

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 4, 2019

Present: Aboul B. Khan
Theresa A. Kyle
Ella M. Brown
William Manzi

6:30PM

Mr. Khan opened the meeting at 6:32PM.

SWEARING IN - POLICE OFFICER

New police officer Steven Stewart was sworn in.

MEETING - SIGNS AT BEACH

Mr. Khan talked about the stop signs that were put up at the beach for the summer season. Some residents have requested they keep them up and some do not want them up year round. They are here to have discussion on this matter and look at the recommendations from the police chief and town manager.

Richard Maguire spoke and said there are very few people who not in favor of the stop signs during the summer season (see handout).

Peter Shakimas said from his observation the signs have not been effective. He feels it may be more effective with the white line across the road where the stop sign is located. He said he has seen a school bus and a fire truck not stop at the sign.

Vikki Sawyer read her statement and said she feels the stop signs are needed during the summer months but not off-season.

Frank Leone said the stop signs did slow the traffic down. He feels in the summer months they are needed but doesn't feel they are necessarily needed year round.

Camille Daly said she is for the stop signs during the summer season. She suggested they cut back the overgrown grass as cars cannot see children coming up on the sign.

Chief Walker said his original recommendation was to have the signs seasonal. He agrees there needs to be some visual marker indicating where the signs are. He said there were over 40 log entries of vehicles that were stopped for going through the stop signs. He has since changed his recommendation that by putting them up and taking them down is going to be confusing so they should be left up year round. He feels this will create a habit for the people and they would get used to the signs.

Frank Leone asked what the fine is for not stopping at the sign. Chief Walker said he believes it is about \$72.

Mr. Manzi asked the chief what they could do about Mr. Maguire's handout that stated there was a car parked at the stop sign on two of the roads. Chief Walker said it could have been an illegally parked vehicle and they would need to look at those areas of concern on individual basis. In the issue of Atlantic Avenue the chief would recommend mirroring the stop signs for when there is one-way traffic during the summer season.

Mr. Manzi said it has had a positive impact they should be left year round. However, if the board feels they have not had a positive impact they can order the signs be removed. He said they will enforce the stop signs but they cannot catch everyone.

Mr. Maguire spoke about the dispute on the stop signs and whether they should be seasonal or year round. He said it was to point out to the Selectmen that there had been discussion among the residents.

Mrs. Kyle agrees with the chief and that they be left up permanently. She said the people need to be educated. It gets confusing with putting them up and taking them down. She said there are a lot of people at the beach in the winter and she is in favor of leaving them up.

Mrs. Brown said they have only heard from a coupe people on certain streets so she is confused as to how they are all working. She said some may be necessary but they will be taking away 10 parking spaces for the residents who want to go to the beach.

Mr. Khan said he is not in favor of taking them down as they are there for safety. He said taking them down and putting them up is confusing to the motorists. He will not support taking the signs down. He would like to have the police chief, public safety and the town manager review the locations again and determine if what they have is sufficient or if any changes could be made before the next season.

Mr. Manzi said they can talk with Mr. Starkey about the height of the signs as well as the white line. If they are going to put the white lines down then the stop signs should stay up year round.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle
Second: Aboul B. Khan

To leave the stop signs
up permanently.

Abstain: Ella M. Brown

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle

Second: Aboul B. Khan

Unanimous

To have the town manager and police chief look into the height of the signs, adding the white line and cars parking up to the stop sign.

Mrs. Brown commented that she would like to hear more about the signs at the other streets and whether or not they are working or not.

Don Hawkins said his impression of the signs on Atlantic Avenue has slowed the traffic down. He said he did go through them a couple of times and the white lines would help. He feels they worked well and he has no problem leaving them year round.

MEETING - USE OF FIRING RANGE

This is a request of the police department for training on November 21. Chief Walker said they use the range at the power plant but cannot this year due to ventilation issues. They have been using the sheriff's department range however; they need an additional day of training.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan

Second: Ella M. Brown

Unanimous

To allow the use of the firing range to the police department for training.

MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF

Chief Brett Walker was present and briefly went through his report (see attached). He said there are no other officers in the academy. There are two vacant positions and he has one person who is going through the background investigation. The police department has two new positions in the 2020 budget and will ask for an additional two positions through a warrant article. When they have multiple calls going on they require the use of mutual aid. He said this is a manageable way of doing this but they do still need the new officers.

Chief Walker said the most important is to pass the budget and then the warrant article for the two new positions. He said it is important for this additional staffing since the town has grown by about 50% since 1993 when the last time new officers were added to the department.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 11 PUBLIC AND SEPTEMBER 13 PUBLIC

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To adopt the minutes of
Second: Theresa A. Kyle 9/11 public and 9/13
 Unanimous public.

ABATEMENT

Nathan Mawson - 49 Pages Lane - \$700

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan abatement.
 Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Bruce Brown - 42 Washington Street - \$100
 Scalley Revocable Trust - 256 Ashland Street - \$100

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign both
Second: Ella M. Brown water applications.
 Unanimous

SURPLUS - TOWN HALL AND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzi said the police department surplus is for two vehicles. This is something that has been done for the past few years and they are sold at public auction. The second item is for the generator at town hall that was purchased from a grant and will be installed within the next few weeks. He recommends separate motions. He would like to see if DPW could use the generator in their facilities and then he would come back to the board to have it transferred.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the surplus
Second: Ella M. Brown for the police
 Unanimous department.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the surplus
Second: Ella M. Brown of the generator and
 Unanimous have the town manager
 look into the options
 for DPW.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Kyle said they went to the community center for Halloween. They thanked them for all they did for the kids. Mr. Khan said he attended the Lion's Club Halloween gathering at the Library.

David asked if there is an update on the bridge construction and whether or not the operating budget has a 2 million dollar reduction as they are no funding the water. Mr. Manzi said

there is a meeting in December on the bridge. When they have the date they will post it on the website.

Mrs. Kyle said they will not have to dispense the 2 million dollars for the water but hopes to address this issue in a special meeting very soon. Mr. Khan said the Selectmen are the overseers of the tax dollars and everything is looking good.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To adjourn the meeting
Second: Theresa A. Kyle at 8:00PM.
Unanimous

Approved and endorsed

Ella M. Brown, Clerk

Date: _____

SEABROOK BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT

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STOP SIGNS IN THE BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT

- **NEAR UNANIMOUS SUPPORT FOR THE STOP SIGNS IN THE BEACH VILLAGE DISTRICT DURING THE 2019 SUMMER SEASON!!**
- **THE MAIN QUESTION OF DISPUTE/DISCUSSION IS WHETHER THE SIGNS SHOULD BE SEASONAL (IE. THE ONE-WAY FROM MEMORIAL DAY TO LABOR DAY ON ATLANTIC AVENUE) OR PERMANENT ?!?**
- **THERE ARE SOME WHO QUESTION THE EFFORT TO ENFORCE THE STOP SIGNS.**
- **STRONG DESIRE TO HAVE WHITE LINES AT EACH OF THE STOP LOCATIONS!!**
- **PROBLEM OF A PARKED VEHICLE NORTH BOUND AT THE STOP SIGN ON PORTSMOUTH AVENUE AND CONCORD STREET!**
- **IF STOP SIGNS REMAIN ON ATLANTIC AVENUE IS THERE A NEED FOR TWO NEW SIGNS FOR SOUTHBOUND TRAFFIC?**

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Brett J. Walker
Acting Chief of Police

Kevin M. Gelineau
Acting Deputy Chief of Police

October 30, 2019

August (partial)/September/October Report to Selectmen

August

- Acting Chief Walker and SRO Det. Diethofer attended a school safety and security meeting for SAUs 21 and 90 at Winnacunnet High School.
- Seabrook Detectives led an investigation, aided by Detectives from Amesbury and Salisbury PDs, which resulted in the arrest of eight (8) people for a variety of drug-related offenses to include sale of heroin/fentanyl in the Seabrook community.
- Lt. Allen and SRO Det. Diethofer attended a briefing on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School incident.
- Several Seabrook officers attended the swearing in of Seabrook Fire Captain Adam Lebor at the Seabrook FD.
- Acting Chief Walker and Acting Deputy Chief Gelineau attended the Police Academy graduation ceremony for new Seabrook Officers John DiFrancesco, Anthony Robinson, and Stephen Stewart in Concord.
- Seabrook officers participated in active shooter training at the Seabrook Schools.
- August 12th marked the 46th anniversary of the line of duty death of Seabrook Police Chief Charles S. "King" Knowles who died in the line of duty on August 12, 1973.

September

- Acting Chief Walker attended a Rockingham County Chiefs of Police meeting at the Stratham PD.
- The Town recognized recently retired Detective/Prosecutor Scott Mendes for his 20+ service during a Board of Selectmen's meeting.
- Acting Chief Walker attended Drug Court graduation at the Rockingham County Superior Court in Brentwood.

October

- Acting Deputy Chief Gelineau was in attendance as Ofc. Giarrusso, Hampton Lifeguards Chief Patrick Murphy, and Shaun and Jessica Murray were honored for their actions on Seabrook Beach in August 2018 at the NH Congressional Law Enforcement Awards held at the NH Police Standards and Training facility in Concord.
- Acting Chief Walker attended a meeting for the Rockingham County Sheriff's Drug Task Force.

- Several officers, most notably Ofc. Hersey and K9 Henry, had a special visit at the PD with 7-year-old Aiden Moore of Derry who is battling Duchenne muscular dystrophy.
- Acting Chief Walker, Acting Deputy Chief Gelineau, and SRO Det. Diethofer assisted in a lockdown drill at the Seabrook Elementary and Middle Schools.
- Seabrook Police and Fire participated in the National Walk to School Day.
- More than 20 Seabrook officers participated in the Beards for Bucks fundraiser which benefits the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County. As of October 30th, the Seabrook PD is fourth in donations for Rockingham County behind the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, Newmarket PD, and Portsmouth PD.
- Seabrook PD participated in the Pink Patch Project which helps to raise awareness for breast cancer and breast cancer research. Several officers replaced their traditional uniform patches with the pink patches for the month. We also traded patches with agencies around the country.

Regular activities

- Attended monthly SERT meetings.
- Attended various budget and negotiations meetings.
- We continued the Coffee with a Cop program as a means of connecting with residents. In August it was hosted by the Rockingham Village Apartments in their community room. In October, Dunkin' on Rte 1 hosted National Coffee with a Cop Day.
- Officers DiFrancesco, Robinson, and Stewart are in Field Training. They're doing a great job and getting to know the Town better. We expect them to be on their own patrolling the Town by the end of the year.

Seabrook officers continue to participate in numerous drug and opioid reduction initiatives to combat the sale and distribution of illegal drugs in Seabrook and surrounding areas.

Drug Overdose Statistics are as follows:

2019 YTD OVERDOSES - 40
2019 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS - 9

We continue to use our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram as means of communicating with the public. This has proved to be an effective means of providing information to and interacting with the public. The Seabrookpd.com website had a Twitter feed at the bottom for people who do not utilize social media.

Full-time dispatcher Amanda Eaton started in September and is in training with Dispatcher Ganley. She is doing a great job and should be ready to go by spring 2020. We have two vacancies for full-time patrol officers which will be filled in the near future.

Seabrook Police staff members continue to provide the community with a high level of service despite being short-staffed for an extended period of time and having an ever-increasing call volume. As of October 30th we have had 12,107 calls for service.

Respectfully submitted,

Brett Walker
Acting Chief of Police

Kelly O'Connor

From: William Manzi
Sent: Tuesday, October 29, 2019 11:26 AM
To: Kevin Gelineau
Cc: Jason Allen; Kelly O'Connor
Subject: Re: Range day

Deputy,

I will have it before the Board next Monday, a night meeting. I believe Chief Walker will be on hand.

Bill

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 29, 2019, at 11:12 AM, Kevin Gelineau <kgelineau@seabrookpd.com> wrote:

Bill,

We are looking to use the Seabrook Range on **Thursday November 21, 2020** as our back-up day to qualify those that can't make the days we are using the Rockingham County Sheriff's range. Please let me know what the BoS decide.

Thanks,
Kevin

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