

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 14, 2020

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

10:00AM

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 10:00AM.

GOVERNOR'S LETTER

Mr. Manzi said the board has received a lot of input on the beach and whether or not it is covered by the Governor's emergency order. He has reached out through town counsel that the town is contemplating reopening the beach and they have received an email from the Governor's office legal counsel. It stated that they hoped the town would stand with the Governor's order and not reopen the beach. If they did choose to reopen the Governor could make a new emergency order to in fact close our beach.

Mrs. Kyle said the discussion should center on whether or not to open. She takes it as a threat but would like to open the beach to residents only. Mrs. Brown would like to open the beach but would not want the Governor to shut us down. She believes he will be speaking again on this May 31 and they should wait to see what he says. Mr. Khan said he received a call regarding this matter with the Governor's order and asked for this in writing. He said to open the beach and then have the Governor issue another order to close it would not be good for Seabrook. However, when there is more information and if they are allowed to reopen his vote would be for residents only. Mrs. Kyle and Mrs. Brown both agreed it would only be for residents. Mr. Manzi read the letter into the record (see attached).

There was discussion on the Hampton plan for opening the beach. There was input from other towns/cities including Salisbury and Newburyport but nothing from Seabrook. The board feels the town should be represented and consulted with in this matter as it will affect Seabrook tremendously with heavy traffic. Mr. Khan agrees this will be very bad for Seabrook and with no representative on the task force there is no consideration. Mrs. Brown said the plan is to set up similar to the Seafood Festival and this will be disastrous to Seabrook.

Mr. Manzi said he has been participating on some regional meetings per the board's instructions. He has spoke with the police chief in Hampton and nothing that has been discussed has changed his mind on how Seabrook would be affected.

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Mr. Manzi explained this is something the board does annually. It is being asked for a little bit earlier this year to be on the safe side. While the board has not had to use this in the past they are hoping they will not need to use it this year.

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

2020 TAX ABATEMENT CREDITS - \$142,751.24

Angie Silva explained that last year the town settled litigation with some of the utilities with a credit to future tax bills. This is the amount that will be credited to the July bills that will be going out.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan 2020 tax abatement
Unanimous credits.

CARES ACT APPLICATION

Mr. Manzi explained what the Cares Act is for and requests the board authorize him to sign the initial grant funding document. There will be additional documents that will need to be authorized by the board and this is just the first step in the process. Mr. Manzi explained there are two pools of funds, one of which would be for first responders. Payroll is tracking weekly and we will probably pay it out in one lump sum at the end when we seek reimbursement. The second pool of money is for reimbursing COVID-19 expenses that have been incurred but not budgeted. The form that Mr. Manzi would be authorized to sign would make Seabrook eligible for the second pool of Cares Act Funding, in which Seabrook is eligible for \$210,201.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the Cares Act
Second: Ella M. Brown application.
Unanimous

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To authorize the town
Second: Ella M. Brown manager to sign all
Unanimous documents relating to
the Cares Act.

2020 FIRST HALF TAX WARRANT - \$20,371,300.50

Angie Silva said this is the first half of the tax bill and they will go out by the end of May and will be due July 1.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the

Second: Ella M. Brown
Unanimous

2020 first half tax
warrant - \$20,371,300.50

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lyndsey Hamblet understands following the Governor's order and hopes that Seabrook will be taken into consideration. She doesn't want Seabrook to be lost in the shuffle. Her point is that Hampton is coming up with a plan to accommodate their needs and she feels that Seabrook needs to put together a plan that addresses their needs.

There was discussion on the parking area where the restrooms are located and whether or not that will remain closed. Mr. Manzi said he has received a plan from the police department to open the beach and he will most likely address that with the board on Monday. He said that will be approved by the board well before the Governor's order.

Lyndsey Hamblet would like to know whether or not the town can make decisions on their own parks and fields. She said other towns are using their parks and fields and doesn't know if it is legal or not but would like some guidance with anything that may be happening here. Mr. Manzi said he met with DPW staff and the Recreation Director on reopening the parks that are governed by state and federal guidelines. They are working on putting together some guidelines and hope to have something before the board within a week or so.

Mrs. Brown said they are working on things to get the beaches open they are not disregarding anything. Mrs. Kyle said when they do have a plan it needs to go through several departments in order to ensure the safety of employees and residents of town.

Mr. Khan said there is a regular scheduled meeting Monday, May 18 at 10AM for further discussion from residents.

Mr. Khan said it is a census year and it is important to the town to get a complete and accurate number of residents that reside in town for federal funding so he is urging all to complete this census.

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

To adjourn the meeting
at 10:45AM.

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

May 14, 2020

Open Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

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MEETING ID – 247-316-5861

PASSWORD - 4743311

**TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Question of approving TAN.
- 2.) Question of approving 2020 Tax Abatement Credits - \$142,751.24.
- 3.) Question of approving 2020 First Half Tax Warrant - \$20,371,300.50.
- 4.) Question of approving application for the Cares Act.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Board of Selectmen on any boards and/or committee meetings they have attended

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Memo

To: Chairwoman Kyle, Selectwoman Brown, Selectman Khan

From: Town Manager

Cares Act

May 13, 2020

On the agenda is a form required for Seabrook to apply for funding, through the State of N.H., from the Federal Cares Act. Due to the difficult time frames involved I would ask the Board to designate me as the signing authority to accept the grant. This would spare us the necessity of posting a public hearing. I have attached the community by community breakdown of the maximum funding available to each N.H. community. This will require some coordination between our upcoming FEMA filing and this filing, which we have begun to work on. The Governor has allocated \$40 million out of Cares Act Funding for localities, including additional stipends for first responders.

William M. Manzi III
Town Manager