

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 2, 2020

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

10:00AM

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

ANNOUNCEMENT

Several officers were recognized for their help in assisting a 90-year old WWII veteran who was without heat during one of the coldest days of the year.

Police Chief Brett Walker said these officers do a great job everyday but this particular day was one that went above and beyond. Officer John Giarusso made initial contact and brought him to get a warm coffee. They put him up in a hotel while repairs were being made to his heating system. Chief Walker is very proud to work with all the men and women in his department.

Mrs. Brown said this work was done from the heart and she is very proud of that. Mrs. Kyle said they went above and beyond and took care of someone who took care of us and she is very appreciative of everything they did. Mr. Khan said he is proud to be a part of this community where our department goes above and beyond. Mr. Manzi said they sometimes forget we are here to serve people and this shows how much our departments do and everyone is very proud of them.

Citations were read and pictures were taken.

MEETING - ROUTE 1 NORTH PROJECT

Tom Morgan, Wendy Johnson and Toby Reynolds were present for this meeting. Tom Morgan explained the project to widen Route 1 North to the Hampton Falls town line.

Wendy Johnson explained that after approval of the agreement it will go before the governor and council for approval of the funding. Once the funding is approved they work with the town in order to begin the work with town to design the project. This work will be done with a consultant and that consultant has already been established. Construction is expected to begin in 2023. They have looked at all options and alternatives for this area for environmental regulations that must be followed in order to get the go-ahead to move forward.

The cost is a little low in considering all options but they will have a much better understanding as they move forward with the consultant and what they are looking for. It was clarified that the exaction fees that have been established with the planning board can be used for the town's portion of the estimate.

There was discussion on the traffic issues leading into Hampton Falls. This project is only going to move the traffic issues from Seabrook to Hampton Falls. Mrs. Brown thinks this is going to cause more issues and has an issue with this. There hasn't been a traffic study done as of yet so they have those numbers. Mrs. Kyle said she would like to thank the DOT for selecting Seabrook. Wendy Johnson said when they do the analysis they will be looking to see if this project is even worth doing or not based on the numbers.

Mr. Manzi said with this project it will open up potential economic development that will bring in additional tax dollars to Seabrook. Mrs. Kyle would like to see some benefits to Seabrook if they were to move forward with this project. They will need to look at alternate ways so that the board would feel comfortable in approving the agreement. Tom Morgan said that Market Basket North has been throwing around different ideas and they know they will need to do some major improvements on the road in their area so it will be no surprise to them.

PUBLIC HEARING - RELOCATION OF PERKINS AVENUE

Mr. Khan opened the hearing at 10:40AM and read the notice into the record (see attached). Mary Ganz who is representing Arleigh Greene filed the petition with the town. She said they are trying to relocate just a portion of Perkins Avenue. There is no property being taken and proper notice was given to all abutter, mortgage holders of the property and all expenses are being handled by the developer.

Wayne Morrill with Jones & Beach Engineers said the developer will be increasing the width of Perkins Avenue with a sidewalk and a bust stop for the children of Perkins Village. There will be upgrades to the drainage ensuring that everything flows correctly. There will be easements for the town to be able to turn emergency vehicles around on the developed property. If any issues arise the developer will come back to fix them.

Wayne Morrill stated they will be working directly with the DPW in order to get this area to where it needs to be. All of the town's attorney fees will be at the expense of the developer as well as all of the costs for the mailing to abutters.

Mrs. Kyle said she was at one of the meetings and there has not been any negativity towards this project and said they should be able to abide by the wishes of the developer in the best interest of the town. Mr. Manzi said they did an expansive reach out to all abutters as well as to the mortgage companies that have an interest but not at the site. He said the attorney's worked well together and have an agreement with all costs being paid for by the developer. Mary Ganz commented that if the board approves today then they will need to work out a legal agreement for the board to sign as this is just the public hearing to see if there is anyone opposed to the project.

Mr. Manzi said the board considered the public convenience and necessity and they are not benefited by the requested relocation. The board considered the financial burden that would be imposed on the town taxpayers for the construction and maintenance of the relocation. The board also considered the rights of the owners, abutters and interested parties that were unjustifiably altered by the proposed relocation.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle
Second: Ella M. Brown
Unanimous

To approve the petition of Arleigh Greene as there is occasion to relocate a portion of Perkins Avenue pursuant to RSA Chapter 231 as presented and as depicted in the lot line adjustment plan recorded at the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan D-41826 conditioned on Waterstone's continue financial and other obligations memorialized in its agreement with the town and to direct the town manager to record a return consisting of the agreement, the recorded lot line adjustment plan, & the minutes from this meeting with the town clerk pursuant to RSA 231:16.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSES

Revolution Scientific - Cara Burzynski was present and said they have a business in Seabrook called Aero Dynamics. The new business Revolution Scientific will be an added hand-in-hand with what is currently done. They will be doing non-destructive testing which is currently being done by others. This would be to eliminate the third-party and start a company where the employees can have a part of the business. This is a skilled workforce and they will need to be certified so they have partnered with Great Bay Community College to offer the skill sets.

Mrs. Kyle said her concern is the water aquifer and would like to know if the chemicals are harmful to the water. The chemical used has been determined from working with Mario Leclerc and NH DES that it can go back into the system without any pretreatment. Mr. Khan said without all of the letters signing off including DES he cannot approve. Mrs. Kyle would like to speak with Mario Leclerc regarding this business before she signs off. Cara Burzynski indicated that since the incident they had in 2009 new processes have been implemented.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To table this item until
Second: Aboul B. Khan all information is
Unanimous received.

DONATION - LOWE'S

Kayla and JC manager's from Lowe's were present for the items that were donated. Cassandra Carter worked directly with them to fulfill the dream for the new and improved game room.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To accept the donation
Second: Ella M. Brown from Lowe's in items
Unanimous with an estimated value
of \$2500.

MONTHLY MEETING - RECREATION

Katie Duffey was present and went through her report (see attached). Cassandra Carter and Stephanie MacDonald who worked on a new and improved brochure were present and explained it. Cassandra went through the brochure and said it is now available online as well as being mailed. One of the highlights of having it online is that you can click on the links which will bring you directly to where you need to be to register for a program.

NEW BUSINESS LICENSE

Marinko Vravecic was present and said this is a business distribution center for small arm ammo. It has been approved by

all departments. He said storing of ammunition as well as shipping is not considered hazardous. There are no guns on the property currently. There is a possibility they could sell and buy guns as they have been approved for it but it is not something they would do without coming back before the town. He is working with a security system to have in place but will not have an actual security guard.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve the business
Second: Theresa A. Kyle license.
Unanimous

MEETING - BEACH BUTLER

Jeffrey Bonomo was present and gave a presentation on his business proposal. There was discussion on the piping plovers that are guarded by fish and game. Jeffrey said the storing of equipment would be handled offsite as there is no storefront. He said they have insurance and if he needs to he would have an agreement with his employees in order to protect the town from liability.

Mrs. Kyle said with a private beach they cannot allow them to setup things on the beach and doesn't feel this will work. The other is the liability and she doesn't want to see the town held liable as they are the deepest pocket. Mr. Khan said from his perspective this is a private beach and he wants to keep it that way without commercializing it.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To deny the request for
Second: Ella M. Brown a new business.
Unanimous

Vicki Sawyer commented that this type of service is offered through Preston Real Estate and suggested he look at doing this business the same way. Mrs. Kyle said she does not want to set a precedent by allowing commercialization on the private beach.

MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present and went through his report (see attached). He said the staff is working on getting ready for Memorial Day.

Greg Tomaszewski asked when the electronic signs were going up to announce the upcoming election. He said there have been many complaints that people don't know when the election is. Police Chief said they would be going up but need to take into consideration the possibility of the weather conditions.

MEETING - SFA TRUCK COMMITTEE

Seth Coleman, Marc Bibaud and Robert Mawson were present to discuss the warrant article on the new engine for the department. Seth Coleman said there is an NFPA regulation for apparatus in the department and when they should be replaced. He went through the issues the trucks are having especially rescue 1 which is the truck they are looking to replace. He explained what all the trucks are used for and why they are needed. The purchase and cost will be similar to how the tower truck was purchased as a lease to own. These types of trucks are built to the town specifications so they are hand-made which unfortunately increases the cost by about 10% each year. The ISO rating affects the taxpayer's homeowner insurance rates by 5-15% depending on the carrier. This truck is a need not a want in order to provide safety to the firefighters, civilians and residents of Seabrook. He urged voters to vote yes on articles 19 and 20.

Fire Chief Bill Edwards said he has to look at everything and to invest \$40K into a 20-year old truck for something that may have another break right after is not something that is fiscally responsible as a department head.

MEETING - POLICE CHIEF & DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Brett Walker said they are looking for voter approval on the radio system. This new system will address dead zones especially the school where it is needed today. The current system has surpassed its useful life with no means to replace failed equipment or even to make repairs as the parts are obsolete. There is no tax impact as it will be paid for the by communication fund. He urged voters to vote yes on article 4.

Mr. Manzi said the communication fund was created with funds from the lease with Verizon on the tower at the police station and T-Mobile for lease on the water tank.

Deputy Police Chief Kevin Gelineau spoke to how this will provide better coverage to our schools.

Mr. Khan said tomorrow evening at 5PM will be the swearing in ceremony for the Police Chief and the Deputy Police Chief.

Chief Walker said aside from article 4 there is article 21 which is to put money in the capital fund and article 22 which is for 2 new police officers that they have not increased since 1993. He said they cannot depend on mutual aid to run the day-to-day operations of the police department.

Chief Walker said the collective bargaining agreements are equally as important in order to retain our good employees. Deputy Chief Gelineau said the articles for the departments are equally important and asks the voters to support all of them as they are not a selfish want but a real need.

Board took a break at 12:25PM. Board reconvened at 1:15PM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - JANUARY 6 PUBLIC, JANUARY 13 PUBLIC, JANUARY 20 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC, JANUARY 27 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC AND FEBRUARY 3 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes of
Second: Ella M. Brown 1/6 public, 1/13 public,
Unanimous 1/20 public & non-public
1/27 public & non-public
and 2/3 public & non-
public.

PREVIOUSLY SIGNED PERMITS

Mr. Khan read the list of previously signed permits (see attached).

2019 TAX ABATEMENT REFUNDS

Mary Wilson - 9 Locke Lane - \$182.37
Fernando Amato - 74 Walton Road - \$270.51
Joseph & Donna Jones - 17 Irene's Way - \$4559.18

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To deny the 2019 tax
Second: Theresa A. Kyle abatement refund for
Unanimous 9 Locke Lane.

There was discussion on how values are determined for assessment purposes.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To table the remaining 2
Second: Theresa A. Kyle 2019 tax abatement
Unanimous refunds for further
information from the
Assessor.

Mrs. Kyle said she would like some clarification on how the assessor does the assessments and the difference between an abatement and a refund.

ABATEMENT

Barbara Bickford - 57A New Zealand Road - \$67.30

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan abatement.
 Unanimous

ABATEMENT

Ying Chuang - 131 Lafayette Road

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To deny this request for
Second: Theresa A. Kyle an abatement.
 Unanimous

REFUND

Charles Morrison - 147 Garden Street - \$25.20

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the
Second: Theresa A. Kyle refund.
 Unanimous

3 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign all
Second: Aboul B. Khan 3 elderly exemptions.
 Unanimous

VETERAN EXEMPTION

Robert & Nancy Davis - 547 Hudson Street

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the
Second: Theresa A. Kyle veteran exemption.
 Unanimous

HYDRANT FLOW TEST - 28 LONDON LANE

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Ella M. Brown hydrant flow test.
 Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Salem Manufactured Homes LLC. - 23 Cross Beach Road

Salem Manufactured Homes LLC. - 18 Zealand Park

Salem Manufactured Homes LLC. - 24 Zealand Park

William Lago - 87 True Road Right

William Lago - 87 True Road Left

29 Pickens Ave Rev Trust - 29 Pickens Avenue

Claire Knowles - 43 True Road

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the
Second: Theresa A. Kyle water application for 23

Unanimous

Cross Beach Road.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To approve and sign the water application for 18 Zealand Park.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To approve and sign the water application for 24 Zealand Park.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To approve and sign the water application for 87 True Road Right & Left.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To approve and sign the water application for 29 Pickens Avenue.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To approve and sign the water application for 43 True Road.

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Salem Manufactured Homes LLC. - 23 Cross Beach Road
William Lago - 87 True Road Right
William Lago - 87 True Road Left
29 Pickens Ave Rev Trust - 29 Pickens Avenue

MOTION: Ella M. Brown
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To approve and sign all 4 sewer applications.

HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT PLAN - BENEFIT STRATEGIES

Mr. Manzi explained what this agreement is for and how it applies to the employees. Some union contracts pay towards the premium and some towards the deductible. He said this is a contractual obligation.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To approve and sign the health reimbursement plan.

DONATION - 2 DOG KENNELS & TOYS

This donation is approximately \$499.98 in value and was donated to the police department.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle
Second: Ella M. Brown

To accept the donation.

Unanimous

QUITCLAIM DEED - HILLSIDE CEMETERY

Patricia Randby - Section 30 Plots 9 & 10

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Ella M. Brown quitclaim deed.
Unanimous

HAWKERS & PEDDLERS LICENSE

Sandra Clark - Flowers - Donnas Way

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve and sign the
Second: Ella M. Brown hawkers & peddlers
Unanimous license.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Brown said they went to coffee with a cop on Friday at elderly housing. The board attended the presidential primary election. Mr. Khan said the town election is March 10 and there are many articles that need support so please come out and vote! Mr. Manzi said the board went to school for the event.

Mrs. Kyle said they need to consider a raise for the board. Mr. Khan said they can discuss at the next budget session. Mr. Manzi said he believes they can give a raise they would just need to reallocate funds as it is a bottom line budget. Mr. Khan said historically they have done it through the budget process. The board has not had an increase in many years.

The next meeting is March 16 at 10AM.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To adjourn the meeting
Second: Theresa A. Kyle at 2:07PM.
Unanimous

Approved and endorsed

Ella M. Brown, Clerk

Date: _____