

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

APRIL 3, 2023

Present: Theresa A. Kyle
Srinivasan "Ravi" Ravikumar
Harold F. Eaton
William M. Manzi, III

10:30AM

Mrs. Kyle opened the meeting at 10:30AM.

Mrs. Kyle took a moment to recognize and honor Richard Maguire with a moment of silence for his passing. He served as a beach commissioner and was on the budget committee for many years.

MONTHLY MEETING - DPW MANAGER

John Starkey was present for his monthly report (see attached). Mr. Starkey talked about the cost of paving and that it is about 10% higher than last year. He talked to the streets he would like to complete this year. Mr. Eaton asked why the roads are being repaved. Mr. Starkey explained they start with the exterior roads and then to what they call collector streets. He said all the roads were paved during the sewer project and now they are all at life expectancy, which is about 20 years, so he is working to complete all roads. If there was more money more streets in town would be repaved.

Mrs. Kyle commented at the beach that there is an issue with the catch basins and asked if those would be addressed with this work. Mr. Starkey said some of the catch basins do not go anywhere but some do. He said underground there is a stormwater system that sometime works. The catch basin on Nashua Street that did not drain properly, the state was involved with this and now is draining as it should. There was a discussion on a new system and what the cost would be today. The issues at the beach are primarily in the worst condition and construction is more difficult on the beach when they have to repair or replace them.

Bill Howley asked if they could prevent full basements from being built during new construction. He said anyone building a new home at the beach who wants a full basement will inevitably get water. Mr. Manzi said it would be a zoning issue and they would need to change the zoning requirements through the beach district.

Mr. Eaton said going back to paving he divides the funding to the beach, the town and west of I95. Mr. Starkey indicated it was, but he doesn't believe west of I95 will last much longer

and they may need to spend more in that area next year. Mr. Eaton said it is broken out more geographically than needed as he feels the roads west of I95 are worse than those in the Lakeshore Drive area and the beach.

Ravi asked if anything would be done with the catch basins on the roads being paved. Mr. Starkey said this is a paving program but they do try to make some improvements but not all problems will get resolved.

MOTION: Ravi To approve the list of
Second: Theresa A. Kyle streets for paving this
Unanimous year as recommended by
the DPW Manager.

Mr. Starkey congratulated Herb Randall on 40 years of service with the town.

Mr. Starkey advised the board the beach has been raked but the town is now on notice they cannot rake without permission of fish & game.

Vicki Mitchell said the jersey barriers are still out and the benches need to be dug out. Mrs. Kyle said the civic association is responsible for the benches so they will need to be notified. Vikki Mitchell commented that the fences they put up do not help with the sand.

Mr. Eaton suggested they leave it up to the head of the DPW to determine when the snow fence should be removed.

There was discussion on the town assets in DPW and those that did not pass through the voters in March. Mr. Starkey provided the board with a list of the fleet (see attached). He said the 2015 rubbish truck has been in the shop since December 30 and he was advised this morning they are waiting on parts. He was also informed that some of the parts are made in Mexico, and they have lost the order. He is hoping they will have it repaired before summer but if not it could cause an issue with picking up trash. The 1-ton dump truck is 15 years old and was also defeated on the ballot. Truck 72 failed last year and has a blown engine and will not pass inspection. Mr. Eaton asked if the 2015 dup truck would be sound after the repairs are made. Mr. Starkey commented that in his professional opinion it would be.

Mr. Starkey gave the board a report on road salt (see attached). In 2023 it has gone up to \$73/ton which over \$26/ton in the past 2 years. This all has to do with the cost of fuel.

Ravi mentioned the scale at the transfer station and that it has been on the ballot for 2 years and failed. Mr. Starkey said they have not had support and they need it in order to do the job.

There was discussion on the bulkhead project and stated the repairs are almost complete. Mr. Starkey said if it weren't for Mr. Manzi this project would not have been resolved. He said the voters voted the money in but Mr. Manzi ran with the project to get it completed. Mr. Manzi said the town received money from the federal government of about \$1 million. The board requested to tour this area when the project is complete.

Ravi asked about the leachate tank at the transfer station. Mr. Starkey said there was an issue with the leachate tank (see attached). The alarm system failed and they pumped out over 23,000 of "trash juice" so the town was not fined. The repairs have been made and took about 3 weeks to complete.

Mr. Eaton asked about the Governor Weare concession stand and if the repairs would be completed by softball/baseball season. Mr. Starkey said he will confer with the parks foreman and get back to him on this.

MONTHLY MEETING - RECREATION DIRECTOR

Cassandra Carter was present for her report (see attached). She said the basketball tournament ended yesterday and Patrick Collins did a tremendous job. She thanked him as well as all of the coaches, players and volunteers for making this tournament successful. This is the largest tournament for 3rd-8th grade in NH and it was extended from a 2 week tournament to 3 weeks with over 150 games scheduled.

There was discussion on senior day with it being a little different this year. The Brook was asked to participate but could not commit to being a vendor so offered up space at their facility. It has been run for 29 years and is a great program but next year it will be held at the recreation center for its 30th anniversary as it is a recreation sponsored event.

Ravi asked about the volunteer opportunities available at the recreation center and suggested maybe they could drive the seniors to the event. He asked how the information gets out to the public. Ms. Carter said it is on the website, Facebook and

in the flyers. Any volunteer over the age of 18 must complete a criminal background check.

The Memorial Day parade is coming up and Ms. Carter has started planning the event. The parade permit has been approved by the board and she is now waiting for final approval from D.O.T.

Ms. Carter said they are doing something new for the 8th graders this year. It is called a Grad & Glow mixer which basically is like a dance.

Ms. Carter thanked Brian Murphy and Robert Stankatis for their work on getting an intercom system set up at the community center.

Ms. Carter provided the list of assets to the board. She is looking to update the countertops in the kitchen area as they are outdated and the area near the sink is rotten. She will be reaching out to local businesses to see if they can get donations to help with this project.

Ms. Carter advised the board she would be sending some of the staff to a free workshop and she would also be attending.

Ravi asked Ms. Carter if there was anything on the asset list that she would like to see replaced or repaired and now is the time to make that pitch. He said every opportunity they can use gives them a better chance for the taxpayers to see it and vote in favor at election. Ms. Carter told the board she would have a list of fees for them as requested hopefully by the end of the day.

Mr. Eaton gave thanks to Patrick Collins and the volunteers for the tournament.

MEETING - DES - PEPPERWEED CONTROL

Kevin Lucey was present and spoke on the coastal program. He spoke about the plant and how it grows, especially liking the saltmarsh area. There was discussion on the sites in NH where one is in Seabrook on Lower Collins Street. The request is to seek permission from Seabrook to continue permitting for the herbalcide application.

Doug spoke about the management of this plant and herbalcide application to get it under control. He spoke of an experimental process they will be trying to see if they can do a

reverse process to get it under control. It requires permission because it is in the tidal marsh and on town property.

Mrs. Kyle asked if the herbicide would contaminate the water supply. Doug said no that is what the application is for so that they can protect the water area and where he needs to have extra precautions. The pesticide control division will send copies of the application to whomever needs to be involved.

There was a discussion on the invasive plants found in NH. Kevin Lucey spoke and said he has been hand pulling them for the past 10 years but it is past what he can do and they need to have a different plant to eradicate this plant. Kevin Lucey is on the steering committee for the Seabrook-Hampton Estuary committee. Doug spoke about the flowering period to identify the invasive plant.

MOTION: Ravi To approve moving
Second: Harold F. Eaton forward with the
Unanimous application process.

Board took a 5-minute break at 12:18PM. Board reconvened at 12:28PM.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - MARCH 6 PUBLIC AND MARCH 20 PUBLIC & NON-PUBLIC

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes of
Second: Theresa A. Kyle March 6 public.
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes of
Second: Harold F. Eaton March 20 public.
Unanimous

The board held the March 20 non-public minutes until the next meeting for comments.

REFUND

Tullson Realty LLC. - 8 Chase Park Road - \$1780.91

Mrs. Kyle said when the property becomes in disrepair the town is paying a cost for it. Mr. Slayton spoke and said the leak started in one quarter, went completely through another quarter and then was fixed during the third quarter. He said this is only for the sewer as they never abate the water portion that goes through the meter. Mrs. Kyle said this is what she has an issue with as there is no good reading as to what actually went

into the sewer. Mr. Slayton said they look at past readings and estimate what did not go through the sewer due to a leak. Ravi said it looks as though they paid for the water but asking for an abatement on the sewer side as nothing went through the sewer. Mr. Eaton said he doesn't have an issue as long as he paid the normal sewer usage.

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the refund.

Mrs. Kyle said they were asking for half of the bill. Mr. Slayton said they always ask for more than he is willing to give. The customer does not have the formula that they have for calculating water and sewer usage.

Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

MS-232

MOTION: Theresa A. Kyle To approve and sign the MS-232.
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

10 ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS

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

VETERAN EXEMPTION

William & Karen Stewart - 515 Hooksett Street

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

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Paul Lepere - 101 Farm Lane
Rick Foye - 61 Rocks Road
Mike McLaughlin - 225 Lower Collins Street
James Levesque - 158 Lafayette Road

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign all water applications excluding 225 Lower Collins Street.
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
 Second: Harold F. Eaton 225 Lower Collins Street
 Abstain: Theresa A. Kyle water application.

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATION

Bruce Brown - 35 Norman Road
 James Levesque - 158 Lafayette Road
 Michael Tehen - 28&30 Mill Lane

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign all
 Second: Theresa A. Kyle sewer applications.
 Unanimous

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Ravi attended the planning board meeting. He said due to the recount they held off on voting in of the officers.

Mr. Manzi said the board deferred the water request from Aquarion and he is getting calls about the decision as it is time sensitive. Ravi said this is more of an intent with further details to follow.

Mr. Eaton is concerned with how Aquarion protects the water system in terms of Seabrook as they do not have any backflow prevention on their services. Mr. Slayton said he was assured that Aquarion has backflow devices on their services. As long as they have them on all of the services for residential utilizing Seabrook water he was prepared to say he was okay with it all. Mr. Eaton asked if they could do a visual inspection to ensure they have the backflow devices so that they don't have any contamination back to Seabrook.

Mr. Manzi suggested that the agreement between Aquarion and Seabrook have the backflow devices in it so that the town is covered and that Mr. Slayton could sample a few homes to be sure they have them. The board was in agreement with this.

MOTION: Ravi To authorize the town
 Second: Harold F. Eaton manager to negotiate
 Unanimous with Hampton an inter-
 municipal agreement and
 with Aquarion a private
 agreement with all costs
 to be on Hampton and
 Aquarion.

Ravi requested another non-public session to discuss the priority items that were brought forward. He would like to take

those items and turn them into action items. Ravi proposed next Monday for this meeting. Mr. Eaton asked if they could hold the meeting at 2-2:30PM. The board agreed so the meeting will be scheduled and posted for Monday, April 10 at 2PM.

Meeting adjourned at 12:56PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Harold F. Eaton,
Clerk

Date: _____