

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

NOVEMBER 19, 2020

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

2:00PM

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 2:05PM.

MEETING - DOT - ROUTE 1 NORTH PROJECT

Wendy Johnson, DOT and Dave Walker, RPC were present. Wendy Johnson explained the project is for improvements to Route 1 and to further the capacity in Seabrook to the Hampton Falls line.

Mrs. Brown is concerned with the Rocks Road intersection and how it will affect those people more than what it does now.

Dave Walker said there is a planning project this fall on the in-depth study of the traffic through the center of Hampton Falls in order to explore the options to reduce the traffic flow. There is nothing in the 10-year plan, but it could be something that is added.

Mr. Manzi said this has been discussion with the board and they are looking at some potential that wouldn't involve DOT connecting Rocks Road to the North Access Road. The board feels strongly about this issue so they would end up with a signal at Rocks Road. It was noted that if the traffic study came back positive then the traffic light would be installed at Rocks Road and would be included in the project.

There was discussion on the 50% town match for the project. If there is money left over in the agency fund, then he believes it could be used to do the project on Rocks Road.

Mrs. Kyle asked how long they had to make a decision and when they would get the analysis. Mr. Manzi said they are at the decision point but could have further discussion on the analysis and traffic studies with Wendy Johnson. Wendy Johnson explained once they have approval, they would need to have an agreement to proceed so would be several months before they would see anything.

Wendy Johnson said if they decide they want to proceed after the traffic analysis then 100% of the burden of the bill would become the responsibility of the town. If we continue to proceed forward with the project, then they would continue to pay with the funds.

Mr. Khan asked about the lights on Route 1 at Railroad Avenue and if they could look at giving access to the residents on Autumn Way. Wendy Johnson said they could look at this and if approved it would increase the cost of the project. She spoke about putting the project on hold for a little bit but there is a 10-year rule meaning that the town would have to pick up the project within 10 years if they are in the design phase of the project.

Wendy Johnson and Dave Walker left the meeting at 2:38PM.

Mrs. Kyle said they need to further discuss this and make a decision on how to proceed with the project. Mr. Manzi said they could make a decision at the next regular meeting.

TAX WARRANT

Angela Silva was present. She said the new tax rate is \$15.97 which is an increase of 1.4% over last year's rate of \$15.75. She said the board looked at a few options to keep the rate down and they took \$900K from the fund balance to help offset the rate increase. There is a press release that will be given to the local newspapers.

The tax bill for the first half of the year is \$20,908,681. Mr. Manzi explained how the tax rate is set and what makes up the tax rate. The school's increase is 20 cents making it \$6.41 per \$1,000 and the town's portion remained the same. The increase is from the school's increase and what makes up the entire tax rate including a county tax and state education tax.

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

TAX ABATEMENTS

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Ella M. Brown 2020 tax abatements.
Unanimous

Mr. Manzi asked the board if they could change the December 7 meeting to December 8.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To approve the meeting
Second: Theresa A. Kyle change requested.
Unanimous

FEDERAL ELECTIONS - CARES ACT FUNDING

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

The town accepts up to the allocated amount of \$20,780.08 and further acknowledge the 20% match of \$3,463.35 which was used by local funds for processing of absentee ballots and postage for those ballots and further to award the town manager as the authorized signatory for the grant.

The board wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

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

To adjourn the meeting at 3:00PM.

Approved and endorsed

Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

November 19, 2020

Open Meeting at 10:00 A.M.

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NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Question of discussion on Route 1 project with DOT.
- 2.) Question of approving tax warrant.
- 3.) Question of approving 2020 tax abatements.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION