

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

APRIL 4, 2022

Present: Aboul B. Khan
Theresa A. Kyle
Srinivasan "Ravi" Ravikumar
William M. Manzi, III

10:30AM

Mr. Khan opened the meeting at 10:36AM.

MONTHLY MEETING - FIRE CHIEF

Chief Bill Edwards was present for his report (see attached). There was discussion on the calls for service and how it has increased since 2015. Also, there are currently 5 employees out on significant injuries. The overtime was discussed.

Ravi asked what the factors are for the increase in calls for service where the population of the town has not increased as much. Chief Edwards said he feels it is the commercial industry. For inspections, faulty alarm calls, spontaneous fires with mulch. He said there is more mulch on Route 1 now compared to years past which is causing more small fires.

Ravi said he is concerned with the article that didn't pass for the 4 new firefighters. He said most people he has talked with are happy with the services they receive. He is now concerned with what the fire chief will do to mitigate the services and calls with the same amount of manpower. Chief Edwards said they will make do with what they have although it will make it difficult, and the guys will be running ragged. Over time this is going to be a concern and something that will need to be addressed. Ravi would like to help with educating the people with what the department does on a daily basis, so they have a connection as to what goes on. He thinks as the people further understand what they do and what goes on when a call for service comes in will give them more insight to vote in favor of an article.

Ravi feels if he can break the calls down further by property class or something. It would be helpful to look at as they move forward.

MEETING - WATER & SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Curtis Slayton was present for this meeting. NH DES is looking for approval of the board on this project. This project has a loan at a very low interest rate and a portion about \$600K is a grant towards the project. This project will be engineered, and the majority is for the sludge issue. The SCADA software was not included in this project. Mr. Manzi said they are under

constraints of the law where "no means no" but they will try to address it as best as they can.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve the grant and
Second: Ravi the designation form for
Unanimous the grant application.

The blackwater bridge is under project proposal with a contract drawn but not executed. Mr. Manzi feels it should be ready to go in October 2022. Inventory availability is spotty, and they are hoping they get the piping that is needed for the project.

Ravi said he heard a lot of good things about the water service and sewer service received from the town. He feels that just like the fire department educating people would help them to better understand what is done in the department so when they go to vote they would be more inclined to support the warrant articles.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - MARCH 21 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

Ravi said from his perspective they need to support the project as it is a good project that needs to be completed but said the minutes should reflect "exaction" fees not "impact" fees.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To adopt the minutes
Second: Ravi with correction from
Unanimous impact to exaction fees.

TAN

Mr. Manzi explained this gives the town a line of credit if needed and is something that is done annually. The town only uses funds from this by approval of the board and is used only in anticipation of taxes if monies are low. Mr. Khan said the town has done this for many years and is only used when the town is waiting for tax money to come in.

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the
Second: Ravi TAN.
Unanimous

6 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign all
elderly exemptions.

Ravi asked if these are new or renewals. Two were disability exemptions and are now elderly exemptions. He said with these exemptions there is a tax impact to the rest of the taxpayers of

the town. He feels it is good to do this but would also be good to state how many we have and the amount in terms of dollars, so the taxpayers understand what is impacting their tax dollars.

Second: Ravi
Unanimous

VETERAN EXEMPTIONS

Jonathan Phillips - 87 Walton Road
Gilberto Nevaez - 17 Anchor Way

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign both
Second: Ravi veteran exemptions.
Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATION

Clement & Marnie Cote - 164 Walton Road

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
Second: Theresa A. Kyle water application.
Unanimous

SEABROOK REAL ESTATE EXEMPTIONS

Mr. Manzi provided the board a memo with the exemptions in total and how it affects the budget. Ravi shared the numbers for the 2021 elderly exemptions (see attached). The board feels that \$909,735 for total combined tax dollars is a very small amount of money to take care of the people who need it.

DISCUSSION ON MEETING ROOM

Mr. Manzi said he put this item on the agenda for Ravi who may have wanted to discuss. Ravi said the layout is based around the monitor for zoom participants and having the public in the room needing to lean around to see the presentation going on. He has talked with the IT Manager about the possibilities. Ravi feels the presenters show a lot of information to the board however, the people in the audience don't get to see the presentation. He is looking for ways so that all audience members can see the presentation as well as the board. Mr. Manzi said he did think about it and maybe setting up a second easel would be beneficial so that the audience can follow along.

DISCUSSION ON BEACH PLACARD

Laura Cartie of Sandpiper Lane said the idea of giving out placards for a fee would only be helpful if there was plenty of parking. Ravi said with the number of passes given out there is not enough parking.

Ravi commented that Vicki Sawyer requested they go back to giving out 1 placard per unit as they did previously. This would increase the number of placards back to where we were before covid. Mrs. Kyle said for whatever they do for the people at the beach they would need to do the same for people in town. There was discussion on the parking placard issues and how it came about to the one placard per homeowner.

Phyllis Farfaras said anyone who registers a car gets a sticker and can access the beach. Mrs. Kyle commented that they pay for those stickers they are not free.

Mr. Khan said they received a letter last night around 10PM asking for more placards. He feels changing this is going to bring more problems and it has been working for many years. He feels it should be left along as they will never, please everyone.

Mrs. Kyle said there is no policy that says they have to give out placards and they do this to accommodate the residents. She said a lot of people give out the placards and parking in one spot for 2 weeks or longer and some homeowners cannot park in front of their home because of this.

Mr. Khan commented they do leave it open for every season for discussion, but it is a balancing act and feels it is something they should leave as is.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Ravi said he would be attending the next RPC meeting.

Mr. Khan said he has been appointed to be the Seabrook representative to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and has attended one meeting. He feels a selectman should be on this committee to share the information as it is an important matter.

Mr. Manzi said the RPC is looking to come to the May 2 meeting to present to the board on the SHAA program. He asked them to review the information provided and let him know so the meeting can be confirmed. The board has no issue with them attending the May 2 meeting. There was discussion on the upcoming presentation and the plans with Jay Deena. Mr. Manzi feels they are all on different tracks and it would be more manageable if they were to coordinate and combining together.

Mrs. Kyle asked about the traffic on Cross Beach Road and River Street. Mr. Manzi said both streets have been named no parking either side but lack adequate signage. He has asked the Police

Chief to get some signs put up so that it is very clear. There was also discussion on the dock and the out-of-town residents who are parking in this area.

Ravi discussed the parking tickets that were issued and how many have gone unpaid and what is the town doing about it. Mr. Manzi said he would need to defer this to the Police Chief to see if there is reciprocity for not paying a parking ticket.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

<u>MOTION:</u> Ravi	To go into non-public
<u>Second:</u> Theresa A. Kyle	session at 12:12PM under
Unanimous	RSA 91-A:3,II (c)
	welfare lien and (e)
	negotiations.

Roll call:

Mr. Khan - yes
Mrs. Kyle - yes
Ravi - yes

<u>MOTION:</u> Aboul B. Khan	To adjourn the meeting
<u>Second:</u> Ravi	at 2:12PM.
Unanimous	

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Srinivasan "Ravi" Ravikumar,
Clerk

Date: _____

TOWN OF SEABROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

AGENDA

April 4, 2022

Open Meeting at 10:30 A.M.

TURN CELL PHONES TO VIBRATE OR OFF PLEASE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MEETING

- 1.) Monthly Meeting – Fire Chief
- 2.) Meeting – Water & Sewer Superintendent on SRF Funding

NEW BUSINESS

- 1.) Question of approving previous minutes of March 21 public and non-public.
- 2.) Question of approving the TAN.
- 3.) Question of approving 6 elderly exemptions.
- 4.) Question of approving veteran exemptions for Jonathan Phillips – 87 Walton Road and Gilberto Nevaez – 17 Anchor Way.
- 5.) Question of approving water service application for Clement & Marnie Cote – 164 Walton Road.
- 6.) Question of discussion on Seabrook real estate exemptions.
- 7.) Question of discussion on meeting room.
- 8.) Question of discussion on beach parking placard for 2022 season.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

RSA 91-A:3, II (c) welfare lien and (e) negotiations



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Report of The Fire Department

Date: April 4, 2022

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

Prepared By: William J Edwards, Fire Chief

We wanted to start by congratulating those newly elected officials from last month's elections. We know they'll serve our community well and we wish them successful terms.

We appreciate the support of our residents and wanted to thank those that took the time to come out to vote this year. Unfortunately some of our articles failed, but we were successful in being able to replace our supply line hoses. This is going to help outfit our engines with new supply line, replacing 15-20 year old hoses.

Our truck committee went to visit the manufacturer of the new engine. They went for three days to review the truck plans, view the plant and work out specific details of the truck build. We have prepared all of the financing with the help of the Manager and should have everything completed on our end.

We held our annual BonFire on January 28th. We received great feedback and hope to continue this new tradition into the future. We are excited to once again bring the Easter bunny through town. We will follow the same route as when Santa comes to town. This year the Easter bunny was available on Saturday, April 16th, leaving the Fire Department at



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We recently installed our electronic sign at the Fire Station. We are waiting for a few IT items and we will be able to program the messages on the sign and start to utilize the sign for Fire Department notifications and messages. The sign was part of a grant we secured a few years ago. At the time we were able to get two of these electronic signs, one for the Fire Department and one will be installed at the Recreation Department.

We are expecting another busy summer and fall this year. Our calls for service have continued to increase each year and we expect 2022 to see a similar increase in calls. We included a breakdown of call volume below.

Fire Department Calls for Service 2015-2021

2015 Total Calls for Service: 2,004
2016 Total Calls for Service: 2,498
2017 Total Calls for Service: 2,628
2018 Total Calls for Service: 3,048
2019 Total Calls for Service: 3,299
2020 Total Calls for Service: 3,676
2021 Total Calls for Service: 3,757

2015 Total Medical Aid Calls: 1,076
2016 Total Medical Aid Calls: 1,106
2017 Total Medical Aid Calls: 1,173
2018 Total Medical Aid Calls: 1,280
2019 Total Medical Aid Calls: 1,521
2020 Total Medical Aid Calls: 1,805
2021 Total Medical Aid Calls: 2,109

This is a total **increase in calls for service of 47%**, from 2015 through 2021.
or an increase of **4.8 additional calls for service per day** form 2015 through 2021.

Respectfully,

William J Edwards

Fire Chief

Seabrook Exemptions

Elderly, Veterans, Disabled

Seabrook Exemptions Elderly	2021	2020
Total Exemptions	206	
Property Value	\$30,898,300	\$28,47
Tax Dollars	\$424,234	\$45

Seabrook Exemptions Disabled	2021	2020
Total Exemptions	33	
Property Value	\$4,565,400	\$4,90
Tax Dollars	\$62,383	\$7

Seabrook Exemptions Blind	2021	2020
Total Exemptions	3	
Property Value	\$45,000	\$3
Tax Dollars	\$618	

Seabrook Exemptions Veterans	2021	2020
Total Exemptions	445	
Property Tax Dollars	\$422,500	\$41

	2021	2020
Total Dollar Value of All Exemptions	\$909,735	\$94
Total Budget	\$30,799,467	\$25,87
Percentage of Budget	3.0%	