

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2020

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

10:00AM

Mr. Khan opened the meeting at 10:03AM.

**PUBLIC HEARING - SPORTS BETTING**

Mr. Khan opened the public hearing at 10:05AM and read the notice into the record (see attached). Mr. Khan said the bill was signed by the Governor in July of 2019.

Jason Janvrin spoke and said the bill was put in before the sale of the dog track and allows for mobile betting in NH (except within ½ mile of the border) and there is also a license for 10 retail locations with Seabrook Park looking to have a license. Having this bill opens opportunities for anyone who has a problem with gambling. Jason Janvrin said this bill is similar to the Keno bill and in order to have it in the town or city with NH the local governing body must vote it in.

John Conforti from NH lottery and said they are not here to support which way a town votes but rather to answer any questions they may have. The mobile app has had 17.2 million dollars in bets and a portion of that goes into the education fund for the state. The state legislature determines how will receive the funds and how much.

Mrs. Kyle said our park is considered charitable gaming and many of our local charities are benefiting from this. Mr. Khan said the lottery commissioner was present at the deliberative session last week. There was discussion on the areas that are available for anyone that has a gambling issue and what the budget is for this particular area.

Bill MacLaughlin spoke about sports betting and the 11 states that currently have allowed the betting. There are 24 states pending. They are currently in negotiations with Draft Kings and he can confidently say that if this is voted in on March 10 they will have this up and running within weeks of the vote. He thanked them for this forum and Representative Janvrin and John Conforti for being here today.

Aboul Khan said resident Don Hawkins asked how this would affect our tax base. Mr. Manzi said as the group improves the infrastructure the property value will continue to increase. As

a business does better then the town will do better with new jobs, new establishments, new tax revenue, etc. Mr. Khan said it's a win-win situation as we already receive money for the scholarship fund and the schools will also benefit from the state aid education fund.

Mr. Manzi said this is article 27 on the warrant and read the article.

Mr. Khan closed the public hearing at 10:25AM.

**FIRING RANGE REQUEST FOR HUNTER EDUCATION**

Jim Sanborn asked for use of the range on April 11.

<u>MOTION:</u> Theresa A. Kyle	To approve the request
Second: Ella M. Brown	for use of the firing
Unanimous	range with notification
	to the police department

<u>MOTION:</u> Ella M. Brown	To adjourn the meeting
Second: Theresa A. Kyle	at 10:29AM.
Unanimous	

Approved and endorsed

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Ella M. Brown, Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Seabrook Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Monday, February 10, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at Town Hall, 99 Lafayette Road, Seabrook, NH relative to the article on the town meeting warrant to allow the operation of sports book retail locations within the Town.

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Board of Selectmen