday of every month. Most of the variance requests they get are for single family residential dwellings that do not meet lot size, frontage, or setback requirements. Occasionally, they see requests for uses that are not otherwise permitted by zoning. At their meeting on February 6, they will review a request to add 4 more dwelling units to a 14 unit building already approved but not built yet on Sally Sweet's Way, as well as an electronic price-change sign for a proposed gas station/convenience store on South Broadway, near Lawrence Road.

Community Services

An Introduction from the new Community Services Director....Doug Heyer

I'd like to begin by expressing my gratitude to the Town of Salem for providing me this opportunity and hope I can fill the large shoes left by Chris Dillon.

I'm originally from Jamestown in upstate New York and graduated from Fredonia State University with a B.S Degree in Education. Upon graduation I began teaching physical education and worked for the YMCA part time. After a year at the Y I was offered a full time position as Program Director which ultimately led to Executive Director and close to a 30 year career. During this time I was responsible for the development and implementation of many recreational, both physical and educational programs for all ages and families, including youth and seniors. I have been fortunate to gain experiences from many different cities throughout the country to include; Haverhill (MA), Boston, Houston and Memphis.

In 2015 I moved back to the area with my wife Maggi to be closer to our 5 children. Most recently I worked with Career Resources Corporation as the Community Support Specialist in Haverhill, helping to integrate adults with disabilities into the community to provide them with recreational and social activities. I am excited to work with the exceptional Salem Community Services staff to continue providing recreational opportunities and senior services to Salem residents and look forward to the development of new programs as we strive to improve the quality of life for all.



SGC 23 recently met with Doug and recorded a brief interview in which he gives a little information about his past experience and what he hopes to bring to the community. He hopes to visit many local groups and hear what their needs are in regards to Community Services. You can view the interview [here](#).

Senior Trips

Bring your dancing shoes and appetite. There is still space available for the **Valentine's Day Party!** Harris' Pelham Inn, Pelham, NH. Wednesday, Feb. 14, 11am-3pm. Line dancing, fully dressed turkey dinner and entertainment back by popular demand, Flashback Band. Cost: \$30pp incl. dancing, door prizes, dinner & show. Must pre-register at the senior center.

Bus 1 sold out in 2 weeks but add your name for a possible Bus 2. **A Little Bit of Ireland at Reagle Music Theatre.** Enjoy one of the largest Irish shows in New England. A pinch of Irish tenors! A wee touch of Riverdance! A peek at Irish cottage life. A rousing Irish pub visit! The lilt of laughter with a master Irish comic. The grand rhythms of Irish step dancing. The ever insistent charms of Irish bands. Dinner to follow at The Chateau in Waltham. Sunday, Mar. 18, 10:30am-5:30pm. Cost: \$83pp incl. show, dinner, motorcoach and tip. Must pre-register at the senior center.

Wear your best green outfit and practice your Irish brogue at our **St. Patrick's Day Party!** At the Senior Center. Monday, Mar. 12th, 11am-3pm. Line dancing, dinner and show by the soulful singer and favorite of the Red Hatters, Beau Paris. Cost: \$23pp, includes dancing, door prizes, dinner & show. Must pre-register at the senior center.

Free Tax Preparation

AARP Tax-Aide is the nations largest, free, volunteer-run tax counseling and preparation service. Their free service can answer most of the tax issues faced by low and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Trained volunteer AARP tax consultants will be available at THREE convenient Salem locations this year, by appointment only. They will be at the Ingram Senior Center February 6th through April 17th on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am to 2pm. Seniors may schedule their appointment starting January 22nd by calling the Senior Center at 890-2190 provided they have all of their paperwork ready and complete.

Anyone, including seniors, may schedule an appointment for Fridays at the Southern NH University, 25 Pelham Rd., Salem (hours to be determined) or Saturday mornings from 9-12 at the Centerpoint Community Church, 101 School St., Salem by dialing 211.

Be sure to pick up an interview sheet which is a must to bring with you to your tax appointment.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE
TAX HELP**

Finance

- This is a reminder to check the Town's website to see all of the Town's bid opportunities. We are continuously updating the website with new items. <http://www.townofsalemnh.org/purchasing/pages/current-bids-proposals-and-awards>
- Susan Galvin, the Town's Accounts Payable Clerk, celebrated her 40th anniversary of full time employment with the Town. Congratulations Susan!
- This is a reminder that water and sewer demand and benefit annual bills will be sent out by the utility department by the end of April.
- December 31st was the Town's fiscal year end. The Finance Department is underway with our end of year accruals, reconciliations, and trial balances.
- 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,

Police Department



Salem Police Department held another successful "Coffee with a Cop" event on Saturday, February 3 at the Mall at Rockingham Park. Thanks to everyone who stopped by to chat!



Public Auction

The Salem, NH Board of Selectmen will conduct a public auction on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 10:00 AM local time in the Knightly Meeting Room, Salem Town Hall, 33 Geremonty Drive, Salem, NH. Bidding shall be held on the following designated properties:

Address	Map	Lot	Minimum Acceptable Bid
58 Mary Ann Ave.	Map 33	Lot 5228	\$6,000
1 Blake Rd.	Map 35	Lot 5433	\$3,000
349 Shore Dr.	Map 40	Lot 5286	\$8,000
Off N. Main St.	Map 49	Lot 1845	\$1,500
126 & 128 N. Main St. & Off N. Main St.	Map 49	Lots 1876-1884	\$8,000
Off N. Main St.	Map 49	Lots 1886-1890	\$5,000
Off N. Main St.	Map 49	Lots 1892-1894 & Lots 1896-1901 & Lot 1905	\$6,000
Off N. Main St.	Map 49	Lot 1915	\$1,000
Off N. Main St.	Map 49	Lots 1918 & 1920	\$1,000
4 & 6 Eleanor St.	Map 119	Lots 548 & 7945	\$5,000
33-35 Theresa Ave. & 14-16 Evelyn Rd.	Map 130	Lots 414-415 & Lots 420-421	\$50,000

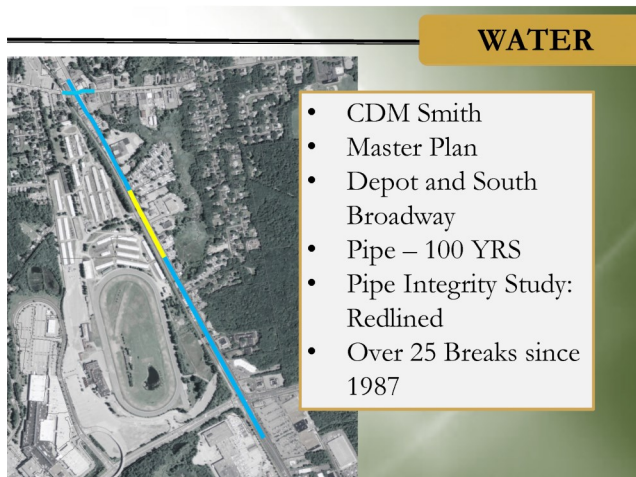
Prevailing bidder will be required to leave a non-refundable deposit of ten percent (10%) of the total bid price. The Town makes no representations with respect to the title or use of the properties. Transfer of title will be by deed without covenants. Sale of these parcels are subject to terms and conditions as established by the Board of Selectmen which are in the best interest of the Town. Further information is available at the Assessors' office or by calling 603-890-2115.

SALEM MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Roy E. Sorenson - *Director*

ENGINEERING DIVISION

Time to vote! It has come to that critical juncture when the hard work we've done in planning, engineering, permitting, and bidding of construction projects is put up for public consideration and funding approval by the Town of Salem's residents. As stewards of the Town's infrastructure, the Municipal Services Department regularly assesses the condition of the Town's roadways, drainage network, water system, and sewer system and determines what should be prioritized for improvement. Similar to most municipalities in the state and the nation, there is plenty to do... in fact often too much. Our infrastructure is aging and in many cases is near the limit of its useful life. If we had a blank check, we could easily make over \$100 million in repairs and upgrades. Obviously, we don't, and we fully understand that in the interest of the Town's residents, we need to be fiscally responsible and only propose projects that are of high priority and substantial benefit to the community. This year we propose two such items:



Warrant Article 5 - South Broadway Sewer and Water Pipe Replacement

What is it? Replacement of water main and sewer main along South Broadway, between the Depot Intersection and Cluff Crossing Road, as well as replacement of a box culvert north of Friendship Drive.

Why do we need it? The existing water main is over 100 years old and prone to breaks, which cause major damage to the roadway and utilities, loss of water service to residences and businesses, and disruption to traffic. The sewer main is over capacity and restricts flow. Existing sewer routing is indirect and should be improved. Some sections of sewer main are clay and subject to inflow and infiltration (I/I) of groundwater and stormwater, worsening the situation. The existing concrete box culvert was originally constructed in

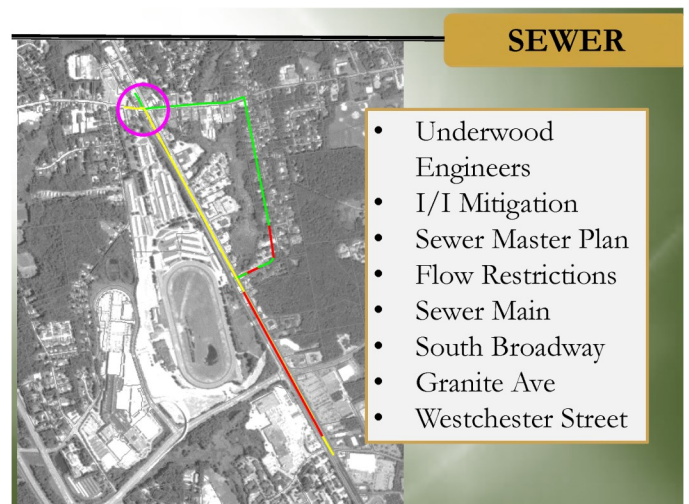
1925 and later widened in 1950. It's undersized, resulting in frequent flooding of S. Broadway, impacting one of our most significant arterial roadways. The new culvert will be wider to handle larger storm events and help reduce flooding.

How do we know we need it? Our Water System Master Plan was updated in 2013 and identifies the need. A Pipe Condition Assessment was completed in 2015, verifying that the life of the asset has been consumed. We've experienced over 25 major water breaks since 1987. Our Sewer Master Plan was updated in 2016, identifying the S. Broadway improvement as the most important project. A Hydrologic and Hydraulic Analysis Report completed in 2017 verified that the existing culvert is undersized and identified appropriate replacement sizing.

Why do we need it now? Construction will take 2 years and needs to be completed prior to the Depot Intersection reconstruction in 2019/2020. Also, significant offsite work is planned on South Broadway in the near future as part of the Tuscan Village project and other area developments. Utility work should be completed ahead of surface work to avoid trenching through new pavement later.

What does it cost? An \$11,650,000 bond is proposed, but much of it will be paid back by water and sewer Demand and Benefit Assessment (DBA) funds that Tuscan Village and other area developments will pay. The bond amount may be adjusted at the Deliberative Session if appropriate, following receipt and review of bids. We're seeking low interest State Revolving Fund loans, as well as other grant opportunities. It's a large undertaking, but impacts to water and sewer rates, as well the tax rate, won't be reflective of the total amount bonded, given the anticipated offsetting revenue.

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Warrant Article 8 - 2018 Road Construction and Engineering Program

What is it? Roadway reconstruction and maintenance as part of the Town's 10 Year Road Program. This year work is proposed on 25 Town roads for a total length of 7.8 miles (2.4 miles reconstruction / 5.4 miles mill and overlay). The entire 2018-2027 Road Program can be viewed [here](#).

Why do we need it? The Town maintains approximately 181 miles of accepted roadway. This year's work represents improvement to approximately 4% of the overall network. Our roadways are an asset worth over \$200 million that we need to continually improve to retain its value. Maintaining roadways in good condition is fiscally responsible, as it's very expensive to reconstruct them when they've reached the point of significant decay.

How do we know we need it? We established a formal road program 10 years ago, when many Town roads were in bad shape. A top down engineering analysis was completed and a coordinated plan developed. We've been successfully executing the plan over the last decade, investing approximately \$50 million to reconstruct our worst roads and maintain/improve others. A Pavement Management Study Update was completed in 2017 and reaffirmed that based on the condition and mileage of our roadway network, we should maintain our current level of annual investment for the time being.

Why do we need it now? Although we've made significant progress, we're still catching up with the backlog of roads that need to be reconstructed. Roads have a lifecycle and decay over time, requiring continual investment in them. We've seen the benefits of the Road Program and there's still work to do.

What does it cost? The amount requested from taxation is \$4,274,346, which may be adjusted at the Deliberative Session if appropriate, following receipt and review of bids. This will be supplemented by \$552,996, given to Salem from the State Highway Fund and \$220,000 from existing reserves for a total 2018 program of \$5,047,342.

Fire Department

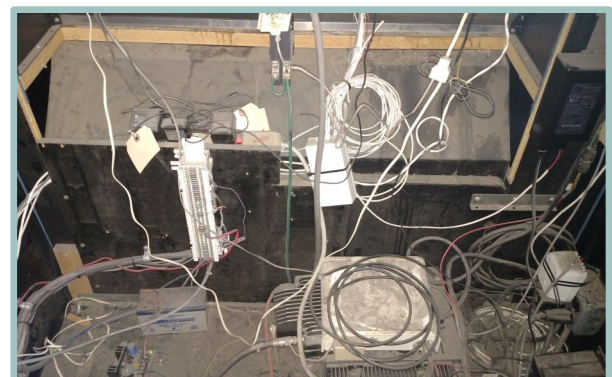


One project that the voters will contemplate this year will be critically important to emergency communications for the Fire Department, Police Department, and Division of Public Works is the proposed Town-Wide Emergency Communications project. Voters will see this as Article 6 on the warrant, and be asked to support spending \$640,000 from unreserved fund balance in 2018 to start the project. The balance of the project will be paid for in 2019 (and possibly 2020). Ultimately, it will be a \$1.6 Million Dollar project that will replace the backbone of our communications system through the community. This includes radio base stations, microwave links, dispatch consoles, receiver sites, and repeaters. All new equipment



Current Radio Tower

will be computer PC based. The existing equipment is over 15 years old, and is at end of life. In addition, there are many places within the community that emergency services personnel cannot receive or transmit messages while they are operating at an incident, meaning this is a critical safety issue. This project has Board of Selectman and Municipal Budget Committee approval. Because this project will be funded across more than one year, it will require 60% of voters to approve it.



Current Radio Equipment



Town of Salem, NH

33 Geremonty Drive
Salem, NH 03079
603-890-2000



INDUSTRY - COMMERCE - RECREATION

WINTER CARNIVAL 2018!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH 11:00AM-4:00PM

The Recreation Division, along with other town-based organizations and departments, including the Recreation Advisory Committee, Field of Dreams, Friends of Salem Recreation, Community Development Department, and the Salem Bike-Ped Corridor, will be offering a Winter Carnival Event on Sunday, February 18th at various Salem locations. Activities may include:

Hedgehog Park: *Ice skating*, ice fishing*, snowshoeing/hiking, music, refreshments, & a bonfire!*

Field of Dreams: *Snow-shoeing*, Snowman building contest, pictures & games with mascot Gerry Monty!*

Salem Bike-Ped Corridor: *12:00-2:00 PM- Series of Olympic Games and Activities!*



The event will take place starting at 11:00AM concluding with a Bonfire at Hedgehog Park at 3:30PM. Please look for more information at upcoming town events, as well as on the Recreation Division's website, Facebook page, and Twitter account.



Please bring your own equipment for noted activities