

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 4, 2020

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

10:00AM

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

Mrs. Brown said that Eliot Eaton passed away this morning. She said he was a good man and was at every sporting event for the children in town and will be missed by all. Mr. Khan said he was a very good man and citizen of town all his life. Condolences to the family and friends were sent from the entire board.

Mrs. Kyle brought up discussion about a post on Facebook from William Fowler. She said she doesn't mind criticism and not everyone is going to agree with decisions that are made by the board and/or the town manager. She said she doesn't fear anything or anyone and that the town manager doesn't put fear into the board. Mrs. Kyle said the board and town manager worked really hard to get the harbor dredged with federal and state funds. She discussed the money that the state has given to the town and how it has benefited the taxpayers.

MONTHLY MEETING - RECREATION DIRECTOR

Katie Duffey was present and briefly went through her report (see attached). Most part-time employees have been out of work and collecting unemployment but they do still have a few employees who are working doing online tutorials and maintaining the front office. Summer camp is progressing and interviews have been completed.

Ms. Duffey said Cassandra Carter has developed an online virtual site. They will be holding sign-ups for summer camp but no payments will be accepted. A decision will be made by May 29 regarding having summer camp with payment due by June 12 if allowed as they are hopeful they will be moving forward with this program. There will be restrictions and they will need to follow the guidelines going forward.

Unfortunately the basketball tournament, bunny breakfast, senior day and the Memorial Day parade have been cancelled in order to remain safe. Ms. Duffey gave a huge thank you to John Starkey and the DPW employees as the parking lot looks amazing and she appreciates all of the hard work.

Ms. Duffey is putting together a slide-show of all of the veteran memorials where they cannot have the parade in order to honor all veterans. She said the building has been sanitized and when they do reopen they will do the entire building including the area where meals-on-wheels have been occupying. There was discussion as to when the slide-show may be able to run for the residents.

MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present and briefly went through his report (see attached). They are working to slowly open areas in town such as the transfer station which is now open Monday-Friday using the north access road. He said they are almost finished with the town wide paving.

Mrs. Kyle commended Mr. Starkey and the DPW employees for doing the work they have done during this time. Mrs. Brown thanked them as well and said they are always there to do the work no matter what. Mr. Khan said it is commendable how the workers are always helping the residents of town.

Susan Schatavet, Librarian, explained they have limited plans to reopen the library. The staff is back today and will be getting the library ready for what the new normal will be. They will start with curbside pick-up beginning Monday, May 11 and then perhaps opening for computers on May 18. They have protocols in place for the materials in the library as well as the items used by many.

Kevin Gelineau, Deputy Police Chief, commented that they would be doing some repairs around the station and if they see anything at the library they will go ahead and take care of it.

2019 TAX ABATEMENT REFUNDS

Helen Degeorge Family Revocable Trust - 142 Ocean Blvd. Unit 2 - \$3,019.24

Flynn Seabrook Realty Trust - 142 Ocean Blvd. Unit 1 - \$3,355.70

Angie Silva was present and explained that it is one house that was condexed last year and can now be sold separately. When a property is condexed it increases the assessed value. Ms. Silva said she tried to find sales that would support her decision but those properties rarely sell so she had to go into Salisbury, MA and it was determined it would support more for the owner than the town so felt it was fair to bring the assessed value down. The real estate company did this for the owner not the town so Ms. Silva said that is why she did her own due diligence. This would be a refund for one year and then it would be the assessed

value going forward. Mr. Khan asked if they could deny for the past year and give going forward. Ms. Silva explained that it is the taxpayer's right to file for an abatement until March 1 and she has to July 1 to respond to the tax abatement. She said they could consider giving the abatement for the tax bill going out in May. Mrs. Kyle said a credit would be a good consideration due to the financial hardship the town is facing due to the pandemic.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve as a credit
Second: Ella M. Brown on the next bill.
Unanimous

FIREWORKS SALES LICENSE

Phantom Fireworks Showrooms LLC. - 1 Chevy Chase Road

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mr. Khan said the new budget season is coming and with this pandemic they should discuss the warrant articles that were passed by the voters this past year. He would ask they discuss this at the next meeting to see if any of them can wait until the end of the year. Mr. Manzi said they have 2-years to spend the money and bond articles are 5-years.

Lyndsey Hamblet said she sent questions to the town manager (see attached) and asked if they could address those. She says the website says the library and the community center are closed until May 4 and some may think that they are now opened as today is May 4. She would also like to know when the beach, park and playgrounds will be opened. She said there is a lot of discussion on sunshine killing the virus and asked what the strategic plan of the town will be.

Mr. Manzi said the Governor had a briefing on Friday and changes will be made to the town website. He said they will do better with but asked they bear with us as this is something that is all new to us. He said the Governor has issued 40 orders and they are working on protocols to be put in place to open up the buildings in town.

Lyndsey Hamblet said the communication to the residents is hard to find and our beach is different than Hampton as we are not a huge tourist town. Mrs. Kyle said they are a tourist town and they are working on putting information out as soon as they can.

She said it is hard for them to get the information and put it out to the public. These are difficult times and appreciates any input anyone may have.

Kevin Gelineau, Deputy Police Chief, said they are watching the press conferences right along with everyone else and they make adjustments accordingly to what is reported as they receive the information. He said they need to be very careful with what they do for our beach. If they open prematurely it will have ramifications as others from MA, Hampton, etc. will come to Seabrook beach. He said there is no master plan as the situation is very fluid and they have to adjust daily. Mr. Khan commented that they are working on a plan to close north bound Route 1A in Hampton for more of a walking area and he feels they need to have representation for Seabrook on this task force.

There was discussion from Theresa Kyle on calls she has received in regards to rental units at the beach. She asked if they could write to the Governor in regards to the concerns. If golf courses can open then why can't they open up trails and the beach. She understands why they can't open the beach due to the overflow. Mrs. Brown said they can open to residents only. Mr. Khan said they could address the rentals at that time. There was discussion on how it could be enforced. Mrs. Kyle would like to discuss further as there are people who need help and others who want to enjoy the beach without violating state laws. Mr. Manzi feels we are bound to the Governor's order and picking just one of the orders and addressing it is not correct as they need to look at the orders in totality.

Bill Rosser spoke and said there are comparable areas where they have opened to residents only such as Crane Beach. Mrs. Kyle said our beach is easily accessible especially to Salisbury, MA.

Deputy Police Chief Gelineau said that he has not had any issues with overcrowding on our rail trail. Seasonal parking enforcement has been hired in past seasons for Seabrook and asked for further consideration in bringing them on sooner this year.

Mr. Manzi said placards for parking that go into effect on Memorial Day have not been issued as they are waiting on orders from the Governor. He said the Governor has ordered NH beaches closed. Bill Rosser said the orders indicate it is state owned beaches and parks. Mr. Manzi said they have asked the town attorney to look into this with the attorney general and when we have an answer we will address. Mrs. Brown said right now the beaches need to stay closed until we can open them safely. Mr.

Manzi commented there is a conference call tomorrow that we will be on and he hopes to have some answers from the attorney general as well.

Srinivasa Ravik raised concerns with Mrs. Kyle regarding rental units at the beach. He agrees with all of the parking concerns for safety of the residents. He is hopeful that Seabrook will not put further restrictions on the rentals in the beach district. He would like tenants to get the same resident privileges while they are in Seabrook as they are residents even if only for a week. Mrs. Kyle disagrees as they are only temporary guests to Seabrook. She said they are short-term rentals and that doesn't make them a resident of Seabrook. It's a tough situation even for small businesses that have had to shut down during this pandemic.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adjourn the meeting
Second: Ella M. Brown at 11:40AM.
Unanimous

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

May 4, 2020

Open Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

CLICK ON ZOOM APP ON TABLET
MEETING ID – 247-316-5861
PASSWORD - 4743311

TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING

- 1.) Monthly Meeting – Recreation Director
- 2.) Monthly Meeting – DPW Manager

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Question of approving 2019 tax abatement refunds for Helen Degeorge Family Revocable Trust – 142 Ocean Blvd. Unit 2 - \$3,019.24 and Flynn Seabrook Realty Trust – 142 Ocean Blvd. Unit 1 - \$3,355.70.
- 2.) Question of approving fireworks sales license for Phantom Fireworks Showrooms LLC. – 1 Chevy Chase Road.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

May 4, 2020-Board of Selectmen's Meeting

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic we have been forced to close our doors. Initially we decided to close our doors following the School District's lead. Serving the same youth population we thought it would be counterproductive and in the best interest of the residents and employees to close our doors. Since then we have been adhering to the Governor's orders.

Our part-time employees have been hit the hardest. They are integral to our operation and without them we would not be able to offer the many services we do. Most are collecting unemployment however we do have a few that are still doing on-line tutorials/projects/sports/ trainings. We appreciate their creative work and it is nice for them to continue to engage the children and work on their professional development.

The full-time staff are gainfully employed carrying-on preparing for the future. Cassandra Carter developed an interactive virtual website, which is great in engaging our youth population. <https://www.seabrookrecvirtual.com/> .

Today May 4th, 2020 began our Summer Camp registration. We will not require payment at this time because of the ever changing situation. If a decision needs to be determined by the Town, that decision will be made by May 29, 2020. This date was chosen to allow enough time for parents or guardians to find other accommodations for their children if Summer Camp is cancelled. If in fact we do have Summer Camp, payment will be due June 12, 2020. This date will allow two weeks for parents or guardians to pay for Summer Camp. We are hopeful we will be able to facilitate Summer Camp which is scheduled to begin June 22, 2020. We have a large number of children on a daily basis and that must be considered if the decision to have Summer Camp is to be determined by the Town. I am in frequent contact with other area Recreation Director's as to their thoughts and plans. I have also connected with the New Hampshire Parks and Recreation Association and the American Camp Association for general guidance and ideas.

We have had to cancel our Annual Basketball Tournament, Easter Egg Hunt and Bunny Breakfast, Senior Day and the Memorial Day Parade. Unfortunately these cancellations are completely out of our hands.

Meals on Wheels is using our building on a limited schedule to cut down on exposure. They are in the building Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

A big thank you to John Starkey and the employees at the DPW who helped coordinate the paving of our parking lot. It looks great, and was much needed. They will also be laying mulch and flowers to make it look even better. Improvements like this show we value our public spaces and is great for our residents to see. I do believe projects like this brings pride to our community.

The building was professionally cleaned April 27, 2020 in preparation for our opening. We would like for our residents to feel comfortable coming back to a disinfected building. The product they used to clean the building does kill the Coronavirus. The Meals on Wheels area will be professionally cleaned the weekend prior to our opening. Once we open we will follow the guidelines from the Government on how to continue to properly sanitize our building.

Before this pandemic safety was my number one priority, and that is stressed with all employees at the Community Center. Recreation is full with fun activities for children, open spaces for free play and leisure activities for our Senior Citizens. We must think of the lives we involve in our activities whether they be our young population, adults, employees and of course our Senior Citizens who are our most vulnerable population during this pandemic. When you boil it down safety is number one. We will continue to follow governmental guidelines as we move forward.

Katie Duffey
Recreation Director

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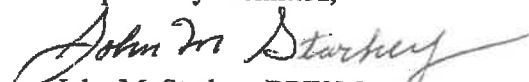
DATE: April 27, 2020
TO: William Manzi, Town Manager
FROM: John M. Starkey, Public Works Manager
RE: DPW Monthly Report - February 26th to April 27, 2020

Dear Bill:

Please accept the following as a report of the Public Works Department activities for the above referenced period.

- Broke down and set up for election on 3/9 and 3/11.
- Replaced worn out town signs as needed.
- Filled potholes with cold patch as needed.
- Picked up the rubbish curbside town-wide each week.
- Re-graded all town gravel roads.
- Reinstalled wooden old style winter fence on North Beach.
- Jamco Construction finished grading dredge material on North Beach.
- Repaired the fences on Cross Beach Road.
- New garbage compactor installed under the tipping floor.
- Raked all of North Beach before 4/1.
- Purchased and installed four new tires for large John Deer Tractor.
- Fleet maintenance includes but not limited to service, washed & lubricated all trucks, plows, and sanders. Plows and sanders stored until fall. Sidewalk machine reset for summer operations as snow blower off and mower put on.
- Painted inside of all concession stands and bathrooms in the Parks.
- Raked all large cemeteries "four", leaves removed.
- Began mowing Hillside Cemetery
- Painted the swap shop, some of the recycling area, and inside of the scale house at the Transfer Station.
- Trimmed the trees in the Wildwood Cemetery.
- Picked up litter on both sides of Ledge, Weare Rd., Stan's Way, Vietnam Memorial (Point), Harborside Park and, The Recreation Center including the detention pond.
- Crew trained in CPR, First Aid, and AED.
- Closed beaches 3/30/20.
- Quarantined for half the crew started 4/1/20.
- Town wide paving started, Recreational parking lot done.

Respectfully submitted,


John M. Starkey, DPW Manager

JMS/kjh

cc: BOS
Kelly O'Connor, Deputy Town Manager
Bruce Felch, DPW Foreman,
Lynn Willwerth, Office Supervisor
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