

Roll call:

Mr. Khan - yes
Mrs. Kyle - yes
Mrs. Brown - yes

MOTION: Aboul B. Khan To adjourn the meeting.
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Theresa A. Kyle, Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

MAY 17, 2021

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

10:30AM

Mrs. Brown opened the meeting at 10:33AM.

MEETING - TOWN OF HAMPTON - SEWER SERVICE CONNECTION REQUEST

Jen Hale and Mike Dube were present for the meeting. The project on the bridge is what brought this to light. This would affect only the residents located in Sun Valley. In the event due to an emergency, they would like to install an emergency connection while the bridge project is ongoing. All of the flows will be able to be tracked and there would be a valve in place that would need approval of both towns in order to be put in place.

Mrs. Brown asked how the town would be paid for the service. Mr. Manzi said this would all be worked out in an agreement with Hampton that would be agreed upon by the board. Mrs. Brown said she does not have an issue with this in an emergency situation. This would be a municipal interconnection agreement. The town does have a couple with water, and this would need to be negotiated with Hampton.

Mr. Khan asked if this is only for Sun Valley. Jen Hale said this is only for Sun Valley and they cannot go beyond the bridge into the beach area. Mr. Khan indicated the agreement would have a start and end date so the agreement would expire and not go on forever. He would like to have the DOT involved as they are the ones doing the project. He originally felt this is something that should have gone to the voters as it is between residents of both towns but because it is for an emergency, he feels it did not need to go before the voters. Jen Hale said DES has already been involved and they do have something from them if needed and they can request one from the DOT as well.

Mr. Manzi said if the board directs him and Mr. Slayton to negotiate, they would do so and bring back the agreement to the board for final approval.

Ravi said there seems to be two agreements one for the infrastructure to build this in case of an emergency and then one for the control of turning it off and/or on. Both parties agreed that is not the case it would all be included in one

agreement. Mr. Manzi said even turning this on would be governed by the agreement.

MOTION:	Ella M. Brown	To direct the town
Second:	Aboul B. Khan	manager & Curtis
Unanimous		Slayton to negotiate
		an agreement with
		Hampton and bring back
		to the board for final
		approval.

MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF

Chief Edwards was present and went briefly through his report (see attached). The warrant article passed for the new engine, and it will be about 2 years before we see this in the field. The board thanked the voters for approving this very important warrant article.

RECOGNITION - KELLY MCDONALD - FEMA GRANT

Mr. Manzi said the emergency management is an independent group, but it does fall under the fire department. They have taken on the tasks for filing for all of the monies for the town through these grants. Both Joe Titone and Kelly McDonald have done an outstanding job seeking the funds for the town. These forms are very detailed, and Kelly McDonald has been able to obtain over \$400K in funds.

MEETING - RECREATION DIRECTOR

Katie Duffey was present to discuss a couple of issues addressed at the last meeting. Jesse Brown Jr., commander of American Legion, was present and said he decided there was not enough participation to hold the parade. He said other towns had cancelled the parade, so they chose to do the same and hold only the ceremony.

Mr. Khan asked if there is a way, they could coordinate a parade. There is 2 weeks before Memorial Day and it may not be as big as it would have been, but they can do what they can to make it happen. Jesse Brown Jr. said he is all for it if they can get enough people to participate. They cannot have food at the Legion as they would normally do but there will be a band from 1PM-5PM outside for anyone that wants to attend.

Ms. Duffey said the invites went out over 2 months ago and only 2 people responded. It wasn't that they didn't want to do the parade they just did not have the participation. She said it won't be the same, but they can definitely try to pull something together. Mrs. Brown commented that the baseball teams want to

participate. Jesse Brown Jr. said they would do their best to make it happen.

The route for the parade will remain the same as in past years. The board directed the town manager's office to help them in order to pull this parade together. Ms. Duffey said it costs about \$4-5K for the bands and they have a budget of \$9K.

Ernie Henry doesn't know if this is the right thing to do. He feels it should go before the membership to vote on so that there is no surge in Covid numbers. He feels the parade is something extra and doing the ceremonies at the cemetery honoring the Veteran's is what it is all about.

Ms. Duffey said she was asked by the board to get pricing on the mobile classrooms. Mrs. Kyle said she doesn't know what the purpose is of the mobile classrooms and feels it is a waste of money. Mrs. Brown said it was so they could have more children participate in the summer camp. Mr. Khan said because of social distancing they could not fit as many children in the building as in previous years. In case of inclement weather, such as a thunderstorm, the children need to be moved from outside to inside. Mrs. Kyle commented they just had elections and they were able to handle people coming in and out and it was done very nicely.

Ms. Duffey said they allowed 50 children and 50 children are signed up. She said if the board wants to disregard the 3-foot guideline then they can take more children. Mrs. Kyle said it is a parent's choice if they want to sign them up with less than 3-feet of social distancing. There are waivers they have to sign.

Mr. Khan said they are discussing opening up the summer camp as to how it used to be. Ms. Duffey said they have 11 counselors that have been hired so they would need to look for more staff to supervise but yes, they could do it as long as they have the supervision.

Ms. Duffey said when there is inclement weather, she cannot guarantee 3-feet of social distancing. Mr. Manzi said currently they have taken the number of children that would allow recreation to comport to the 3-foot rule so all of those slots have been filled. Anything above that puts her in a position where she cannot guarantee the 3-foot rule. He does not recommend the board tell her to ignore that rule.

Ms. Duffey said they took everyone that signed up and they have 1 on the waiting list but that person signed up after the deadline. She said there is not a lot of calls coming in about summer camp.

Mrs. Brown said people have come to her saying they would like to send their child, but they were only taking 40 children. Ms. Duffey corrected her and said it is 50 and that those people should be calling her, and she can answer those questions. Mrs. Brown feels more children can be taken in that building. She said there have been more than 50 in the building during basketball. Ms. Duffey said during basketball there were 20 kids playing and parents were sitting on the bleachers. She said that is very different than children trying to play dodge ball. Mr. Khan commented that he was at the state house and sitting right next to people using the same armrest. If the state did not want that they would have not allowed them in the state house. There is no state mandate for social distancing or mask wearing. Mrs. Brown stated the recreation center should be open as the school is open and they follow the school.

Mr. Manzi commented there is someone in the waiting room, but no one should be interrupting the board during discussion. The board will decide when to allow questions.

Jessica Brown asked how the summer camp was working for the weeks it is open. Ms. Duffey explained how the process was set up to allow all children to participate with 2-four-week sessions whereas in the past years it was 7.5 weeks. Jessica Brown feels this is where the problem lies as people are trying to get back to work and they can only sign-up for one 4-week session when they were able to sign-up for all 8-weeks.

Mr. Manzi commented that it is definitely different than 2019 and it was an attempt by recreation to allow more children into the program. The purpose of the mobile classrooms was to allow for longer camp sessions and more children as long as there was proper supervision.

Ms. Duffey discussed the different pricing options for the mobile classrooms but said it is going to cost some money. Jessica Brown agrees it is a strange year but hope they will keep their minds open for different ways to keep open the programs. Ms. Duffey said they have 1 tent maybe 2 if needed. She said you cannot put children in tents during inclement weather and she would not recommend doing so.

Corri Eaton asked for the numbers of children in both camp sessions. Ms. Duffey said there is 50 campers in both sessions. Ms. Duffey said they are in discussion with SAZ for the 5th-8th graders. This year the summer camp is taking K-4th as they decided the need for childcare far outweighs the others. They are looking to take 5th&6th and SAZ will take 7th&8th. They are close to a plan and would need probably one more discussion to finalize. Corri Eaton said it's not that the children need childcare but rather most enjoy going to the recreation center. She said there is a brand-new game room and they have not been able to enjoy it.

Mr. Khan said it is very hard for him to give his opinion and feels they need to just let it play out and see how the recreation center is run. He did not realize the 5th-8th grade did not get to sign-up for the camp and that is new to him. He said it is too late to do anything about it right now.

Mrs. Brown said the school is open to all the children unless the parents decide to keep them home and do remote learning. Mr. Manzi asked if there are guidelines by the state that any recreation department must follow the 3-foot guideline. He feels they are suggestions only and the board could implement they go to the 2019 model and wherever possible they will maintain the 3-foot social distancing except during extreme situations such as inclement weather, and at that time they will do everything possible to maintain the 3-feet of social distancing. The parents would still be required to sign waivers.

Mrs. Brown believes the recreation center should be open just like the school but would agree with what Mr. Manzi suggested. Ms. Duffey asked if this could go to the attorney so that it doesn't come back on her. Mr. Manzi is not recommending the board waive away the 3-foot social distancing and would not give that recommendation to the board.

Jessica Brown said the numbers for camp are low due to the fact that only K-4th could sign up and there are two sessions. She said the school is open and parents do have a choice to send them to school or keep them home for remote learning.

Paula Wood said she commends Aboul Khan for asking to look into alternative ways to get the children back into the recreation center. Mr. Khan asked her as a taxpayer would she be amendable to the cost in order to get the children back. Ms. Duffey said she believes she has money in the budget but would like to do some math before committing to that. Mr. Manzi said if they

implement the 2019 model with every effort to keep the 3-feet of social distancing they may not need the trailers. Paula Wood said as a taxpayer she would be very willing to put a little money into keeping the recreation center open for all children. Ms. Duffey said they would not need as many trailers if there were to open the camp for 5th-8th grade however, they would need to the staffing.

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

To have the town manager explore the 2019 model with the 3-foot social distancing to be maintained whenever possible.

Mr. Manzi said they have to sign the union contracts and if he can get the attorney to opinion by then he would propose an 11AM meeting for the board to do both. Mrs. Brown and Mr. Khan are both good with the time and Mrs. Kyle just needs to check her schedule.

Mrs. Brown asked if the employees that are still out of work on unemployment would be called back. Ms. Duffey said they need to be qualified you cannot just take someone who supervises the game room to run a camp program. Mrs. Brown said these children have been out for a long time and it is time for them to be able to use the recreation center just like the school. Mr. Khan said he agrees and feels Ms. Duffey does tremendous work but these are the things they are hearing from the public which is why they are bringing them up to her. He said they are sitting here representing the taxpayer and this is what they are asking for and Ms. Duffey should be looking at innovative ways of doing this. Mr. Khan said Ms. Duffey can have constant contact with the town manager who has access to the board members and can get their opinions on how to get the recreation center open. Mr. Manzi will run both questions by the attorney and will transmit his opinion to the board and to Ms. Duffey who can then determine whether or not to execute it.

FIREWORKS SALES LICENSE

Atomic Fireworks - 287 Lafayette Road

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

To approve and sign the fireworks sales license.

EXCAVATION TAX LEVY - \$89.04

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

VETERAN EXEMPTION

Michael Saffie - 19 Newbury Street

MOTION: Ella M. Brown To approve and sign the
Second: Aboul B. Khan veteran exemption.
Unanimous

1 ELDERLY EXEMPTION

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

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Patrick Coughlin - 38 Hooksett Street - \$50
Dennis Bilodeau - 7 Tyngsboro Street - \$50

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

SURPLUS REQUEST - 2005 HONDA CIVIC - POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

PART-TIME PAY SCALE

Mr. Manzi said this issue is with the part-time and seasonal employees and said it is difficult to fill these positions. He said he could come back to them with a new revised pay scale for all positions under this.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Wednesday is senior day at the recreation center. A bag lunch will be provided, and the residents may eat in the car or bring chairs to sit outside.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To go into non-public
Second: Ella M. Brown session under RSA 91-A:3
Unanimous II (e) legal at 12:38PM.

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

May 17, 2021

Open Meeting at 10:30 A.M.

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MEETING ID – 247-316-5861

PASSWORD - 4743311

**TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

MEETINGS

- 1.) Town of Hampton – Sewer Request
- 2.) Monthly Meeting – Fire Chief
– Recognition of Kelly McDonald, Fema Grant
- 3.) Meeting- Recreation Director

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Question of approving fireworks licenses for Atomic Fireworks – 287 Lafayette Road and Fantasy Fireworks – 571 Lafayette Road.
- 2.) Question of approving excavation tax levy - \$89.04.
- 3.) Question of approving veteran exemption for Michael Saffie – 19 Newbury Street.
- 4.) Question of approving 1 elderly exemption.
- 5.) Question of approving sewer service applications for Patrick Coughlin – 38 Hooksett Street and Dennis Bilodeau – 7 Tyngsboro Street.
- 6.) Question of approving surplus request – 2005 Honda Civic
- 7.) Question on part time pay scales.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION