

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MARCH 15, 2021

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

10:00AM

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 10:03AM.

REORGANIZATION

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To nominate Ella M.
Second: Aboul B. Khan Brown as Chairman.
Unanimous

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To nominate Aboul B.
Second: Theresa A. Kyle Khan as Vice-Chairman.
Unanimous

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To nominate Theresa A.
Second: Aboul B. Khan Kyle as Clerk.
Unanimous

Mr. Khan would like to continue on the planning board if there is no objection. Mrs. Kyle would like to be an alternate if he cannot make a meeting.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To nominate Aboul B.
Second: Theresa A. Kyle Khan to serve on the
Unanimous planning board.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To nominate Ella M.
Second: Theresa A. Kyle Brown to serve on the
Unanimous budget committee.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To have any member
Second: Ella M. Brown serve as an alternate.
Mrs. Kyle commented that she would like to serve as the
alternate to the planning board. Mr. Khan withdrew his motion.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To have Theresa A.
Second: Aboul B. Khan Kyle serve as the
Unanimous alternate to either
board when the member
cannot attend.

MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF

Chief Bill Edwards was present for his monthly report (see attached). Chief Edwards congratulated Mrs. Kyle on her re-election. He thanked the voters for approving the warrant article for the fire engine. He also thanked the voters for approving the funding for the capital reserve fund as well as the turnout gear.

Chief Edwards asked for approval of the board to have the Easter Bunny ride through town as they do with Santa Claus.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve the request
Second: Theresa A. Kyle of the Chief to have the
Unanimous Easter Bunny ride
through town.

There was discussion on the fires last week and how well the departments worked together not just police and fire but DPW and Water as well. The winds were a factor in the risk of these fires. The board thanked the police officer who saved the individuals life in the fire. Mr. Khan thanked the Chief who was present at the fire at town hall and said the board really appreciates his dedication as this is the type of Chief they were looking for.

Mr. Khan said at the last planning board meeting there was a case before them to use the area before C&J Bus Co. to store some type of chemical. This area is in the aquifer protection area and will be going before the technical review committee. There was a motion at this meeting that anyone doing business in this area would have a different application so that all departments were aware, and it could be inspected properly. Mr. Khan would like to see the application on different colored paper so that all involved will notice it and know it needs special attention.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To have the Town Manager
Second: Theresa A. Kyle make a recommendation to
Unanimous the planning board on
behalf of the board.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - DECEMBER 8 PUBLIC

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes of
Second: Ella M. Brown 12/8 public.
Unanimous

T.A.N. APPLICATION

There was discussion on what the T.A.N. is for and that it is something that is done yearly.

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

3 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign all
Second: Ella M. Brown elderly exemptions.
Unanimous

VETERAN EXEMPTION

Kassandra Lee - 45 Boa Lane

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

DISCHARGE OF TAX SALES - 10 CROSS BEACH ROAD

Mr. Manzi said this is a tax lien that was paid in full.

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

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Paul Lepere - 7 True Road - \$100
Daddaro Trust - 154 Franklin Street
Salem Manufactured Homes LLC. - 186 Orchard Street

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approved and sign all
Second: Theresa A. Kyle water applications.
Unanimous

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Paul Lepere - 7 True Road - \$50
Salem Manufactured Homes LLC. - 186 Orchard Street - \$50

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

DONATION

Michael & Dawn Jorgensen - \$100 - Police Department

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To accept the donation

Second: Ella M. Brown for the police of \$100.
Unanimous

HARBORSIDE PARK REQUEST

Easter Egg Hunt - April 3 - 10:00AM to 11:30AM

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the request
Second: Ella M. Brown for use of Harborside
Unanimous Park for an Easter egg
hunt by Yankee Coop.

COMMUNITY CENTER REQUEST - D.O.T.

Mr. Manzi explained this request is to hold a public hearing for input and information on the Route 1 project.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the request
Second: Ella M. Brown for use of the Community
Unanimous Center by the D.O.T.

ABUTTER CONCURRENCE REQUEST - 339 ATLANTIC AVENUE

Mr. Manzi explained this is from a landowner that would like to do some work on his property, but it requires an application to NH DES. The DES requirements make the property owner notify all abutters and requires a letter from the Town that there is no adverse impact. TEC has reviewed the request and indicated there would be no adverse impact to the town. They will not be using town property. The board would like to have conditions added so that they would not be allowed work on town's property such as the dunes, etc. Mr. Manzi said they could include a letter for approval with certain restrictions. He said they would not be using the town's property and if they feel there is no impact, they can issue approval. Mr. Khan asked if they could bring the applicant in front of the board, so they ask questions.

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To table this item and
Second: Theresa A. Kyle have the applicant come
Unanimous before the Board at the
next meeting for further
information.

SURPLUS LAND

This is to surplus Map 6/11 (Ledge Road) and direct the Town Manager to conduct a sealed bid auction of the property. This land has no use to the town and there will be a second piece coming before the board at the next meeting. If the board approves the assessor will put a price on the land and it will

go out to sealed bid. Mr. Khan asked how large is the piece of property and Mr. Manzi said in the .2 acreage range.

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve the request
Second: Theresa A. Kyle to surplus this piece of
Unanimous property.

Mr. Khan said the Fogg property is up for discussion at the planning board meeting on Tuesday. Mr. Manzi said he is aware and believes it is an attempt to create a small subdivision. Mr. Khan would like to know the town manager's recommendation before the meeting.

BEACH PARKING 2021

There will be no discussion today as they are just looking for input from the residents who will be affected. The board members have received letters as well as many phone calls regarding this issue.

Sheila Manzi a resident of Meadowstone who couldn't use the beach last year and would like to be able to use it this year. She said it took a while for the residents to get placards and now they have it, it is very civilized and would not want it taken away.

Brenda purchased her home in 2017 knowing she would be able to use the beach. She said not being able to use the beach would be a hindrance as that is why they purchased the home. She claims the beach is never packed. Mrs. Kyle disagrees with her on this issue. Mrs. Brown said that as a year-round resident they do find it hard to find places to park.

Robert Hunt resident of Meadowstone is very disappointed there was no beach access last year. He has never found the beach really crowded but maybe as beach residents they see it differently. He would like to see the board give Meadowstone placards and deal with the rest later.

Donna Hussey resident of Meadowstone would like to have access to the beach this year.

Pauline Griffin feels it was not busy this year due to Covid. She would like to see one more year of restrictions due to the variant the CDC is talking about.

Michelle Daigle resident of Meadowstone asked with the pandemic aside is there a reason this is up for discussion and how many people are affected if they continue with the restrictions or

are they just taking them away. She said there are a lot of elderly people in Meadowstone and it is very dangerous to walk Route 1A to the beach. Pre-pandemic there were a set of rules and regulations that were implemented and utilized for a few years. The renters and owners how have renters did not receive a placard and could not park on the street. Michelle Daigle went over the residents of Seabrook who register their vehicles get a sticker which allows them to park at the beach and use the transfer station. Property owners who pay taxes but do not live-in town would get 2 placards that they can give to the renters. If they own property and register their vehicle in town, they would only get 1 placard. Mrs. Kyle said they pay for that sticker when they register their vehicle.

Mrs. Kyle said they are faced with taking care of the actual residents of town who live here year-round and then others who come seasonally. Michelle Daigle feels there are some other opportunities that could be looked at so all could use the beach.

Joanna Fiorino resident of Meadowstone says they have never seen the beach crowded. She said there are small amounts of people from Meadowstone that use the beach and taking away the placards are really affecting them. She doesn't see a reason to continue with these restrictions.

Mrs. Brown said there are a lot of people who live here in the summer and leave for the winter that are also affected. She said with that they can't just say we will give placards to just Meadowstone residents.

Joanna Fiorino asked if there was someone on the board that has an issue with the parking decisions. She said it started at the beginning of Covid so asked if it really is just Covid related. Mr. Manzi said the board is taking input but with some of the comments being made today it is being implied that the board has already made a decision. He said they will determine later if the board agrees with their input or not as no decision has been made. He would like to give others a chance to speak as they have a lot waiting.

John Butler resident of Meadowstone understands they are in a tough situation and thanked Mrs. Kyle for taking his call on Sunday. He is just asking for consideration on giving the placards so they can use the beach this year.

Pam resident of Meadowstone said it was disappointing they could not have the placard last year and was hoping once Covid ended they would have access to the placard.

Cyndi resident of Meadowstone bought her home 7 years ago to use primarily on weekends. The larger concern is the safety of all residents who would need to walk to the beach. She said they

sent if for a placard last year but never heard anything. She would like the selectmen to increase the communication to them as well. Mr. Manzi addressed the communication and said there were many meetings with the Meadowstone residents, and they were well aware of the situation. He said if they call or email the town manager's office, they will receive contact back.

Cora resident of Meadowstone said the beach is a great resource and is looking to spend time there and therefore would appreciate a placard.

Scott resident of Twin Brooks campground said they were finally able to get a placard to use the beach. He doesn't feel that 1000 placards are a lot but agrees with Mrs. Kyle that the beach is very busy. He is hoping they will consider giving the placards back in order to use the beach.

Mary Ryzewic is concerned that people feel that Covid is going away when there are still restrictions in place. She said the beach at her end is very crowded.

Katherine Dooley manager of Meadowstone said the beach was the only outlet for the residents but having no placards created an issue. Many of them are elderly and cannot make the walk to the beach and is too dangerous for them. Parking has not been an issue for them at the beach. She is asking for consideration for the residents of Meadowstone to receive the placard.

Grace Perla resident of Meadowstone feels if people have received the vaccination, they should be allowed to get a placard.

Don Delude resident of Twin Brooks campground for 7 years feels it is a hardship as they have not been able to use the beach. He said when they went to Salisbury beach which was full, and Seabrook was like a ghost town. He is asking them to reconsider issuing placards working towards a compromise for everyone.

Harry McNulty a resident of Woodstock Street cannot park in front of his home without a placard. He doesn't understand why

and would just like to be able to park in front of his home. He would like the board to consider giving a placard so he can park right in front of his home but restricting it for use anywhere else.

Kathleen Dooley asked if there was any way they could do a survey on other beach communities to see how they allow parking.

Mr. Manzi said it is fair to say that geography does govern some of the decisions made. There are many differences between the beach, but the board does take in all considerations before issuing any decision regarding the parking.

Mr. Khan said the decision they took last year Seabrook did very well with the pandemic. They made the right decisions and are very proud of that.

Mr. Khan asked if they could make the April 5 meeting a night meeting so the residents who could not attend today can attend. He said it seems as though the issue is the number of placards that are issued. He said they should explore just giving out 1 placard to each property owner.

Mr. Khan would like to discuss the construction vehicles that are taking up 4 or 5 parking spaces. Mrs. Brown said the driveways at the beach that are more than 20-feet take up many parking spaces. Mrs. Kyle said there are many things that needed to be discussed.

<p><u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan <u>Second:</u> Ella M. Brown Unanimous</p>	<p>To change the April 5 meeting to a night meeting at 6:30PM.</p>
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<p><u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan <u>Second:</u> Theresa A. Kyle Unanimous</p>	<p>To restrict the time so that everyone can speak and to have a count of how many placards would be given if they restrict 1 per owner.</p>
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Sheila Manzi said Hampton would be putting up a fence down Main Street making it safer. She asked if the selectmen have given any consideration to Route 286 to make it safer. She has family who live at the beach with homes with driveways and they also get a sticker so they can park in front of their home. She said yes, they pay taxes, but she does as well and she is getting nothing. Mr. Khan said 70-80% of the people who reside in

Seabrook register their vehicle in town. She doesn't think someone with a driveway has a valid point when asking to park in front of their home when others don't have that luxury.

There was discussion on the decisions the board has to make, and it was not easy.

Mr. Khan thanked all the residents who came out to vote last Tuesday. There were over 44 million dollars on the ballot and

only about 850 residents came out to vote. He urges everyone to vote as it is very important to voice your opinion. Mrs. Kyle thanked all the voters and all of the people who came out to voice their opinion. Mr. Khan asked if the beach precinct could be invited to the next meeting. Mr. Manzi said he would send them an invite.

<u>MOTION:</u>	Aboul B. Khan	To adjourn the meeting
<u>Second:</u>	Ella M. Brown	at 12:48PM.
Unanimous		

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Theresa A. Kyle, Clerk

Date: _____



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Report of The Fire Department

Date: March 15, 2021

To: The Board of Selectmen
and William Manzi, Town Manager

Prepared By: William J Edwards, Fire Chief

We wanted to start by Congratulating Selectwoman Kyle on her re-election! We hope she has another great term representing the Town of Seabrook.

We next want to truly Thank the voters who came out and supported the Fire Department's needs. The passing of Warrant Article 15, purchasing a new Fire Engine, is a huge boost for the department and the community. We do appreciate that the voters recognized the need for this apparatus and the value it brings to our department in responding to emergencies. We also would like to thank the Budget Committee, Board of Selectmen and Town Manager Manzi for their support of the new Engine throughout the entire Budget and Warrant process.

With the passing of Warrant Articles 17 & 18, the funding of the capital reserve account for Turnout gear and Air packs and the purchasing of new turnout gear we will begin the process of getting the department fitted for the new gear. This process can take 2-6 months to get the gear, depending on how many other orders are in the factory.



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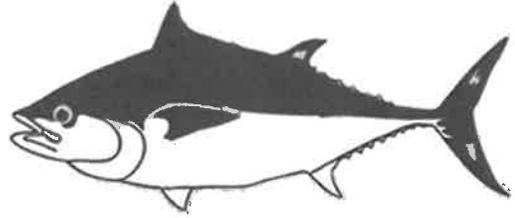
We wanted to ask the Board's permission to start a new annual tradition, a Ride for the Easter Bunny through Town. Santa has spread the word of what a great community Seabrook is and how much he's enjoyed his rides through town and now the Easter Bunny wants his turn. We are hoping to have a ride that follows a similar route as the Santa ride. This is something we felt last year would have been a great boost for the community with the initial outbreak of COVID. We still see many people negatively affected by the pandemic and hope we can find another way to boost spirits in the community. We have tentatively planned for Thursday, April 1st.

Respectfully,

William J Edwards

Fire Chief

**YANKEE
FISHERMEN'S
COOPERATIVE**



To Seabrook Selectmen and women,

The Yankee Fishermen's Cooperative would like to ask to use Harborside Park on April 3rd, 2021 from 10:00AM-11:30AM for an event to hopefully be held by the co-op if granted permission. We would like to host an Easter egg hunt for all of the children of seabrook and any of the surrounding seaside areas. As most events were cancelled this year kids still need to be kids, when I was a kid I always went to a local Easter egg hunt. With COVID-19 that has limited activities, events and festivals for kids and parents to enjoy. Our customers have done so much for us by helping us stay open through the pandemic. We want to give back and offer a Free event to their children! We would appreciate it if you considered letting us use the Harborside Park which is located next to our facility to ensure that all children and parents will be safe!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or concerns!

Our email is yankeecooperative@gmail.com and our phone number is (603) 474-9850!

You can reach out to us anytime!

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to see you there!

Memo

To: Chairwoman Kyle, Selectwoman Brown, Selectman Khan

From: Town Manager

Beach Parking

March 11, 2021

As per the Board instruction from your discussion at the last meeting I have sent notices to the Beach Civic Association as well as the Beach Precinct with a notification that the Board would be discussing Beach Parking on the 15th. I have received some correspondence on the issue from residents that could not make the meeting. I have included that correspondence in the packet and on the portal.

Some options referenced in the prior memo include:

1. Revert to the 2019 parking policy, including the issuing of placards per that policy.
2. Maintain the 2020 policy, which suspended the issuance of placards.
3. Create a new policy that the Board might prefer.

Additionally there is the issue of the Town controlled parking lot on Route 1A. When COVID hit last year the State issued guidelines that recommended parking be cut by 50%. In accordance with those guidelines and with state concurrence the Board closed the “north” portion of the lot, and the state prohibited parking anywhere on Route 1A. I do not believe that those guidelines or prohibitions will be in effect this season so the Board will need to make a determination on the “north” lot. The Board also changed the parking fine structure. If the Board would like to look at that again it could be a part of this review.

William Manzi
Town Manager

Good morning, Mr. Manzi and Mr. Khan.

I have heard that the next Board of Selectmen meeting will include a discussion around beach parking. I am a Seabrook resident that lives at the beach (Woodstock St) and I wanted to share my brief thoughts/opinion for consideration as this topic is discussed.

I am in favor of reinstating the parking placard system that was in use prior to last season.

I don't believe the placard restriction last year significantly reduced the volume of people at the beach, and instead, treated part-time (mostly elderly) residents unfairly as they were not able to park near the beach.

Covid restrictions are lifting, people are being vaccinated, and the outdoors is the best way to maintain physical distance when needed and still socialize. By Memorial Day, when the parking restrictions typically begin, I suspect that majority of folks that want the vaccine will have been able to get it or get an appointment. The rationale to restrict parking due to the covid virus should not apply this season.

In the years prior to last year, the placard system with parking enforcement seemed to be working as a means to allow part-time residents, and town of Seabrook guests (either renters, or guests of homeowners), an opportunity to park, enjoy the beach, and visit with family/friends who live at the beach.

I am typically not able to attend the BOS meetings as they happen, but do try to watch the replays when I can. I appreciate you considering my opinion on the beach parking agenda item, among the other opinions you will hear and discuss.

Thank you,

Bobbie-Jo Janda
bjjanda@outlook.com

W/ that said, I will take the opportunity to briefly share w/ you that myself and the majority of home owners at the beach would like to see our beach placards back this summer (whereas I remembering from watching last year's selectmen's meetings (on-line) the change was due to covid. I know the people in the mobile home communities off 286 would like them back, as well, for walking-on-286 safety reasons.

My input (as Vickie Sawyer & not as President of the SBCA) is to kindly just go back to the way it was pre-covid. As a multi-family home-owner, the number of placards I receive has significantly reduced (by 75%). I both understand and appreciate how you needed to "redistribute" the passes to share the parking spaces w/ town residents, but please don't take my 1 remaining pass away. Thank you for your consideration in resuming to the 2019 parking plan.

Kelly O'Connor

From: William Manzi
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 6:35 AM
To: Theresa Kyle; Ella Brown; Aboul Khan; Kelly O'Connor
Subject: Parking Letter

Good morning,

The below letter is from a John Butler, and was received last night.

Bill

I tried to contact the Board of Selectmen to make my wishes known for the upcoming meeting on Monday 3/15/21-but I did not see anyway to contact them by mail.

I am a seasonal resident at Meadowstone on Rt 386.

We pay real estate taxes to the town and utilize few services. We do however ,expect to be able to go to the beach. For many elderly it is too long a walk to the beach carry chairs etc.

While we were disappointed with the Board of Selectmen's decision not to issue placards last summer(considering the number of rental cottages I saw with 6-8 cars parked and many people) it was somewhat understandable.

This year is a different story. Most of us have already recieved both vacinations or will prior to the 1st of May, and see no reason we should be excluded from having the ability to park at the beach. I hope there are no excuses this summer. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

Kelly O'Connor

From: William Manzi
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:01 AM
To: Theresa Kyle; Ella Brown; Aboul Khan; Kelly O'Connor
Subject: Fwd: Parking placards

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Bridget Shaheen <bridgetshaheen@aol.com>
Date: March 15, 2021 at 9:43:37 AM EDT
To: William Manzi <wmanzi@seabrooknh.org>
Subject: Parking placards

Good morning Bill -

Just a quick note to place support for reinstating the parking placards for homes at the beach. So few have the ability to have guests in the summer unless they have a way to allow them to park on the street. As you know, I am all for everyone having the opportunity to use God's beach, but I don't think that the people who live at the beach should be denied the ability to have company in the summer. I wouldn't want those who live off the beach to be denied visits by family or friends, especially after such a difficult year of isolation. So, I don't think we should do that to the residents of the beach area either. Thanks for listening.

Blessings,
Bridget