

TOWN OF SEABROOK

SELECTMEN'S MEETING

SEPTEMBER 25, 2023

Harold F. Eaton
Theresa A. Kyle
Srinivasa "Ravi" Ravikumar
William M. Manzi, III

Mr. Eaton opened the meeting at 9:40AM.

Mr. Eaton said as chairman the rules for meetings he will follow is to discuss town business and the items that are on the agenda. If it is not on the agenda the person will not be able to speak until public participation. He will not have this meeting place be a made a mockery for the town and get the board off topic.

MONTHLY MEETING - WATER SEWER SUPERINTENDENT

Curtis Slayton was present for his monthly report (see attached). Ravi asked about the GIS system and Mr. Slayton responded it's never complete and can be challenging when there is no dedicated employee in-house. It is going a lot slower than he would like but rather than fall back into the old system they continue to implement this new system. Ravi would like to make a note of this and to look at all departments that are using this system and perhaps can come up with a way to resource it. Mr. Manzi said it would be beneficial to have a part-time GIS coordinator rather than having to call the company every time they need assistance. Ravi asked that they follow up on this at a future meeting.

Ravi asked about the SCADA system and Mr. Slayton said they are moving forward with the software upgrade and radio equipment, but it has to be done at the same time.

The disc golf located at Merriman-Weare is almost completed with a few minor pieces left. The sign is being worked on and will go up once complete.

There was discussion on the new equipment to reduce the water in the bio-solids. Mr. Slayton said this will be put out to bid in the next few months.

MEETING - NATURE TRAIL

Jill Gordon was present for this meeting and showed a map of what they view as the nature trail. This would be located on Route 286 where the old campground was located. This trail would have a few fitness stations for anyone who would be interested in using them.

Forrest Carter spoke and said a lot of times the people who use these places kind of maintain the areas themselves. He said it is just so that people can go out and enjoy this property before it gets turned into something else or developed. Mrs. Kyle said the town has a lot of property that they maintain, and this will cost the town money.

The parking area that is there was discussed and stated there would be very little expansion on this area. Forrest Carter doesn't feel there will be a lot of maintenance in this area. Mrs. Kyle just doesn't see how the town can take on anymore when they are looking at a 10% reduction in the budget that could potentially lead to employee layoffs.

Mr. Eaton said he doesn't know if this is something that the board should be making a decision on. He feels it is something that should have feedback from the town residents. Ravi feels the benefits outweigh the negatives for this project. Mrs. Kyle said there will be costs associated with it from a lot of the departments including police and fire and especially with the discussions over the past few months to reduce the town budget by 10%. Both Mr. Eaton and Mrs. Kyle feel this should be a warrant article so the people can vote on whether or not this is something they want.

Jill Gordon commented that they had a lot of support from the businesses in town. Mrs. Kyle said it's not the project itself, it is the cost of maintaining it in future years.

There was a discussion on the part-time employees and being understaffed. Mr. Eaton feels the community should be educated on this and let them be the deciding party on these types of projects. Mr. Eaton doesn't feel that he as one person should be able to decide if every taxpayer should be responsible for using or maintaining this property just because he personally feels it is a good project.

There was discussion on Jill Gordon being a member on the planning board. Jill Gordon said this item has not been before the planning board. Ravi said in his opinion, he represents the people and is speaking for the people, that this is a good project, and he is in support of it. Mr. Eaton said he would publicly support this project; he just cannot make a motion to allow the use of this property before it goes to the voters. There was discussion on what the warrant article should say with recommendation she get some wording from the town manager's office.

MEETING - GUN RANGE

Don Felch was present and requested to move money that was donated to them previously to the new 501C3 that was established, and the application is pending. The money was under the recreation revolving fund for accountability and now would request it be moved for accounting purposes for a total of \$8,274.30. Mr. Manzi said the money that came in was actually kept on a spreadsheet in his office including expenses.

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton To approve the request
Second: Theresa A. Kyle to move the money from
Unanimous town into the new non-profit account.

PREVIOUS MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 11 PUBLIC

MOTION: Ravi To adopt the minutes of
Second: Theresa A. Kyle 9/11 public.
Unanimous

ABATEMENT

Bryan & Michelle Fleming - 30 Parkersville Lane - \$641.73

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton To approve and sign the
Second: Ravi abatement.
Unanimous

WATER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

Cote & Foster Cont. - 152 Atlantic Avenue
GSDC Development Corp. - 532 Manchester Street

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign both
Second: Harold F. Eaton water applications.
Unanimous

SEWER SERVICE APPLICATIONS

GSDC Development Corp. - 532 Manchester Street

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the
Second: Harold F. Eaton sewer application.
Unanimous

LEOP - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Joe Titone was present for this item. Ravi said this is an emergency operations plan and coordinated by the emergency management director and it was done very well.

MOTION: Ravi To approve and sign the

Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

LEOP plan.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

Ravi said he attended the planning board meeting with 4 items brought up which were lot line adjustments, and all were approved. He attended the RPC meeting, and they are creating a regional master plan paying particular attention on how to take advantage of grants that are available.

NON-PUBLIC SESSION

MOTION: Ravi
Second: Harold F. Eaton
Unanimous

To go into non-public session at 10:58AM under RSA 91-A:3,II (e) negotiations.

Roll call:

- Mr. Eaton - yes
- Mrs. Kyle - yes
- Ravi - yes

Board reconvened to public session at 12:51PM.

MOTION: Harold F. Eaton
Second: Theresa A. Kyle
Unanimous

To adjourn the meeting at 12:51PM.

Minutes taken by Kelly J. O'Connor.

Approved and endorsed:

Srinivasan Ravikumar,
Clerk

Date: _____