

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

DECEMBER 21, 2020

Present: Theresa A. Kyle  
Ella M. Brown  
William Manzi

10:00AM

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

**MONTHLY MEETING - POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Walker was present for his monthly report (see attached). Chief Walker said Matthew Goehle graduated from the police academy. He said they have hired a new officer Adam Lawton. They will have another full-time officer coming in January and another two coming shortly thereafter.

Chief Walker said they had one employee test positive for Covid, so adjustments needed to be made. The Rockingham County Sherriff's office was very helpful during this time.

Santa's ride is tonight and will be escorted through every street in town by the police department.

**MEETING - RECREATION DIRECTOR**

Katie Duffey was present for the discussion on the travel basketball. She discussed the situation on removing the travel teams and how it would affect the in-house league. Mrs. Brown said she is still not in favor of having the travel teams playing.

There was discussion on when the children have to wear masks. Mrs. Brown said the numbers are way up and 40 children were out of school and feels it is too risky to let the children back into the recreation center after playing at the RIM. She understands it is a choice for the parents on whether or not the child plays.

Mrs. Brown said she asked Ms. Duffey if either her or Patrick Collins would be present to oversee the guidelines, but parents are telling her that neither of them are in the building.

Mr. Manzi said that Ms. Duffey put together a list of what they are currently doing per the guidelines. If the board does not agree and wants to stop the programs, they just need to give him the direction and it will be stopped immediately.

Mrs. Kyle would like some more time to consider this and table it for this meeting until they have further information including input from the parents. Ms. Duffey said they have

already played for three weekends and will continue until the end of February.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To table this item until  
Second: Ella M. Brown they hear from the  
Motion passed 2-0 parents on this issue.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES - OCTOBER 19 PUBLIC**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes of  
Second: Ella M. Brown 10/19 public.  
Motion passed 2-0

**2020 EQUALIZATION ASSESSMENT**

Angela Silva spoke and said this ratio study is done yearly and sent to the DRA. Currently we are at 89% and she tries to stay above 90%. However, with the market the way it is it did change when May sales were cut off. There is a complete revaluation in 2021 and it will bring the town back over the 90%.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle 2020 equalization  
Motion passed 2-0 assessment.

**2020 TAX ABATEMENT**

Jane Quinlan - 31 B Street - \$120

Angela Silva said even though the property had been remodeled it still has issues. After review she felt she could adjust a little bit.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the  
Second: Ella M. Brown 2020 tax abatement.  
Motion passed 2-0

**CONTRACT - SANDERS SEARCHES**

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the  
Second: Ella M. Brown contract with Sanders  
Motion passed 2-0 Searches.

**DISCUSSION - ROUTE 1 PROJECT & ROCKS ROAD**

Chris Raymond from TEC was present to answer questions. He said they reviewed the site and identify what could be done to reroute the traffic on Rocks Road. There are two alternatives presented today that the board could consider.

There was discussion on the two alternatives presented (see attached). Alternative 1 would require getting permission and/or easements from NextEra. If this is the alternative that is the most feasible Mr. Manzi said they would need to reach out to NextEra for this project.

Mrs. Kyle asked if they are under any time restraints as they have been stretching the deadline for the Route 1 North project. Mr. Manzi said he will ask TEC to get them a cost estimate for the project as it would be a town project. Mr. Manzi said the DOT contact is out until the first week in January so the board could hold a special meeting or do it at the first meeting in January.

<p><u>MOTION:</u> Theresa A. Kyle  <u>Second:</u> Ella M. Brown  Motion passed 2-0</p>	<p>To approve the Route 1 North project with instruction to the town manager to move forward with the Rocks Road project.</p>
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Mr. Manzi said they are not fully committed to the project at this time it is just to enter into the first steps with the state for the project.

**WARRANT ARTICLES - COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Mrs. Kyle said she has no issue with Mrs. Brown voting on both articles as she was not present during the negotiations. Mr. Manzi said it would be to place and approve articles 3 and 4 and then to recommend both of them.

<p><u>MOTION:</u> Ella M. Brown  <u>Second:</u> Theresa A. Kyle  Motion passed 2-0</p>	<p>To approve placing both articles on the warrant and to recommend both articles.</p>
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Mr. Manzi said article 5 is to give the board authority to call a special meeting if they choose if either article 3 or 4 fails.

<p><u>MOTION:</u> Theresa A. Kyle  <u>Second:</u> Ella M. Brown  Motion passed 2-0</p>	<p>To approve placing article 5 on the ballot.</p>
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<p><u>MOTION:</u> Theresa A. Kyle  <u>Second:</u> Ella M. Brown  Motion passed 2-0</p>	<p>To recommend article 5.</p>
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Mrs. Brown reminded everyone that the Santa ride is still on for tonight and will be leaving the fire station at 4:30PM.

Mr. Manzi said that John Starkey was at the last meeting and said they are doing their work with diminished resources due to Covid. He would like to open the transfer station on a one-time basis on the Sunday after Christmas to give the residents the ability to go to the transfer station.

Mrs. Kyle requested that residents with basketball hoops or anything else that hinders the flow for the plow trucks to put them away or push them back so the public safety vehicles can get through during the winter months.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To open the transfer  
Second: Ella M. Brown station on Sunday,  
Motion passed 2-0 December 27 only.

**RECYCLING REVOLVING FUND**

The board discussed the purchase of a packer type vehicle from this fund. Mr. Manzi said there are sufficient funds in this account to make that purchase. He feels it can be done the way they have made the purchase of the ambulance from the ambulance revolving fund.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To make the purchase of  
Second: Theresa A. Kyle the packer vehicle from  
Motion passed 2-0 the recycling revolving  
fund.

The board wished the employees and their families as well as all the residents in town a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adjourn the meeting  
Second: Ella M. Brown at 11:15AM.  
Motion passed 2-0

Approved and endorsed

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Aboul B. Khan, Clerk

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# **TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

## **AGENDA**

December 21, 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**

### **MEETINGS**

- 1.) Monthly Meeting – Police Chief
- 2.) Meeting – Recreation Director

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1.) Question of approving previous minutes of October 19 public.
- 2.) Question of approving 2020 Equalization Assessment.
- 3.) Question of approving 2020 tax abatement for June Quinlan – 31 B Street - \$120.
- 4.) Question of approving contract with Jane Sanders for mortgage searches.
- 5.) Questions of discussion of Route 1 North project & Rocks Road.
- 6.) Question of approving warrant articles for collective bargaining.
- 7.) Question of discussion of 2021 Town Meeting Warrant/Budget.

### **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

December 21, 2020

## October (partial), November, December (partial) Report to Selectmen

- Ofc. Matt Goehle graduated from the 183<sup>rd</sup> full-time police academy December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- Ofc. Adam Lawton started as the newest full-time officer on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Ofc. Lawton is a United States Army veteran and a New England native. He is full-time certified as a law enforcement officer in North Carolina and is expected to attend the "law package" through NH Police Standards & Training as part of the 184<sup>th</sup> full-time police academy.
- Officers Mounsey & Houldsworth participated in the Recreation Department's Search for Santa.
- PowerDMS software purchased through the D'Alessandro account is now active and provides a number of benefits to the department for policy management and training.
- Officers are utilizing PowerDMS for the "classroom" portion of their annual firearms training which is a more flexible and efficient means of providing certain training especially when factoring in COVID-19 concerns.
- A new vehicle is currently being upfitted for our patrol fleet. This vehicle will replace an older vehicle.
- Officers are completing Intoxilyzer recertifications. This is the machine commonly known as "the breathalyzer".
- We currently have conditional offers out to three candidates for vacant full-time patrol positions. We expect one candidate to start in January and two others are in the background phase. These three candidates will give us 27 full-time police officers.
  - We continue our hiring process to fill the two additional patrol positions approved by the voters in March which were effective December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.
- We are conducting a hiring process to fill a vacant full-time dispatch position.
- The Chief attended a meeting with the Budget Committee as part of the 2021 budgetary process.
- 22 members of the Seabrook PD, including K9 Henry, are participated in the Beards for Bucks fundraiser to benefit the Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County. The event raised more than \$80,000.00 for the CAC. Officers John Giarrusso and John Mounsey as well as Chief Walker were in the top ten fundraisers in the county, each raising over \$1,000.00 and Officer Giarrusso raising the most out of the Seabrook officers with \$2,670.00.
- Since our last update to the Board of Selectmen we had one positive COVID-19 case which resulted in multiple quarantines. While we had to make adjustments in our communications procedures during this time, we were able to continue providing the Town with the police services they've grown accustomed to. Thank you to Hampton PD and the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office for their assistance with communications during that time.

### **Regular activities**

- Attended meetings on multiple platforms related to the COVID-19/coronavirus updates and related issues.

- Attended a virtual meeting for the Seacoast Emergency Response Team (SERT)
- Attended a meeting for the Rockingham County Chiefs of Police.

Drug Overdose Statistics through November 27, 2020 are as follows:

2020 YTD OVERDOSES – 32
2020 YTD OVERDOSE DEATHS – 5

We continue to use our social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram (@SeabrookNHPD) to connect with the public. This has proved to be an effective means of providing information to and interacting with the public. The Seabrookpd.com website has 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 throughout 2020.

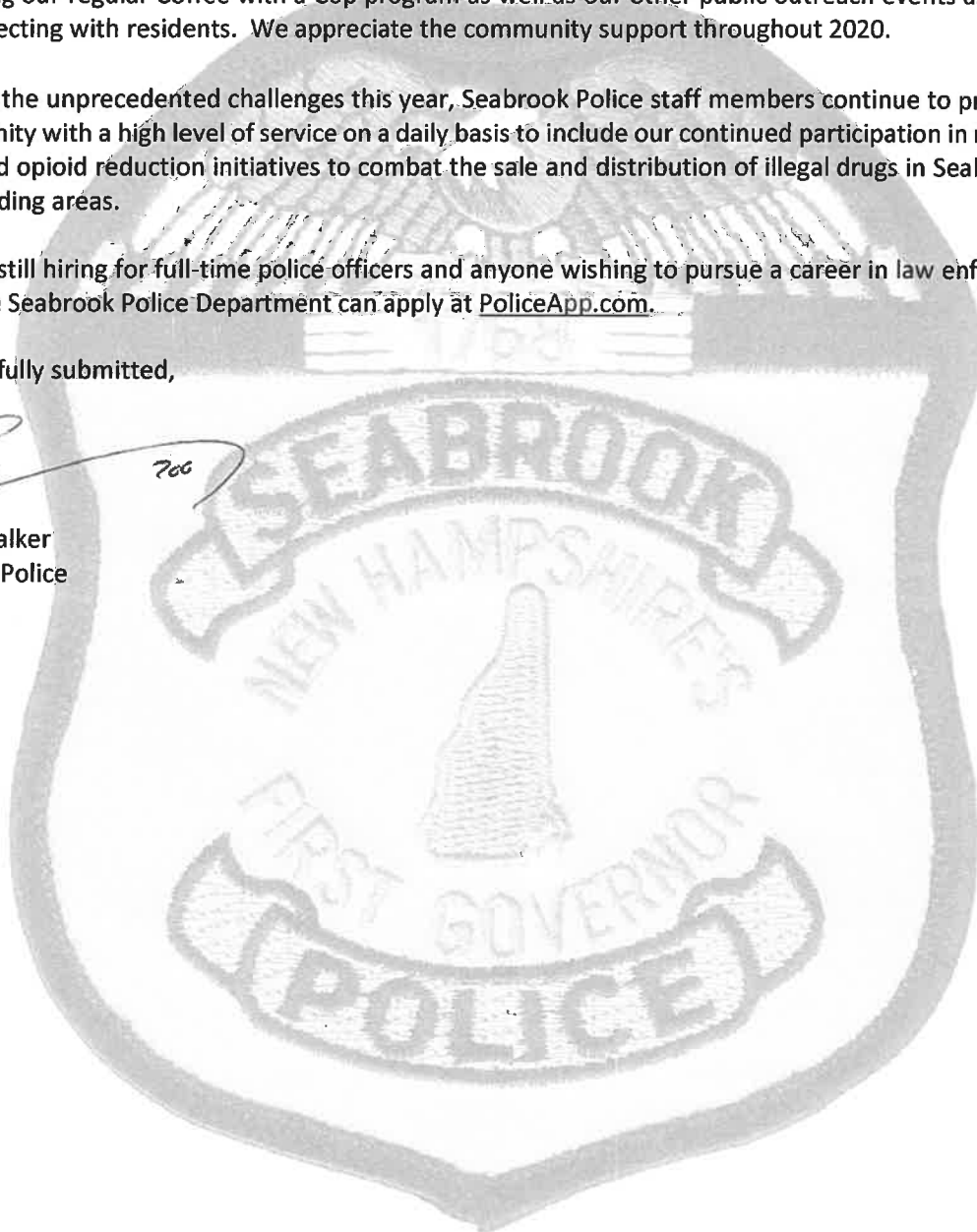
Despite the unprecedented challenges this year, Seabrook Police staff members continue to provide the community with a high level of service on a daily basis to include our continued participation in numerous drug and opioid reduction initiatives to combat the sale and distribution of illegal drugs in 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](http://PoliceApp.com).

Respectfully submitted,



Brett Walker  
Chief of Police



Hello,

Currently our Boys girls Travel teams are playing games at the RIM and practicing at the Community Center. If we were to have parents pick to play either In-House or Travel, it is highly likely all of the Travel players will pick Travel. That would decimate our in-house program. That is 40 players. It seems as though 40 wouldn't be bad, however we can't mix age groups like 2nd grade plays 8th graders. So, this would likely leave us with 1-3 teams per age group and that doesn't count for a "league". I think the best option would be to keep both and we will inform the parents for those players who only play In-House that there are players on their team that play Travel. Numbers and age groups below.

K-1<sup>st</sup> we have 16 players and 4 teams. The RIM does not affect this age group

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> we have 32 players, 13 cheerleaders, and 4 teams (4 players are on teams that play at the RIM)

4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> we 34 players and 4 teams (17 players play on teams at the RIM)

6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> we have 36 players and 4 teams (19 players are on teams at the RIM)

We are following state guidelines for Amateur and Youth Sports in order to ensure health and safety of people involved with the program. They were updated December 9, 2020.

<https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/inline-documents/2020-05/guidance-amateur-youth-sports.pdf>

The RIM has guidelines that players, coaches, refs, and spectators must follow. Below is a link to their website.

<http://therimsports.com/re-open-procedures>

In addition to the state guidelines we have put in some of the following guidelines at our facility:

We have reduced the amount of spectators 2 people per player. Max 50ish spectators and the players, coaches and staff.



The gym will be set up with seating that is socially distanced

Temperatures will be taken at the entrance of the building with the protocol questions being asked.

Only players and coaches may attend practices.

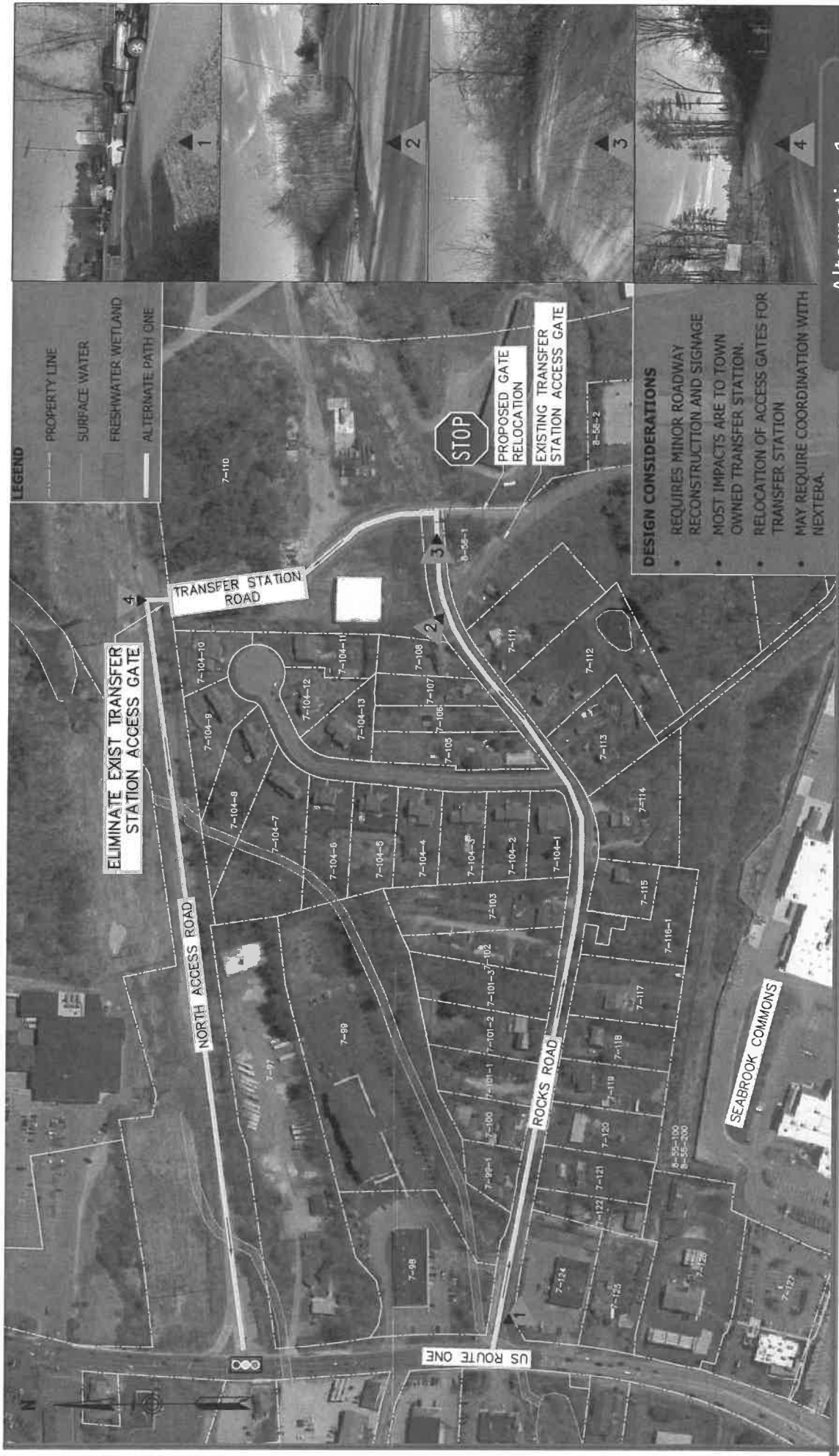
Schedule has been set up with 30 minutes between games and practices to sanitize the building.

There was some concern with how football and other sports were being played. All area sports whether in Seabrook or not have been running using State Guidelines. I know during football if someone tested positive on a team or there was possible exposure games were cancelled and protocols were followed. We will most certainly do this and we are relying on the RIM to follow the guidelines as well.

There is also potential that players are doing other activities such as music, drama, martial arts, hockey, soccer, volleyball, dance, boy scouts, girls scouts, etc. It would be difficult to "hunt" this information from each player.

Thank you,

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**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY LINE
- SURFACE WATER
- FRESHWATER WETLAND
- ALTERNATE PATH ONE

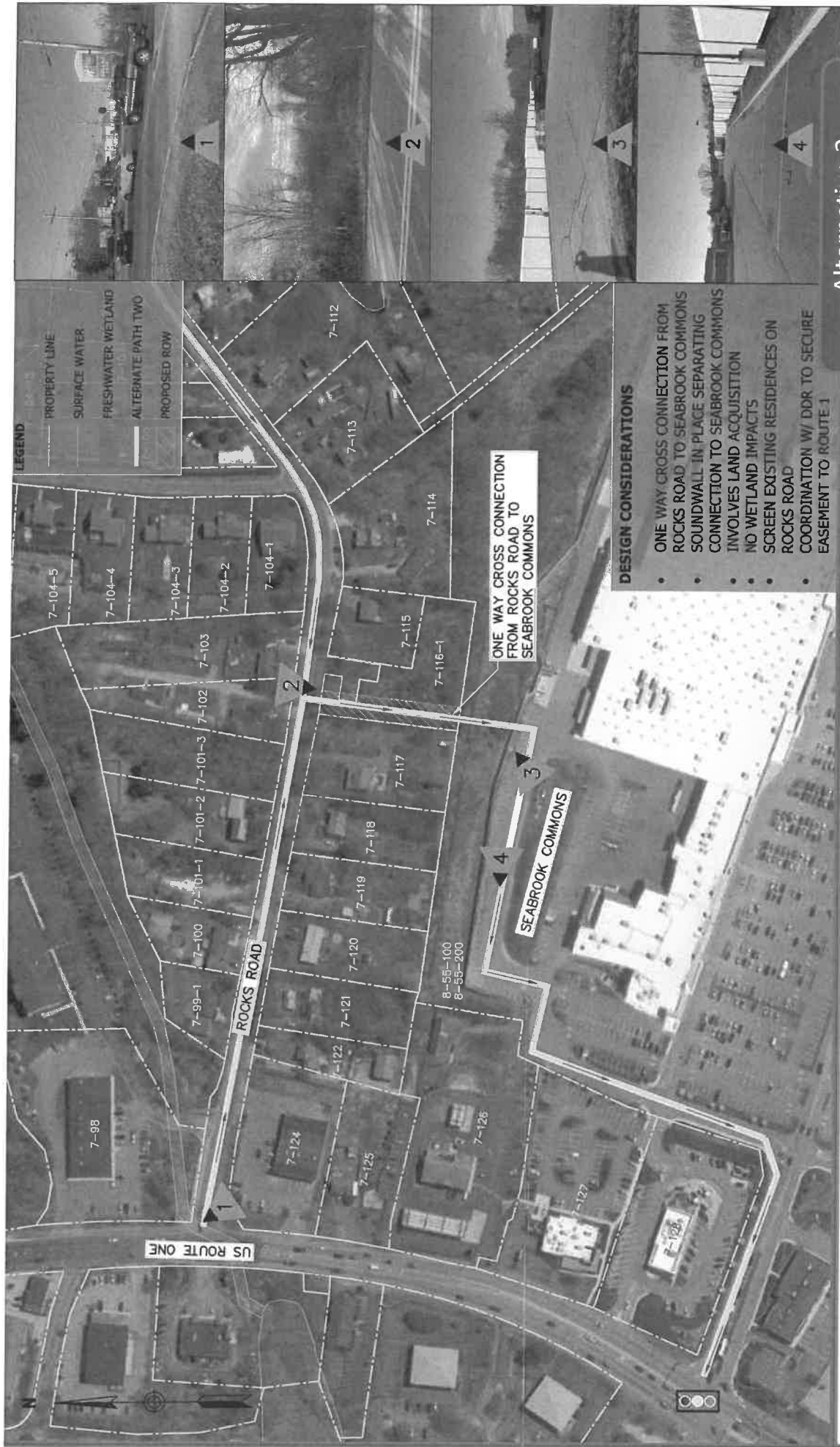
**DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

- REQUIRES MINOR ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION AND SIGNAGE
- MOST IMPACTS ARE TO TOWN OWNED TRANSFER STATION.
- RELOCATION OF ACCESS GATES FOR TRANSFER STATION
- MAY REQUIRE COORDINATION WITH NEXTERA.

**Alternative 1**

**Rocks Road Connection  
Seabrook, NH**

Scale: 1" = 200'  
December 17, 2020



**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY LINE
- SURFACE WATER
- FRESHWATER WETLAND
- ALTERNATE PATH TWO
- PROPOSED ROW

**DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

- ONE WAY CROSS CONNECTION FROM ROCKS ROAD TO SEABROOK COMMONS
- SOUNDWALL IN PLACE SEPARATING CONNECTION TO SEABROOK COMMONS INVOLVES LAND ACQUISITION
- NO WETLAND IMPACTS
- SCREEN EXISTING RESIDENCES ON ROCKS ROAD
- COORDINATION W/ DDR TO SECURE EASEMENT TO ROUTE 1

ONE WAY CROSS CONNECTION FROM ROCKS ROAD TO SEABROOK COMMONS

SEABROOK COMMONS

**Alternative 2**

**Rocks Road Connection  
Seabrook, NH**

Scale: 1" = 150'

December 17, 2020