

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

AUGUST 6, 2020

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

10:00AM

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 10:04AM. Mrs. Kyle offered condolences to Frank Cody and his family in the death of his younger brother.

MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF

Police Chief Brett Walker was present and briefly went through his report (see attached). He said a lot of the new officers are working and some are in field training.

Chief Walker said the new shed will be in place by the end of summer. There have been 18 overdoses resulting in 3 deaths in 2020. He commended the fire department for the work they do to save these individuals.

Chief Walker commented they are still hiring for one vacant position. December 1 they will be hiring an additional two officers that were approved by the voters in March.

MEETING - TOWN CLERK & MODERATOR

Paul Kelley, moderator and Cheryl Bowen, town clerk were both present for the meeting. Paul Kelley spoke about the workshops he has been attending dealing with COVID-19. There was discussion on the checklist as to what will take place during the upcoming election. Some of the election workers who have health conditions or concerns will not be working but all social distancing protocols will be followed. PPE equipment will be given to the town by the state for the election.

There was discussion to have curbside voting which is allowed for by law for this election. They are also recommending a separate area where someone can come into vote without wearing a mask. Cheryl Bowen commented there is not enough staff to handle all of the compliance issues but they are working on different ways for everyone to vote. Paul Kelley said the law allows for a candidate who is a selectman to do work that is assigned to him/her from the moderator.

Cheryl Bowen went over the list of workers for the election. There are 9 republicans and 5 democrats so anyone that is interested in working should contact her office. The state is sending more than enough PPE equipment and they have done

everything they can to protect the workers and the voters but are open to suggestions.

Mr. Khan asked about changing a party. Cheryl Bowen said they can only declare a party if they are undeclared. If they are one party changing to another party they can do so but they would not be allowed to vote in this election.

The board requested the checklist for the COVID protocols be placed on channel 22 and the website.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To change the August 17
Second: Ella M. Brown meeting to August 24.
Unanimous

There was discussion on the salary for the election workers and an increase of about \$2.51 making it \$15/hour. The budget will increase by about \$500.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To increase the hourly
Second: Ella M. Brown rate for the election
Unanimous workers to \$15.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the changes
Second: Ella M. Brown as recommended by the
Unanimous moderator for COVID.

2019 TAX ABATEMENT REFUND

Northern New England - 1 Chelmsford Street

Angela Silva explained the abatement refund for Northern New England.

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

MS-1 EXTENSION FORM

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Ella M. Brown MS-1 extension form.
Unanimous

ENCUMBRANCES - \$857,505.65

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Ella M. Brown encumbrances for
Unanimous \$857,505.65.

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Gloria DiGeronimo - 6 Groveland Street - \$50

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

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Cote & Foster Construction - 319 Atlantic Avenue - \$50

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

APPOINTMENT

Carrie Fowler - Trustee of the Trust Funds

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

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Kyle said she has an issue with the property on Route 286 that is a putting green. She said they have never followed the proper process and it wasn't until the town manager became involved that they did a wetlands application. She said there is parking all along Route 286, golf balls are hitting the neighbor's home and one of them has contacted an attorney. There have been numerous complaints on the noise and the police have addressed but as soon as they leave it starts again.

Mr. Manzi said the owner of the property has notified us that he cannot be present and has asked that it be postponed until the next meeting. Mr. Manzi said he does need to send this to the town attorney and discuss with the building inspector so he can provide a report to the board.

The board would like the property owner notified that no further activity can take place until he comes before the board if that is allowed. Mr. Manzi said that is going to be on the attorney and what his legal opinion says. Mr. Manzi said they could end up in court if they do something they are not supposed to. Mrs. Kyle said that is fine with her as this has been going on long enough.

Mrs. Brown asked if the plaque on the bench has been changed. Mr. Manzi said as of yet it has not. Mrs. Brown said this is a bench donated by Chief Edwards which has his business name

rather than his name. She said that they don't advertise for businesses on town owned property. There was discussion on the tree that was planted and there is no sign but everyone knows who did it. Mrs. Kyle commented there is advertising everywhere at the community center. Mr. Khan said he talked to Henry Boyd about this and he advised him to write a letter to the board addressing his concerns. He understands that Mr. Boyd wants the focus on the sign to be about the veteran's not his business.

Bill Edwards called in to discuss the bench. Mrs. Brown said the bench is beautiful and has no issue with the bench but rather with the business name being on the bench. Mr. Edwards asked if there is a policy in town that a business cannot put their business name on something that is donated to the town. He said there are plenty of items that are donated and business names are publicized at events from the town.

There was discussion on all of the business names publicized at the community center. He doesn't have a problem removing but feels they should have a policy moving forward for all town locations. Mrs. Brown said it is up to the board. She has a problem with it and wants to know the opinion of the other two board members. Mr. Edwards said they should be fair for all of the businesses that have their names at the community center.

Mr. Khan spoke and said the board accepted this donation with little questions as they felt it was a good donation. He said after speaking with Henry Boyd he understands that he just wants the veteran's to be put to the top so the focus is on them. He said they should give this to the town manager to resolve and bring back to the board. Mr. Manzi said he will take direction from the board and doesn't feel this will resolve the issue that Mrs. Brown has with it. He said the board could develop a policy going forward but would need a consensus and right now it doesn't seem as though they have that.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Ella M. Brown
Unanimous

To table this item until
the next meeting.

REFUND

Linda Fortin - \$37.30

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

To approve and sign the
refund.

Mr. Manzi said he sent an email with the most up-to-date number of parking tickets that have been issued.

Mr. Manzi said there has been some damage to Governor Weare Park and the playground is closed until the work is done. DPW is working on getting this done.

There was discussion on what is left in the D'Alessandro account. Mr. Manzi said there are some expenditures that are still due to come out that the board authorized. Mrs. Kyle would like the figure less the obligations.

Mr. Khan asked if the second round of funds have come in from the state. Mr. Manzi said to his knowledge the second installment has not come in and he has asked the finance manager to reach out to DRA as to when it is expected. Mr. Manzi said the board authorized spending but the only money spent was what we had. The additional authorized spending will not occur until we receive the second installment.

There will be a preliminary discussion at the next meeting regarding CIP projects and the budget cycle. Mr. Manzi talked about the Cares Act and how they are capturing the funds that were submitted. The cap for the Cares Act is \$225K and he expects to meet that amount within the next filing. FEMA funds will be reimbursed at 75%.

The board attended a meeting at the Sanborn School. There will be further discussion on this subject and will tentatively come before the board in September for a possible drug treatment center. Mrs. Brown said it is more than that and Mr. Manzi said it is more like programming but will need to hear from them to see what will be involved with the programming.

There was discussion on meetings that have been held. Mr. Khan said he understood the program to be that they would find other areas for the person to get help from that and there would be no drug treatment at this site. Mr. Khan said for him he said no methadone clinic in Seabrook and it is very important to him. Mrs. Kyle and Mrs. Brown both agreed.

Mr. Manzi commented that the D'Alessandro account has a balance of \$219,977 with expenditures of \$61,971 leaving \$158,005.

Mr. Khan asked about the scholarship fund and said that we have been providing \$2K to each student and would like to increase it to \$3K. The board would like to discuss this at the next meeting. It was discussed on who makes this decision and the

board will send a letter to the scholarship committee recommending an increase.

There was no public participation.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan
Second: Ella M. Brown
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting
at 12PM.

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

August 3, 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 – Police Chief
- 2.) Meeting – Moderator & Town Clerk
Discussion on pay rate for election workers

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Question of approving 2019 tax abatement refund for Northern New England – 1 Chelmsford Street.
- 2.) Question of approving MS-1 Extension form.
- 3.) Question of approving encumbrances for \$857,505.65.
- 4.) Question of approving water service application for Gloria DiGeronimo – 6 Groveland Street.
- 5.) Question of approving sewer service application for Cote & Foster Construction – 319 Atlantic Avenue.
- 6.) Question of approving appointment for Carrie Fowler to Trustee of the Trust Funds.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Seabrook Police Department



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Brett J. Walker
Chief of Police

Kevin M. Gelineau
Deputy Chief of Police

August 3, 2020

May (Partial), June, and July Report to Selectmen

- Seabrook police coordinated with organizers of a Black Lives Matter demonstration along Route 1 on the north end of town. The demonstration was peaceful and concluded without incident. The protest was organized following the tragic and senseless death of George Floyd during an encounter with police in Minnesota.
- Seabrook officers responded to Hampton to assist with a Black Lives Matter demonstration.
- Matt Goehle started as a full-time officer with the Seabrook PD. Ofc. Goehle is a Marine Corps veteran and is scheduled to attend the 183rd full-time police academy beginning in late August.
- Chief Walker participated in a national conference call hosted by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) in collaboration with the Department of Homeland Security's Office for State and Local Law Enforcement (OSLLE), and the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL). This call covered a variety of topics aimed at addressing social justice and law enforcement as well as providing ideas and resources for law enforcement.
- Seabrook officers responded to Hampton to assist in dispersing a large and unruly crowd.
- Officers Mounsey and Houldsworth attended Field Training Officer (FTO's) training at the Nashua Police Department. They are now certified FTO's and will be involved in the process of training new police officers in Seabrook.
- The Fourth of July weekend was relatively uneventful but was kicked off with a great arrest by patrol officers which resulted in the seizure of a large quantity of heroin/fentanyl and other illegal drugs for sale and a multi-time offender taken off the streets. Stats for the entire weekend of the Fourth are as follows:
 - Calls for service-175
 - Arrests-7
 - Fireworks calls-25
 - Accidents-6
- The Board approved Chief Walker's request to utilize funds from the D'Alessandro Account to purchase PowerDMS software to manage training and policies. The software is also used for accreditation through the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). In the request Chief Walker explained the "road map" the Seabrook Police Department will follow in our pursuit of CALEA accreditation.
- Chief Walker attended a tour of the Sanborn school as part of the Seabrook Working Group to address opioid abuse and addiction/recovery hosted by Senator Tom Sherman.
- The new shed to store vehicles at Seabrook Beach has been installed. Both the shed and the vehicles that will be stored there were made possible by funding from the D'Alessandro

account. The upgraded building and vehicles will allow us to better access the beach as well as other areas of town that may require the use of the new vehicles.

Regular activities

- Attended numerous meetings on a variety of platforms related to the COVID-19/coronavirus updates and planning.
- Participated in conference calls for the New Hampshire Commission on Law Enforcement Accountability, Community, and Transparency as well as reviewed materials related to the Commission's work.
- Participated in numerous calls related to the reopening of the State.

Drug Overdose Statistics through June 30, 2020 are as follows:

2020 YTD OVERDOSES - 18
2020 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS - 3

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.

While we continue to limit our public interactions in order to maintain a healthy staff we look forward to resuming our regular Coffee with a Cop program as well as our other public outreach events as a means of connecting with residents. We appreciate the community support over the past several months. While the State has opened up we continue to err on the side of caution.

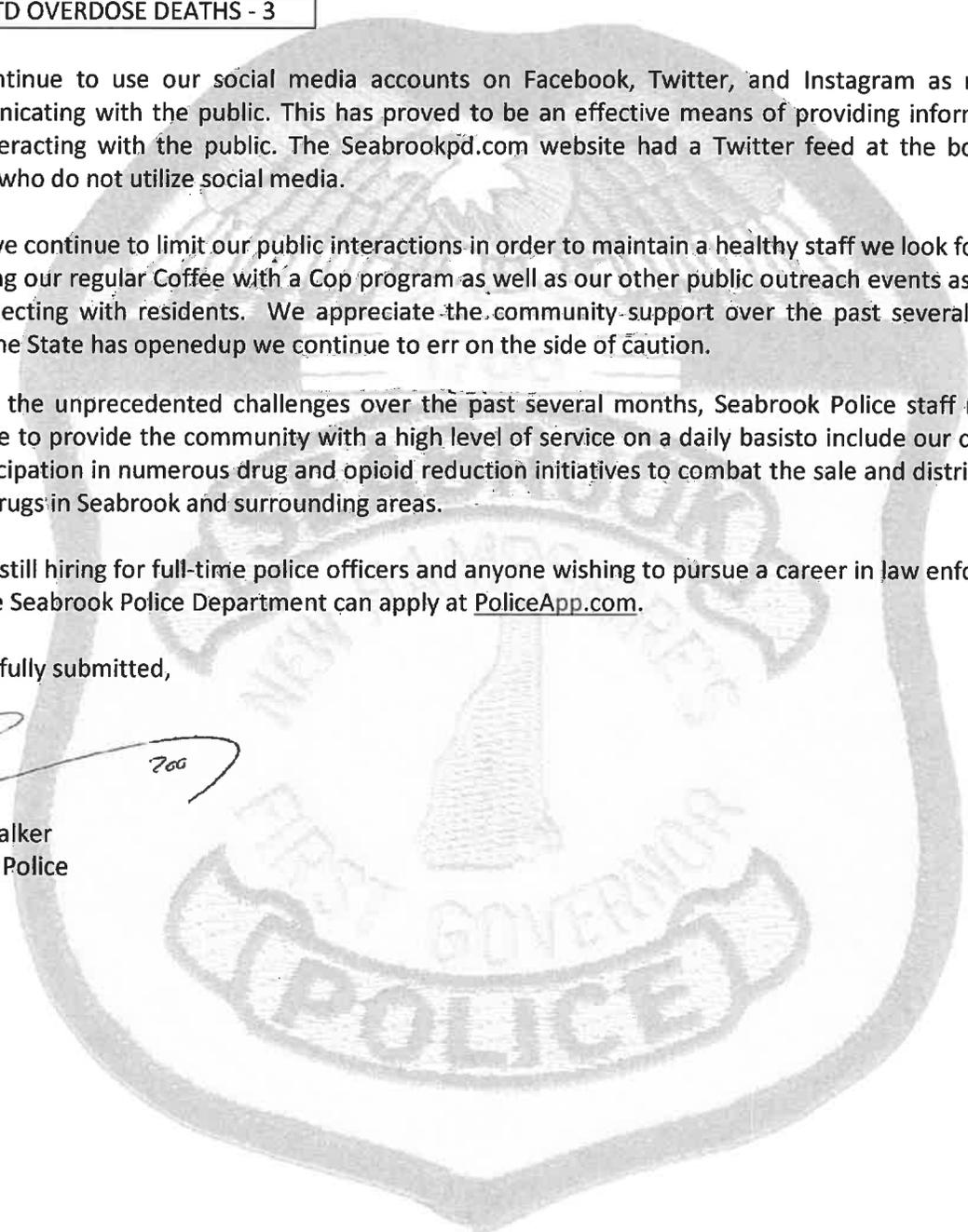
Despite the unprecedented challenges over the past several months, Seabrook Police staff members continue to provide the community with a high level of service on a daily basis to include our continued participation in numerous drug and opioid reduction initiatives to combat the sale and distribution of illegal drugs in Seabrook and surrounding areas.

We are still hiring for full-time police officers and anyone wishing to pursue a career in law enforcement with the Seabrook Police Department can apply at [PoliceApp.com](https://www.PoliceApp.com).

Respectfully submitted,



Brett Walker
Chief of Police



SEABROOK PPE EQUIPMENT FROM STATE OF NH FOR BOTH ELECTIONS	BASED ON 2016 ELECTION ON VOTER TURN OUT PRIMARY (877) GENERAL (4587)
HAND COUNT DEVICE	2
KN-95 MASKS	85
SURGICAL MASKS	1697
FACE SHIELDS	24
PRS. GLOVES	2546
GOWNS	26
1 GAL. JUG HAND SANITIZER FOR VOTERS	4
SMALLER HAND SANITIZERS FOR WORKERS	18
SNEEZE GUARDS	13
SANITIZING WIPE JUGS	42
ALCOHOL WIPES FOR CLEANING	20
PENS ONE TIME USE FOR COUNTING BALLOTS	4371
SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PPE SIGNS PLASTIC	4
SOCIAL DISTANCING AND PPE SIGNS PAPER	10
PAINTERS TAPE TO MARK FLOORS	1
PAPER MATS TO COVER BALLOT	1132
DISPOSABLE EAR PHONE COVERS FOR ACCESSIBLE VOTING SYSTEM	20

